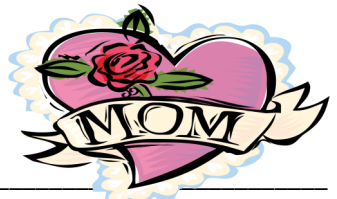


Calverton Current



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Bernie Karns

We had a full house for the Calverton Citizens Association (CCA) General Membership Meeting on April 15. It was good to see that so many residents came to hear all of the guest speakers who had come for the meeting. We are putting together notes from the meeting and gathering more contact and emergency phone numbers. All of this information will be put in the June newsletter. We want to thank all of our speakers and guests for coming and meeting with us. A big thank you goes to all the following:

Mary Lehman, Prince George's (PG) District 1 Council Member
Brian Anleu, representing Tom Hucker who is the Montgomery County (MC) District 5 Council Member
Captain Marcus Jones, Commander MC District 3 Police
Lieutenant John Fitzgerald, Assistant Commander MC District 3 Police
Major Kara Lloyd, Commander PG District VI Police
Captain Antony Mills, Assistant Commander PG District VI Police
Sargent Gerry Manley, PG District VI Community Police Supervisor
Corporal George Schwaeble, Calverton Community Police Officer for PG District VI
EMS Provider 2 Allison Manucia, MC Burtonsville Volunteer Fire
Deputy Fire Chief Dennis Wood, PG Fire Emergency Services Command
Assistant Fire Chief Joseph Cardello, PG Fire Emergency Services Command
Captain Donald Fletcher, Commander for PG Calverton Fire Station 841
Lieutenant Maria Howard, PG Emergency Services Command
Victor Salazar, Inspector MC Department Permitting Services
Valerie Whitby, Inspector MC Department Housing Community Affairs (DHCA), code enforcement
Kevin Carmody, MC Department Permitting Services
Inspector Terry, PG Department of Permitting, Inspection and Enforcement (DPIE)
Janice Chapin, PG DPIE
Shirley Chinn, PG DPIE
Mike Riley, Manager MD Construction Washington Gas
Daminique Branch, Community Outreach Manager Washington Gas

There were a few guests present at our meeting who were not mentioned previously. Another big thank you goes out to the following:

Barbara Frush, MD State Delegate District 21 and Calverton resident
Matt Dernoga, Mary Lehman's Policy Analyst
Jewru Bandeh, Director of the East County Regional Services Ctr. MC
William Steen, Community Liaison Carrollton Enterprises
PG Fire Department brought an additional five (5) fire personnel to the meeting.

WSSC and PEPCO were not able to come. PEPCO has confirmed that a representative will come to the CCA May 7 board meeting. I am still trying to get WSSC to come to the board meeting. There has been a

change in the location for our board meeting. **PLEASE NOTE: The CCA board meeting will now be held at Calverton Elementary School in the Media Center at 7pm on May 7 and June 4. We will NOT meet in the PG Police Satellite Office.**

The social committee did a great job getting together the refreshments for the meeting. The MC District 3 police and the PG District VI police split all the extra refreshments and too the goodies back to the station. They were very happy to be able to take something back to the officers who were not at the meeting.

Again, it was good to see so many Calverton residents come out for the meeting. It was a good thing, too. It sure would have been a sad sight and a little embarrassing if there had been more guests at the meeting than Calverton residents.

Thank you everyone for coming. It was a very good and informative meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ♦ **Saturday, May 2** – High Point 5K Run/Walk at Beltsville Community Center. Sign-in and registration at 1pm. Run/Walk starts at 2pm. More info or to register: <http://highpoint5k.squarespace.com>. Proceeds go to High Point College Scholarship Fund.
- ♦ **Thursday, May 7, 7:00 pm** – CCA Board Meeting. Will be at Calverton Elementary School, not at the PG Police Satellite Office. Representatives from: PEPCO, Animal Control (both counties), Deacon Vernon Vassell wants to see what his church can do for Calverton, Burtonsville Fire Department.
- ♦ **Monday, June 1, 7:00 pm** – PG District 21 Legislative Wrap-Up at Martin Luther Kind Middle School, 4545 Ammendale Road, Beltsville. Senator Jim Rosapepe, Delegate Barbara Frush, Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnik and Delegate Ben Barnes will summarize what was done in Annapolis.
- ♦ **Thursday, June 4, 7:00 pm** – CCA Board Meeting at Calverton Elementary School.

MEETING MINUTES

CCA Board meeting minutes April 1, 2015

The Police Satellite Office was not available for the meeting. The board meeting was held in Sierra Grill. If any board member bought food, the board member paid for the food. The CCA did not pay or buy anything for any board member.

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm

Treasurer's Report: Dues are still coming in from block captains. The bill was paid for the newsletter and insurance.

Committee Reports

Directory: The directory come out in 2016.

Membership: There are several block captain vacancies. We need to confirm block captains and current phone numbers.

CRC: Programs are going along.

NEW BUSINESS

Independence Day: Saturday, July 4th. The PG Police Explorers will help with the event. Try to get the scouts to help again this year. Will ask the steel drum band to play again and the Fogg's to sing the National Anthem. Flags will be put out along Calverton Boulevard.

