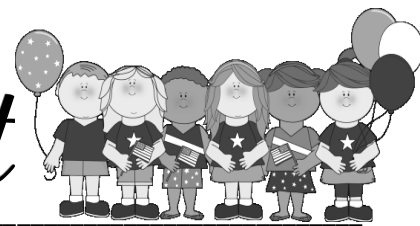


# Calverton Current



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## President's Message

What is going on in Calverton?

I have received many phone calls from frustrated Calverton residents about parking violations, trash dumps, construction without permits, grass 12 inches long and loud music. It is frustrating to receive these calls and to hear that Calverton neighbors are not following county and state laws and codes.

There have been Calverton community meetings to discuss these issues. Information has been put in the newsletter regarding all these topics. Everyone should know by now that you cannot park an oversized vehicle on community public roads, driveways or yards because it is illegal. Everyone should know by now that you cannot put a mattress or sofa out by the curb because you need to call PG county or your trash hauler in MC to arrange for a special bulk trash pickup.

When you see an unsafe parking violation that makes it unsafe to turn a corner, drive down the road or impassable for emergency vehicles, call 911 immediately. An unsafe parking violation is an oversized vehicle parked on a community street, in a driveway or in a yard. A vehicle parked too close to an intersection or a vehicle parked too close to your driveway or across from your driveway is in violation of parking laws. There is one more parking violation where you need to call 911 and that is for an expired vehicle tag. If a vehicle has an expired tag, the vehicle cannot be parked on the street, on the driveway or in the yard. Tell the operator that this is an emergency. This is a very dangerous situation and that you need someone now. The road is impassable for other vehicles and emergency vehicles. The vehicle with the expired tag can be a dangerous situation if a child decides to play in the car. **DO NOT LET THE 911 OPERATOR TRANSFER YOU TO 311.**

When you see a large trash pile on curb or furniture and mattresses dumped on the curb, call 311. **311 CALLS ARE ANONYMOUS. NO ONE WILL TELL ANYONE WHO YOU ARE.** This also applies to grass that is 12" long, an abandoned house (you can also call 911 if you think that someone is living in the abandoned house), or construction without a posted building permit.

When you see a crime or see something suspicious, don't hesitate. Call 911 immediately.

Your neighbor is playing music so loud that it is unbearable. Call 911.

The CCA board members mention our problems to the police and county agencies every time we go to meetings. But, you need to help. I am asking every Calverton resident to do their part to report violations in Calverton. Everyone who sees a problem in Calverton needs to call. Call your neighbors and get them to call, too. Call your block captain and get them to call. Call me and I will call, too. My number is in the directory. If someone is not home, leave a message with the address and a detailed description of the problem so that we can go see the problem.

When you see something, say something. Call either 311 for PG or 240-777-0311 (MC) or 911 to report the problem. The police and county cannot be everywhere so they need our help. Calverton residents need to call the county or the police to report a violation.

The agency involved will respond quicker to a large number of calls. So call.



*¡Feliz Día de la Independencia!*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ Monday, July 4 – Celebrate Calverton July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic. 10:45 am to 1:30 pm. More details to follow. We need help. Please volunteer. Call Bernie, 301-572-8018
- ◆ Saturday, July 9 – Calverton Piano Trio. 3:00 pm at the Praisner Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD. The trio will perform for free and will feature music by two women composers. One member of the trio is a resident of Calverton. Come join them an afternoon of music.
- ◆ Tuesday, August 2 – National Night Out. PG National Night Out will be at the District VI Police Station. If you can help with PG, please contact Corporal Woody at 301-937-0910. MC National Night Out will be at the East County Services Center on Briggs Chaney Road. If you can help with MC, please call Jewru Bandeh at 240-777-8400/8411. More details about both events will follow.

## CCA Board Meeting Minutes June 2, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

**Guest:** Lieutenant Lynge Prince George's (PG) County Fire/EMS, Station 841. Several other PG firefighters were also present. Lieutenant Lynge gave us tips regarding summer and also told us about things are not allowed in Calverton. Here are a couple of

his tips on fire safety during the summer.

(1) No outdoor burning of trash, leaves and tree limbs. Open fires are not allowed in Calverton or any other community or suburban area. The quality of our air is impacted with any open fire. Call 911 if you see someone burning an open fire.

