

Calverton Current



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www.calvertoncitizens.org

President's Message

It is September and schools are now open. The students of Calverton will be back in the streets going to and from school and to and from the bus stop. Please drive slowly and carefully in Calverton and be alert for students going back to school.

Drivers need to look out for students walking in the street. Students walking in the street need to help drivers avoid hitting you by walking as close to the curb as possible. Walk facing the cars coming towards you because you need to see the person driving the car and the person driving the car needs to see you. Cross the street at intersections and at crosswalks. Do not jay walk or cross the street diagonally, on an angle. If it is dark outside when you are walking to school or walking home from school, please have a light or some reflective tape on your clothing so that drivers will see you. Drivers, it is a state law that cars must stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk. If you see the vehicle in front of you has stopped at a crosswalk slow down. Do not go around the stopped vehicle. You may potentially hit a pedestrian in the crosswalk if you go around the stopped vehicle in front of you.

Drivers also need to keep eyes open for bicycles. Some students may be riding their bicycles to and from school. Bicycles are vehicles so the bike rider needs to ride the bike in the same direction as the cars. Bicycles cannot be ridden in the opposite direction of a car. Only walkers go opposite of cars. Bicyclists also have to obey all traffic signals, signs and pavement markings just like a car. Drivers must allow 3 feet between the vehicle and the bicycle when passing the bike. Parents can help their children be safe on the bicycle by buying a bike helmet. Maryland law states that bike helmets are required for everyone under the age of 16, including passengers on the bicycle.

Drivers remember to watch out for a car stopped while students are getting in and out of the car. Many parents will be dropping students off at school bus stops or near a school. Parents, please do not open the car doors on the street side of the car. Drivers may not be able to avoid hitting your opened car door or someone getting out the car in the street. Only open your car doors on the curb side in order to let someone in and out of your car.

Drivers need to stop when a school bus has the red lights flashing while picking up and dropping off students. Some students get off and on the bus by crossing the street in front of the bus. It is a Maryland law that drivers have to stop when the bus is stopped and red lights are flashing. **DO NOT PASS THE BUS.** You must stop behind the bus.

We need to help our students get to school safely. Let us all work to together to make this school year safe for all of our Calverton students.

BLOCK CAPTAIN VACANCY REPORT

There are still Block Captain vacancies in Calverton

Montgomery County. Need 7 Block Captains. For more info, please call Donna Riley, MoCo Membership Chair at 301-572-5186.

Block S-40a, on Summerwood Drive, 10 homes

Block S-40b, on Castleleigh Road, 10 homes

Block S-42, on Castleleigh Place, 22 homes

Block S-47, on Bellevue Street, 17 homes

Block S-50a on Kilkenny Street, 7 homes

Block S-68, on Red Lion Lane, 19 homes

Block S-74, on Lemar Court, 24 homes

Prince George's County. Need 2 Block Captains. For more info, please call Nina Harley, PG Membership Chair at 301-572-7455.

Block B-13, Elkridge Street and Elkridge Court, 25 homes. Someone delivers newsletter but the CCA needs someone to collect dues.

Block B-18, on Greenmount Avenue, 21 homes

Block B-22, on Ingleside Drive, 19 homes

You do not have to live on the block to be the Block Captain, although this is always preferable. Maybe you could partner with a neighbor to be co-Block Captains and split the duties – one person can deliver the newsletter and the other person collect dues, or you could alternate months of delivering or collecting the dues. Or, even better, have fun talking together by doing all duties together. Please, please volunteer to serve your community as a Block Captain! The residents on these blocks are not receiving this newsletter, paying their CCA dues or receiving the Calverton Directory.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ♦ 2016 CRC Fall registration for Soccer - 8/6 thru' 8/31
- ♦ Don't forget to register to vote if you are not registered to vote in the November election. See more info elsewhere in this newsletter.
- ♦ Thursday, September 1 – Monday, October 31 – CCA Membership Drive. Membership form is found elsewhere in this newsletter. Your block captain will be by to collect your \$20 dues. Please make check payable to "CCA."

