

# Calverton Current

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

Hello, Calverton,

The end of the year is fast approaching, and so are the terms for the elected CCA Board members. I have a question to ask all Calverton residents: what are you doing for your Calverton community?

The CCA wants you for a Board position. If you have a passion to make Calverton the community that you feel good about and a great place to live, then you need to get involved and serve on the CCA Board. The Nomination Committee is accepting nominees for all CCA Board positions. Please consider serving your community for one year on the CCA Board.

There are 22 members of the Board of Directors of the Association, consisting of six officers – President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer – and eight delegates from Prince George's County and eight delegates from Montgomery County.

Call me to let me know that you will serve on the Board. Call Bernie Karns, 301-572-8018, to volunteer for a position on the Board. The CCA Board wants you!!!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- ☛ **September 30, Monday** - 2013 Calverton Beautification Contest ends. Applicants, please keep your yards looking neat, and Beautification Committee members, continue making those yard observations!
- ☛ **October 3, 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.
- ☛ **October 7, Monday** - 7:30 p.m. Calverton Recreation Council Board Meeting. Volunteers always needed and appreciated. All are welcome. <[www.calvertonrec.org](http://www.calvertonrec.org)>
- ☛ **October 10, Thursday** - Deadline for next Calverton Current.
- ☛ **October 31, Thursday**, 2014 CCA membership drive ends. Please be ready with \$20 cash or check when your Block Captain comes to your door to collect the dues.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF SEPTEMBER 2013 CCA BOARD MEETING

Three guests attended the meeting.

- John Lloyd, Prince Georges County Schools, High Point High School Accreditation Process and Survey, wanted Board members to fill out an online survey. Survey results would be used to plan for a 7-year plan for High Point High. The survey needed to be completed by September 13. The Accreditation Committee will visit High Point from March 31 to April 5, 2014.
- Officer Joy Patil, Montgomery County Police. Theft from vehicles is on the rise. Some arrests have been made. There have been some heroin overdoses. If you see anything drug-related--needles, syringes, or other paraphernalia, call the police.
- Officer Justin Haynes, Prince Georges Community Police. Now theft from vehicles involves theft of airbags. Many cars are not locked. Be sure to lock your car. Turn porch lights on at night. Make it



hard for thefts and make it so someone might hear something.

**Treasurer's Report.** CCA Treasurer Tom gave the Treasurer's Report. The 2013 July 4th celebration was \$800 under budget.

**Bylaws.** The revisions to the CCA Bylaws were approved by the Board. A few changes still need to be made. The Bylaws will be handed out at the Fall General meeting for CCA members to review. They will be voted on at the Spring General meeting.

**Drug Free Signs.** Frank C. is working on getting the signs done and put up.

**School Donations.** The Board voted to donate \$200 each to Galway Elementary and Calverton Elementary Schools for support of their instructional programs.

**Calverton Sign--Shanandale Drive.** The Board voted to send a letter to Montgomery County to tear down the Calverton wall on Shanandale Drive. It is beyond repair and is a hazardous situation.

**Calverton Sign--Calverton Boulevard.** Jerry will design a plan and cost estimate for landscaping around the sign. Ornamental grasses seem to be the best bet since deer don't like them.

**General Membership Meeting.** The Program Committee for the upcoming Fall meeting agreed to send letters of invitation to speak to the elected officials and others of interest to the community. Nina, Rose, Carolyn, and Bernie volunteered to be on the committee.

**National Night Out (NNO).** Officer Joy Patil was thanked by the Board for her work to make the Calverton-Montgomery County NNO a success. Frank C. reported that the Beltsville, District VI NNO was a great success. Then Officer Haynes presented the CCA with an award for the CCA's donation to the District VI NNO.

**Connect with the Community.** William Steen, of Carrollton Enterprises, stated that this program has been a success at the different shopping centers. He thanked the CCA for its participation in the recent event at the Calverton Shopping Center. Carrollton Enterprises is planning another event next year. Steen announced that there was going to be a "Seasoned Citizen" Health Fair at the Largo Shopping Plaza Saturday, September 28 from 11 am to 3 pm.