Mary Lehman budget meeting was held April 2, at 7 pm at Martin Luther King Middle School (MLK MS)

Montgomery County will begin street sweeping on April 13.

Emergency preparedness drill April 9 from 9 am to 1 pm at Largo HS. Volunteers needed, all ages

Shelving for the new shed at the pool – meet at 9 am on April 11. Volunteers needed.

Combined legislative wrap-up with District 21 will be held on June 1 at 7 pm at MLK MS

Musgrove Road and Route 29 overpass – Maryland State Highway presented a design plan that made everyone present to question the design plan. It has not been approved. No money has been approved to build it at this time. The CCA needs to push for the construction of an interchange at Industrial Parkway. For more info go to:

<http://apps.roads.maryland.gov/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectInformation.aspx?projectno=MO8912115>

Traffic Survey on Calverton – Thank you to Tom Hucker's office for arranging with Montgomery County to perform the study on Calverton Boulevard. We now look forward to the results of the traffic survey. Continue with traffic survey and traffic speed control periodically over the next few years.

OLD BUSINESS

General Membership Meeting – April 15, 7:15 pm at Calverton Elementary. Need to call the school to let them know about the set up for the night.

Development at Old Gunpowder Road – their is still no compromise with parties. The plan is still for 315 apartments. We cannot agree on lower density of significantly less than 150 townhomes.

High Point High School – 5K race/walk is May 2 at Beltsville Community Center. Sign-in at 1 pm. Run/Walk starts at 2 pm. Please see flyer in this newsletter.

A Lawyer was consulted regarding how PG handled the approval of a project in Calverton. He will look into the situation for us.

Arrangements need to be made to clean the creek at Craiglawn and Calverton Boulevard.

Outlet A at Calverton and Gracefield – call 311 (240-777-0311 MC) when you see the property is not kept up with grass cutting, etc. We are trying to get the property owner to take ownership of the property. The owner of record lives in the Embassy of Chad on Randolph Road.

Washington Gas – seems that reports of more possible gas leaks in the community have increased.

Resident wants to have a block party and block off street. A permit is needed from the police. You need to follow noise ordinances and any other codes that apply to the community.

Resident wants to plant flowers on one of circles in the community. You can plant flowers, but you are responsible for taking care of the circle on the street.

Mothers' Day in United States

Mother's Day in the United States is annually held on the second Sunday of May. It celebrates motherhood and it is a time to appreciate mothers and mother figures. Many people give gifts, cards, flowers, candy, a meal in a restaurant or other treats to their mother and mother figures, including grandmothers, great-grandmothers, stepmothers, and foster mothers.

WHAT DO PEOPLE DO?

Many people send cards or gifts to their mother or mother figure or make a special effort to visit her. Common Mother's Day gifts are flowers, chocolate, candy, clothing, jewelry and treats, such as a beauty treatment or trip to a spa. Some families organize an outing for all of their members or hold a special meal at home or in a restaurant. In the days and weeks before Mother's Day, many schools help their pupils to prepare a handmade card or small gift for their mothers.

PUBLIC LIFE

Mother's Day is not a federal holiday. Organizations, businesses and stores are open or closed, just as they are on any other Sunday in the year. Public transit systems run to their normal Sunday schedules. Restaurants may be busier than usual, as some people take their mothers out for a treat.



BACKGROUND

The origins of Mother's Day are attributed to different people. Many believe that two women, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis were important in establishing the tradition of Mother's Day in the United States. Other sources say that Juliet Calhoun Blakely initiated Mother's Day in Albion, Michigan, in the late 1800s. Her sons paid tribute to her each year and urged others to honor their mothers.

Around 1870, Julia Ward Howe called for Mother's Day to be celebrated each year to encourage pacifism and disarmament amongst women. It continued to be held in Boston for about ten years under her sponsorship, but died out after that.

In 1907, Anna Jarvis held a private Mother's Day celebration in memory of her mother, Ann Jarvis, in Grafton, West Virginia. Ann



Credit: Courtesy Library of Congress
Anna Jarvis founded Mother's Day in honor of her mother, Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis.

Jarvis had organized "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to improve health and cleanliness in the area where she lived. Anna Jarvis launched a quest for Mother's Day to be more widely recognized. Her campaign was later financially supported by John Wanamaker, a

clothing merchant from Philadelphia.

In 1908, she was instrumental in arranging a service in the Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, which was attended by 407 children and their mothers. The church has now become the International Mother's Day Shrine. It is a tribute to all mothers and has been designated as a National Historic Landmark.

Mother's Day has become a day that focuses on generally recognizing mothers' and mother figures' roles. Mother's Day has also become an increasingly important event for businesses in recent years. This is

particularly true of restaurants and businesses manufacturing and selling cards and gift items. (adapted : timeanddate.com)

Mother's Day Traditions Around the World

In many U.S. households, the second Sunday in May begins with breakfast in bed, a bouquet of flowers, homemade cards, and other tokens of affection for mom. Mother's Day — our country's version, at least — has been an official holiday since 1914. In other corners of the globe, honoring Mom is a rite grounded in local traditions and customs — some ancient, some surprisingly new.