◆ Thursday, September 1 – Senior Coffee at Laurel Senior Center, 1:00 pm, Laurel Senior Center, 7120 Contee Road.

◆ Thursday, September 1 – CCA Board Meeting. 7:00 pm at Calverton Elementary School

◆ Monday, September 5 – Labor Day. MC and PG Schools closed. Montgomery County recycling pickup is shifted one day. MC recycling will **not** be picked up on Wednesday. MC recycling will be picked up on Thursday. MC residents who use Beltsville Refuse will not be affected with trash pickup because trash is picked up Tuesday. PG will **not** pick up yard waste on Labor Day. Yard waste will be picked up one week later on September 12. PG will pick up trash and recycling on Tuesday, September 6. This does not change. Only Monday pickups are different this week and will be picked up a week later.

◆ Tuesday, September 13 – Beltsville Senior Tea Time will be held at Riderwood, 1:00 pm, in the Celebration Room. The speaker will be a detective from the Regional Investigation Division (RID). Drinks and light snacks will be served.

◆ Saturday, September 24 – Burtonsville Day, more details to come. But the parade usually starts at Paint Branch High School at 10:00 am. It goes north on Old Columbia Pike to the Marilyn J. Praisner Community Center. The Festival begins at 10:30am at the Marilyn J. Praisner Community Center, Columbia Park and the Marilyn J. Praisner Library. To check for updated info go to: <http://www.burtonsvilleday.org/events.html>

◆ Saturday, September 24 – District 1 Community Family Day, noon – 4:00 pm at Fairland Regional Park, 13950 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel, MD. Join us for this special free event, rain or shine. Bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets and participate in all sorts of fun including a DJ, performances and food vendors. Activities for kids: bikes, rock climbing wall, obstacle course, arts & crafts, face painting, free access to indoor swimming pool and moon bounce. Hosted in partnership with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Lovely Ladies of Laurel. Shuttle bus provided from Laurel High School and High Point High School.

◆ Thursday, October 6 – CCA Board Meeting. 7:00 pm at Calverton Elementary School. There will be representatives from WSSC, Washington Gas and PG Department of Public Works & Transportation to discuss work in Calverton regarding pipes and roads. These roads are Craiglawn, and Calverton Blvd., Chapel View, Christine Dr., Ellicott, Falston, Forest View, Paca and Lemar. Also, Blueridge, Pocono & Shenandoah, off of Powder Mill Road and Allview, will be affected as well.

Crime Report September 2016

CALVERTON

- July 22 – Assault (Fight), 11900 Block Twinlakes Drive, apartments

- July 28 – Theft from auto, 3900 Lakehouse Road, apartments
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- July 28 – Burglary, 2900 Block Gracefield Road
- July 29 – Arrest narcotics, Calverton Galway Park
- August 4 – Theft from auto, 12100 Block Beltsville Drive, Calverton Townhomes
- August 7 – Theft from auto, 1900 Block Craiglawn Road
- August 7 – Theft from auto, 2700 Block Shanandale Drive
- August 8 - Stolen vehicle, 1800 Block Twinlakes Drive, apartment

SHOPPING CENTER & INDUSTRIAL PARK

- July 15 – Stolen vehicle, 12500 Block Prosperity Drive
- July 22 – Theft, Target
- July 22 – Theft, Babies-R-Us
- July 30 – Theft, 12000 Block Cherry Hill Road
- August 3 – Theft, Target
- August 4 – Theft, Bournefield Way
- August 5 – Theft, Target
- August 5 – 2300 Block Broadbirch Road
- August 6 – Theft, Kohl's
- August 9, Theft, Kohl's
- August 11, Theft, Target

NEARBY COMMUNITY

- July 15 - Theft from auto, 12300 Block Sandy Point Court, West Farm Townhomes
- July 28 – Theft from auto, 3100 Block Gracefield, West Farm Townhomes
- August 4 – Theft from auto, 11300 Block Cherry Hill Road, Cherry Glenn Condos
- August 7 – Theft from auto, 13200 Block Musicmaster Drive, Tanglewood
- August 9 – Assault, 11400 Cherry Hill Road, Maryland Farm Condos
- August 10 – Theft from auto, 11300 Block Cherry Hill Road, Cherry Glen Condos



Here are some tips from the police. It cannot be stressed enough that there are some simple things that everyone can do to prevent crimes.