**Recorder for Recording Secretary.** The Board voted to purchase a digital recorder with computer interface and to spend up to \$150 for it. This will make it easier for the Recording Secretary.

**Shed on Oriole Drive.** The issue of the shed that is too close to the street has not been resolved. The CCA needs to send a letter to Prince Georges County, then send a

letter to the press if the county does not help.

**Code Violations.** Several Board members brought up houses that may be in violation of county codes.

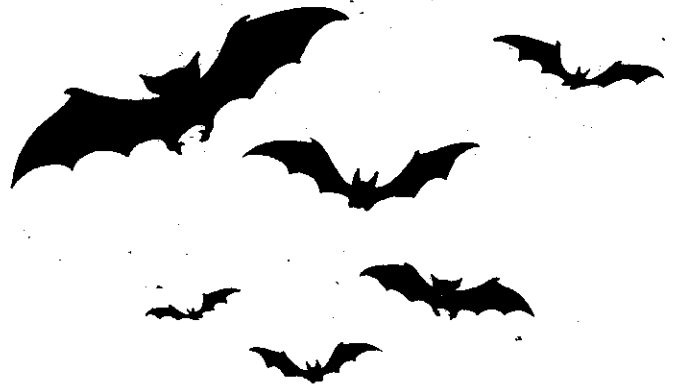
**Happy Birthday.** Albert Turner's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday is October 24. Mr. Turner developed Calverton and founded Carrollton Enterprises. The CCA Board will sign a greeting card for him and deliver it personally.

**Storage Space Needed.** The CCA must vacate the storage space at Calverton Elementary School. CCA Board members have talked to the Calverton Pool about temporary storage there. The pool has also been asked to consider long-term storage in a shed the CCA would build adjacent to the current pool shed.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.** 2014 will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Calverton, and plans are to combine these two events (July 4<sup>th</sup> and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary) with a Calverton National Night Out. Details are forthcoming. A person is needed to lead the planning and implementation of this event (with the help of many other volunteers). Please volunteer.

**Calverton Directory.** This is the year that the Directory will be updated, based on changes received from the 2014 membership dues collection. Frank C, Carol S, and Claire volunteered to serve on the Directory Committee; the Editor's position is still open. Please volunteer.

**Laurel Shopping Center.** Nina brought up that the CCA should find out what is planned at Laurel Shopping Center since it is being torn down. This could be a topic at a future Board meeting.



## BLOCK CAPTAIN VACANCY REPORT

**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

**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.

## 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 Board member. 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 Karns, 301-572-8018. The nominating process for the 2014 slate of Officers and Board members will start soon!



## 2014 CCA Membership Drive

**September 1--October 31, 2013**  
**Membership Dues - \$20 per household**

The CCA exists for **your** benefit and the benefit of the community. Your CCA dues give you:

- 11 issues of the *Calverton Current* newsletter every year
- Calverton Telephone Directory every 2 years (this year)

The Calverton Citizens Association also:

- Sponsors the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration every year - with refreshments, moon bounce, magician, face painting, and good fellowship with your neighbors
- Sponsors special events such as the National Night Out and Neighborhood Watch walks
- Acts as your representative at county hearings and at other meetings on issues relating to transportation, traffic, roads, public safety, street lighting, schools, and surrounding residential and commercial development
- Helps provide recreational opportunities for people of all ages through the CCA's standing committee, the Calverton Recreation Council
- Assists residents on matters of civic concern, such as providing relevant phone numbers for whom to call for each county

All these activities need funding that comes from your dues. **Please have your \$20 cash ready or checks payable to CCA.**

Important! Be sure to tell your Block Captain of any changes to your name or telephone number so your information will be correct and updated for the Calverton Directory.

**Your Block Captain hasn't knocked on your door yet?** It's time to call him or her. If you don't know who your Block Captain is, you can find out by looking at the block designation on your name line in the 2012 Calverton Directory (for example, B-39). The Block Captains, along with their phone numbers, are listed according to this scheme on pages 7 and 8 of the Directory.