(2) Grills are okay but he suggested it should be 10 feet away from the house or townhouse in case of a fire. If you live in a condo or apartment and you allowed to grill, the grill has to be 30 feet away from building. Do not grill in the garage or closed area because carbon monoxide can kill you. You will find other tips elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** not too much activity over the last month.

**Committee Reports:**

Welcome committee – block captains should have gotten a copy of the Welcome letter to give to new residents, owners and renters. If you don't have it check with the distributor for your county.

Membership Committee – there will be a membership drive this year. Will start putting info in August newsletter.

Directory Committee – 2017-2018 Directory will be printed for distribution March 2017.

Website Committee – board approved to continue Constant Contact for the email list.

**Old Business:**

July 4<sup>th</sup> – blue grass band has been booked for celebration

Grass height and trash – when you see grass 12" and taller in Calverton call the county. Montgomery County residents call 240-777-0311. Prince George's residents call 311. The tall grass and trash in a yard needs to be reported to prevent animals and unsafe conditions.

PG Department of Public Works and Transportation – letter will be sent soon concerning Calverton roads.

PG 21<sup>st</sup> Delegation Annapolis wrap up was held on June 7

PG Family Justice Center opened on June 9

CCA survey – the survey is being tweaked and is almost done

National Night Out – August 2. Both PG and MC will hold a NNO.

Businesses operating for profit every weekend, every other weekend or too often in Calverton – such as catering, yard sales. This is not allowed in Calverton. If you see for profit businesses such as these operating too often in Calverton, call the county. MC at 240-777-0311 and PG at 311.

Construction in Calverton– if you see construction such as an addition to the house, etc. and you do not see the work permit posted anywhere, call 311 to report the problem. You need a work permit when add a deck, enclose your carport, etc.

Concern about the number of cars parking in and around a house, the number of vans parking and around a house and the number of people living in a house – call 311. If it is a safety issue such as a vehicle parked too close to the intersection, a vehicle parked too close to your driveway, or something that is a safety issue, call 911. The police will come and issue tickets for

the parking violation.

Houses with apartments need a license. When you see a resident building a new driveway or adding sidewalks to the property, call 311 to PG or MC 240-777-0311.

**New Business:**

Cinco de Mayo celebration – one resident suggested the event for next. The resident will come up with a plan to see if that is something that the CCA wants to do.

Powder Mill Road at Route 1, near the church – Mary Lehman got the road fixed. Now the state needs to repair the other side of Powder Mill Road before the bridge.

ECCAB (East County Citizens Advisory Board) –

Congressman John Sarbanes is looking at getting rid of big money in campaign finance. Viva White Oak/FDA/Washington Adventist Hospital are coming. Working on crisis/rehab centers for opioid addiction.

Senator Craig Zucker said that the state and county threatened eminent domain to force Giant to make a decision so that something could be done at Burtonsville Crossing Shopping Center. Safeway at Briggs Chaney closed. There is an open air farmers market now open on Saturday until some other grocer can move into Briggs Chaney.

Delegate Anne Kaiser – working really hard to pass bills but governor has vetoed 5 bills. Governor interested in lowering taxes and nothing else.

Councilmember Tom Hucker – MC approved more money in budget for schools in order to close education gap and to reduce class size. Burtonsville/Hillandale fire both received funding. Maydale has funding for structure and now there is money for programs at the park. Renee Katz received an award for her work to bring back Maydale.

Mary Lehman Town Hall Meeting – June 16, 6:30 to 9:00 pm at Laurel Senior Center

Sidewalk hearing – for sidewalks on Musgrove Road from 29 to Fairland, 7:00 pm at Manor Care on Musgrove Road

Hearing for Bill 21-16 – to give a personal property tax credit to businesses in Burtonsville. June 21 at 1:30 pm at the County Council Building.

MC enacts new 8.7% increase in property tax and an increase in recordation tax, an average of \$326 more in property taxes per year. MC also approved to defer increase in property tax for seniors 65 and older until they sell their house.

Little Paint Branch and the fence along the water – the CCA is checking to confirm who is responsible for the fence. Some residents have said the fence and ground along the waterway needs repair.

WSSC is looking at storm drains with video

Galway tributary under Calverton Boulevard – fences are falling apart and ground is getting washed away.

Arrest of ATV riders in PG – a couple of riders have been arrested.

Burtonsville Fire Open House – October 1, more info to follow  
Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.