"Most cultures celebrate mothers because they are traditionally the main caregiver, which comes with great responsibility," says Mei-Ling Hopgood, author of *How Eskimos Keep Their Babies Warm: And Other Adventures in Parenting*. Here, we take you on a quick trip around the world to discover how moms in five different countries are celebrated and to provide some inspiration for your own day. Share our "bring it home" ideas with your family or use them to celebrate your own mom.

Mexico: In the North American country of Mexico, Mother's Day is celebrated on a fixed day of May 10 as opposed to the Mother's Day in US that falls on the second Sunday in the month of May. Mother's Day in Mexico is celebrated in a colorful fashion. Children honor their mothers and thank them for their efforts in bringing them up and According to a custom in Mexico, sons and daughters make themselves present in the house on the eve of Mother's Day on May 9. The day is celebrated with gusto as churches in Mexico organize special mass. The highpoint of the event is the orchestra which plays "las mañanitas" and distribution of 'tamales' and 'atole', the traditional early-morning meal to all local mothers.

Ireland: Mother's Day is not celebrated on same day as in US. Mother's Day celebrations in Ireland take place on the fourth Sunday in the Christian fasting month of Lent. The history of celebrating Mothering Sunday, or Mother's Day in Ireland, can be traced to the medieval practice where children from poor families were sent to work as domestic servants and apprentices to work with the rich. Once in the year in the middle of the Lent these children were given a day off to visit their 'Mother Church' and worship Virgin Mary. After visiting the Mother Church or Cathedral of their home town these children visited their mothers and presented them with flowers they picked along the way. On Mother's Day, people in Ireland present flowers and cards to their mothers to express love and gratitude.

United Kingdom: Mother's Day in UK is celebrated with great excitement and verve but it does not fall on the same date as in US. In UK, Mother's Day celebrations takes place on the fourth Sunday in the month of Lent. Since the Lent days are not fixed, the date for Mother's Day changes every year. Mother's Day came to be celebrated in UK in 17th century as Mothering Sunday, much before the custom began in US. The tradition of celebrating Mother's Day began much earlier in



England than it started in USA. In fact, England was the first country in the world to dedicate a day for mothers as early as 1600s. They called this day for mothers as 'Mothering Sunday'. The tradition of Mothering Sunday stopped with the advent of Industrial Revolution in England when

the working conditions and life pattern changed. In the present time, original meaning of Mothering Sunday has been lost and has taken the form and name of Mother's Day in US. In UK, there is a tradition of making a rich almond cake for mothers called 'Mothering Cake' or 'Simnel Cake'.

India: 10-Day Festival - Each October, Hindus honor Durga, the goddess of mothers, during the 10-day festival known as Durga Puja. The celebration is thought to date back to the sixteenth century and is considered both a religious ceremony and a time for family reunions. One story tells of Durga returning to her parents' home to show off her own children. Families spend weeks preparing food, gathering gifts, and decorating their homes for the festival.

Bring it home: Visit other moms you know, among both friends and family, and bring home-cooked goods to share.

Japan: The Right Flowers - Following World War II, a version of Mother's Day grew popular as a way of comforting mothers who had lost sons to the war. You'll see carnations presented around this March holiday, as they symbolize the sweetness and endurance of motherhood in Japanese culture. Originally, children gave a red carnation to a living mother and displayed a white one if their mother had died. Now, white has become the traditional color.

Bring it home: Thank the moms in your community who help your family by writing notes of gratitude. Tie the notes to white carnations and leave the flowers on the moms' doorsteps.

Ethiopia: Sing Along! - The Antrosht festival, observed at the end of the rainy season in early fall, is dedicated to moms. After the weather clears for good, family members from all over flock to their homes for a large meal and celebration. Daughters traditionally bring vegetables and cheese, while sons supply meat. Together, they prepare a meat hash and sing and perform dances that tell stories of family heroes.

Bring it home: Share stories about all the women in your family. Go through your photo albums together and create a personal scrapbook of those special moms who've come before you.

United Kingdom: A Church Custom

"Mothering Sunday" falls on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Back in the 1700s, the day was marked by young house servants returning home to spend time with their mothers. That custom evolved from an earlier one in which families who had moved away would return to the original church they attended. Today, the holiday remains grounded in religion, with many churches handing out daffodils for children to give to Mom. Traditionally, girls also bake a fruit-cake for their mothers.



Bring it home: Ask your family to celebrate you on Mother's Day by launching a new tradition based on one from your own childhood.

France: Medals For Mom

In 1920, the government of France began awarding medals to mothers of large families in gratitude for helping rebuild the population after so many lives were lost in World War I. After the second World War, the government declared the last Sunday in May to be the Day of Mothers. The traditional gift is now a flower-shaped cake.

Bring it home: Awarding medals for bringing children into the world is obviously outdated, but expressing gratitude never goes out of style — especially when you're demonstrating ways to express it to your children. Share your thankfulness for each family member at dinner and ask them each to do the same.

(Source : 'Parent&Child' and 'whsv.com')