The property crimes to our vehicles have continued. Let us remember to share these few tips with our neighbors and friends to help reduce any future incidents.

Tip #1

The first tip is a great one and should be followed religiously. No matter how little time you will be away from your car, LOCK your car! Almost a quarter of thefts happen from unlocked vehicles. That's 25 percent more than should happen.

Tip #2

The second tip is just as obvious, yet one most people continue to do. Don't leave any valuables in sight. It's a fact that most crimes in general, are crimes of opportunity. For the most part, people try to break into people's property when there is reason to believe they will be rewarded for their risk. It's as simple as hiding your belongings when leaving your car in public. When you park your car at home take anything of value into your house.

Tip #3

The third tip goes along with tip number 2, but is probably the most overlooked one. Put your accessories away! It doesn't do much good to hide your GPS or iPod if you leave the charger plugged in or the wire going into the glove box. Most thieves are experts at what they do and know to look for all the tell-tale signs of electronic equipment in the car..

Tip #4

Set your alarm! Don't have an alarm? If you have expensive valuables in your car, you should probably invest in one. Alarms systems these days are cheap, and can be quickly installed for a lower cost than replacing stolen goods.

Tip #5

Park in well-lit areas, and not in between two vehicles bigger than yours. Once again, it makes it an easy target and provides great cover for a suspecting thief when you put your vehicle in a secluded area,

Tip #6

Don't store a spare key on your car. We all hate to get locked out of the car. If you need to leave a spare somewhere, leave it at home or with someone that you can trust and won't mind being called, if needed. Don't ever leave it somewhere in or under your vehicle thinking a thief will never find it. You don't want to come back to an empty parking space and a stolen car.

Tip #7

When storing valuables in a trunk, or glove box, do it before you get to your location. If a thief knows your trunk is stuffed full of goodies, it takes less than 30 seconds after you leave to smash your window, pull the trunk release, and run.

Tip #8

Common sense and instincts prevail, and prevention is the best key. If something seems wrong, or you see someone suspicious in a parking lot. Don't leave your vehicle there. Also, notify security and/or the police immediately.

Following these simple tips should help keep you from having your valuables or entire car from being stolen. Don't make it easy for thieves!

The 2016 CRC Fall registration for Soccer is now open!

You can register your soccer player now!

If you have tried to access the CRC website in the past couple of days, you may have received an error message. We are going through the domain renewal process and should have this problem resolved soon. In the meantime, to access the website or to register, you can do so using the link:

<http://calvertonrec.siplay.com/site/>

We are going to extend the registration process because of the problems, but we have not set a new closing date yet. So register today!!

REGISTRATION FEES:

Pre K/K - \$60

1st/2nd Grade - \$70

3rd - 8th Grade - \$80

There is a \$5 discount for early registration and \$15 fee for late registration.

REGISTRATION DATES:

(8/6 - 8/31):

Early Registration ends 8/13

Late Registration starts 8/28

SEASON:

Season begins 9/10

Season ends 11/5

PRACTICE:

Begins the week of 9/4

Each coach will determine the day of week to hold practice. Depending on the coach, practice is usually held once or twice a week.

COACHES MEETING - TBD

(Training is available for prospective coaches! Just ask us about it when you volunteer.)



2017 Calverton Citizens Association (CCA) Membership Form

Your yearly CCA membership dues is only \$20 per household. Your block captain will be coming to your house between September 2017 and October 2017 to collect your dues. **Please note any changes or corrections to your block captain.** You can fill out the form below in advance and give it to your block captain with your \$20 dues when your block captain comes to collect. You can also mail the form with your dues. **Make checks payable to the CCA.**

The CCA benefits you and the Calverton Community because your membership dues go towards funding everything that CCA does for you and the community.