## Calverton Crime Report July 2016

- May 25 – Assault, 12000 Block of Cheery Hill Road
- May 26 – Other Disorder, 3100 Block Fairland Road
- May 27 – Theft, 13200 Block Schubert Place (Tanglewood)
- May 30 – Theft, 11700 Block of Beltsville Drive
- June 1 – Arrest Armed Person, 12000 Block of Beltsville Drive
- June 1 – Theft Vehicle, 13000 Gershwin Way (Tanglewood)
- June 1 – Theft, 12000 Block Cherry Hill Road
- June 1 – Theft, 12000 Block Cherry Hill Road
- June 5 – Theft, 2800 Schubert Drive (Tanglewood)
- June 7 – Theft, 12000 Block Cherry Hill Road
- June 8 – Other Disorder, 12000 Block Cherry Hill Road
- June 9 – Theft, 3100 Block Gracefield Road
- June 9 – Theft, 12000 Block Cherry Hill Road
- June 12 – Assault, 12000 Cherry Hill Road
- June 13 – Theft Vehicle Burglary, 2900 Gracefield Road

## Summer Tips On Fire Safety And Health Tips

**The following items may not be burned in the County at any time:**

- Household trash
- Tires
- Construction debris
- Asphalt shingles and tar paper

The above items need to be taken to the county recycling centers and not dumped at the curb or along a road. These items are hazardous wastes. Household items that are flammable, caustic or toxic are considered to be hazardous. Household hazardous waste includes cleaners, solvents, poisons, acids, insecticides, oil-based paints, used motor oil, antifreeze, swimming pool chemicals and car batteries. Be environmentally responsible for the good of the world and take these items to the county solid waste.

**The following items can be composted in your yard. If you don't compost yard wastes, then place these items in brown bags on the day that the county picks up yard waste.**

- Leaves, lawn thatch, and garden trimmings
- Green brush and other fresh or dried plant life (except certain agricultural materials)

### Why Are There Prohibitions on Open Burning?

The air pollution created by open burning can directly affect the health and well-being of people who live or work near the burn sites by aggravating respiratory conditions, irritating eyes and lungs, obscuring visibility, and creating annoying odors. Smoke is dangerous for people with respiratory diseases like asthma,

bronchitis, emphysema, and pneumonia because it can aggravate the symptoms of these diseases.

Air pollution from open burning can also cause property damage to nearby residential and commercial property. Open burning contributes to regional air quality problems by releasing fine particulate matter, carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, and air toxics.

### Disposal Alternatives for Material That Can't Be Burned

- Compost your leaves and yard trimmings.
- Practice grass cycling for lawn clippings by cutting grass with mulching blade and allowing grass to stay on the lawn
- Haul your materials to the Montgomery County's Solid Waste Transfer Station in Derwood, MD on 355 in MC.
- Prince George's residents can take their household hazardous waste to the Household Hazardous Waste Acceptance Site located at the Brown Station Road Sanitary Landfill, 11611 White House Road in Upper Marlboro.
- Call the Division of Solid Waste at PG 311 and MC at 240-777-0311 MC for additional information.
- Use the County-wide brush pickup service. Call the appropriate 311 number for details.

### Dehydrations tips

Remember that you need to hydrate before your outdoor exercise. In the summer it is especially important to start to hydrate the day before your activity. For every cup of water that your body has used, you need to drink 3 cups to replace the fluids after exercise. Please think ahead of your outdoor exercise program in the summer.

### Need a new smoke detector

Call PG fire at 301-583-2200 to get a new smoke detector or smoke detector/carbon monoxide detector. You can also schedule a home fire inspector. Call MC at 240-773-4715 to get your new smoke detector. MC also does home fire inspections. There should be one smoke detector of each floor of your home.

## HERE IS A REMINDER ABOUT TRASH AND RECYCLING PICKUP IN PG AND MC

Please put your trash and recycling out the day before your scheduled pickup day. Do not put it out several days before the scheduled pickup because the trash and recycling can attract animals.

### Prince George's Pick Up:

- Monday – yard wastes will be picked up by the PG County
- Tuesday – garbage and recycling will be picked up by PG County

### Montgomery County Pick Up:

Day depends on private hauler – garbage will be picked by the private hauler you choose. Some residents use Beltsville Refuse and can get service once or twice per week, Tuesday and/or Friday. Wednesday – recycling will be picked by MC County