

# Calverton Current



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

Hello, Calverton,

Even though summer is slowing down and coming to an end, the CCA Board has been very busy, and things have not slowed down for the Board. We have been working very closely with both Prince George's and Montgomery County police, permitting services, zoning and code departments. The CCA Board is trying to get a better understanding of the county regulations and how they impact Calverton.

We want to thank Montgomery and Prince George's County departments for everything they have done for Calverton by being so responsive to all our questions and concerns. They have helped to make Calverton a safe, beautiful, and livable community for all of us.

National Night Out (NNO) was August 6, and it turned out to be a beautiful, cool night for the event. Beltsville had a huge turnout for their great event at the Prince George's District VI Police Station. Some of the CCA Board members and residents volunteered to help with NNO at Beltsville.

The CCA Board also had a NNO at Galway Elementary School. State Delegates Anne Kaiser and Craig Zuker of the 14<sup>th</sup> District joined us for our NNO. Mrs. Harmony Bradley, representing Carrollton Enterprises, attended with her three children. Evan Glass, of the Silver Spring Citizen Advisory Committee, also attended our event.

Captain Barber and his crew from the Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department brought a fire truck and an ambulance for a few minutes before they were called into service with an emergency. Shortly after the Burtonsville Fire Department pulled out with the sirens blaring, the Montgomery County Police came rolling up with their sirens blaring. It was so exciting for everyone present at our NNO. The sirens sure got the attention of everyone at the pool because they were all trying to figure out what was happening at Galway.

Montgomery County Police Officer Joy Patil brought her crew of officers along with two motorcycles and three patrol cars. They accompanied us on our Neighborhood Watch Walk along Galway Drive and Fairland Road. We all enjoyed the time together walking and talking. We want to thank everyone for participating in our NNO and Neighborhood Watch Walk and for making our event a success.

The CCA Board is working on a combined Montgomery and Prince George's County Neighborhood Watch Walk for early October. Keep reading the *Calverton Current*, checking the website ([www.calvertoncitizens.org](http://www.calvertoncitizens.org)), and looking for signs to find out more about the Calverton Neighborhood Watch Walk.

We are changing the location of the monthly CCA Board meetings this year. The meetings will be held at the Prince George's County Police substation in the Calverton Shopping Center. Usually, the Board meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. Please note that the Board has changed the date of the September meeting only. The September CCA Board meeting will be on Wednesday, September 4, since Thursday is Rosh Hashanah.

The CCA Board is also looking into a new location for the two General Membership meetings. The next General Membership Meetings are November 13 and April 9, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Again, keep watching for more information about the general membership meetings and their location for the meetings.

As summer ends, please drive carefully as schools will be opening for the new school year. Keep your eyes and ears focused on your driving and not on your cellphone. Let us all drive carefully and safely.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- ☛ **September 1**, Sunday, 2014 CCA membership drive begins now, continues until October 31. Please be ready with \$20 cash or check when your Block Captain comes to your door to collect the dues.
- ☛ **September 4, Wednesday - CHANGE**, 7 p.m. Next CCA Board Meeting. Calverton Elementary, Media Center. All CCA members are invited and encouraged to attend.
- ☛ **September 9**, 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)>
- ☛ **September 10**, Tuesday - Deadline for next *Calverton Current*.
- ☛ **September 30**, Monday - 2013 Calverton Beautification Contest closes. Applicants, please keep your yards looking neat, and Beautification Committee members, continue making those yard observations!

## NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Who do I call when a neighbor has a party and:

1) Cars from the party are parked along both sides of the street and no vehicles can drive down the street? Also, the cars from the party are parked all around the corners of the street so it is impossible to even turn down a street, and

2) Music at the party is being played very loud all afternoon and evening, until 2 a.m.?

Our Calverton Covenant # 5 states that "no noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or may become annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood."

According to our Prince George's County Community Oriented Policing Services (C.O.P.S.), you need to call 911.

Montgomery County wants you to call the police non-emergency number, 301-279-8000. If you get no action from the non-emergency number in Montgomery County, then call 911.

You and all the other neighbors who are affected by this rude, un-neighborly behavior need to call the relevant number. Neighbors need to be respectful of all their neighbors around them.

**Parking Laws.** A few of the parking laws that apply to parking along Calverton streets:

- Standing or parking - A person may not stand or park a vehicle in front of a private driveway without the consent of the owner or occupant of the premises.
- No parking within 5 feet of a driveway.
- No parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
- No parking within 35 feet of an intersection or intersecting roadway.
- No parking more than 12 inches from the curb.
- No parking opposite the flow of traffic (put left wheels to the curb).

### Noise Ordinance.

- Weekdays - No noise during nighttime hours or during the quiet hours between 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Weekends and holidays - No noise during nighttime hours or during the quiet hours between 9 p.m. to 9 a.m.

A noise disturbance is:

- Unpleasant, annoying, offensive, loud, or obnoxious
- Unusual for the time of day or location where it is produced or heard
- Detrimental to the health, comfort, or safety of any individual or to the reasonable enjoyment of property or the lawful conduct of business because of the loudness

Neighbors need to obey the noise ordinances, and their guests need to obey the parking laws. We can enjoy our parties and have fun without creating an annoying, obnoxious environment that will affect all of the neighbors. Everyone wants to be able to enjoy life without all the loud noises and cars parked all over the street.

### BLOCK CAPTAIN AND NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTOR 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

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.

### \*\*\*\*\* IN MEMORIAM \*\*\*\*\*

**John Kristianson**

**Calverton Neighbor**

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**Ralph Burdine**

**Calverton Neighbor**

# CALVERTON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

## 2014 CCA Membership Drive

September 1 through October 31, 2013

Membership Dues - just \$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 tattoo, clown, petting animals, and good fellowship with the neighbors
- Maintains public grounds around Calverton - Calverton Boulevard area, and Galway area
- Sponsors special events such as International Day and Neighborhood Watch Walks
- Acts as your representative at county hearings and at other meetings on issues relating to violations of the Calverton covenants, transportation, traffic, roads, street lighting, schools, and surrounding residential and commercial development
- Helps provide recreational opportunities for people of all ages through the CCA's premier standing committee, the Calverton Recreation Council
- Assists residents on matters of civic concern, such as providing relevant county phone numbers for you to call to report problems

These activities need funding that comes from your dues.

***Please have your \$20 money ready or checks payable to CCA.***

Important! Be sure to tell your Block Captain of any changes to your name or telephone number since last year to keep your contact information current. Block Captains, please start collecting today!

**Block Captains, you may fill in the box below and highlight it before you deliver this**

**Newsletter.** ↘ **When you go out to collect, be sure to have residents read and approve their information on the block listing sheet so that the upcoming 2014 Directory will be correct.**

**2014 CCA Membership Drive**

Calverton Resident, please be ready with your \$20 (cash or check, payable to the CCA) when your Block Captain knocks on your door.

I will collect dues at your residence on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

Block # \_\_\_\_\_

Signed, your Block Captain \_\_\_\_\_