Here is the list of what the CCA does with your dues:

- 11 issues of the *Calverton Current* newsletter every year
- Calverton Telephone Directory every 2 years (next one 2017-2018)
- Sponsors the July 4th celebration every year – food, fun and festivities for good fellowship with the neighbors
- Maintains public grounds around Calverton - Calverton Boulevard area, and Galway area
- Sponsors special events and services, International Day, Neighborhood Watch Walks, and the Calverton email list serve.
- Acts as your representative at Montgomery County, Prince George's County and at State of Maryland hearings and meetings on issues that impact the Calverton community and Calverton residents; such as, transportation, traffic, roads, street lighting, schools, county and state violations, Calverton covenant violations, and surrounding residential and commercial development meetings and hearings.
- 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.

2017 CCA Membership Dues

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ County: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address(s) : _____

Email will only be used for our Calverton email list for community alerts and news. You can go directly to www.calvertoncitizens.org to join the Calverton Citizens Association email list. You can also join your Calverton neighbors at <https://calverton.nextdoor.com> for more alerts and news.

You can give this form and your \$20 dues membership to your block captain

or you can mail this form and your \$20 membership dues to:

CCA, P.O. Box 21, Beltsville, MD 20704-0021

Make checks payable to the CCA

2017 Formulario Para Ser Miembro de la Asociación de Residentes de Calverton (Calverton Citizens Association - CCA)

Su cuota de membresía anual de CCA es de sólo \$20 por hogar. Su capitán de cuadra (block captain) vendrá a tu casa entre septiembre y octubre de 2017 para cobrar sus cuotas. **Tenga en cuenta cualquier cambios o correcciones a su capitán de cuadra.** Puede llenar el siguiente formulario de antemano y dar a su capitán de cuadra con su cuota de \$20 cuando el capitán de su cuadra viene a cobrar. También puede enviar por correo el formulario con su **cheque pagadero a nombre de CCA.**

El CCA beneficia a usted y a la comunidad de Calverton porque sus cuotas de afiliación pagan por todo lo que CCA hace para usted y la comunidad:

Aquí está la lista de lo que hace el CCA con sus cuotas de afiliación

- 11 ediciones del boletín *Calverton Current* cada año
- Directorio telefónico de Calverton cada 2 años (el siguiente será en 2017-2018)
- Patrocina la celebración del 4 de Julio cada año: comida, diversión y fiestas para promover buen compañerismo con los vecinos
- Mantiene terrenos públicos alrededor de Calverton - zona bulevar de Calverton y zona de Galway
- Patrocina eventos especiales y servicios para le comunidad: Día Internacional, Paseo de la Vigilancia de la Vecindad (Neighborhood Watch Walk) y acceso a la lista del correo electrónico de Calverton.
- Es su representante en el Condado de Montgomery, Condado de Prince George y en el estado de Maryland para las audiencias y reuniones sobre cuestiones que afectan a la comunidad de Calverton y los residentes de Calverton: por ejemplo, transporte, tráfico, carreteras, alumbrado público, escuelas, violaciones de leyes y regulaciones del Condado y del estado, violaciones del Convenio (Covenant) de Calverton, y reuniones sobre el desarrollo residencial y comercial circundante.
- Ayuda a proporcionar oportunidades de recreación para personas de todas las edades a través del comité principal y permanente de la CCA, el Consejo de Recreo de Calverton (Calverton Recreation Council)
- Ayuda a los residentes sobre cuestiones de interés cívico, tales como proporcionar números de teléfono de cada conda-do correspondiente para llamar para informar de problemas

Cuotas de Afiliación CCA 2017

Nombre y Apellidos : _____ Numero de Teléfono : _____

Dirección : _____ Condado : _____ Código Postal (Zip) : _____

Dirección de correo electrónico : _____

Correo electrónico sólo se utilizará para nuestra lista de correo electrónico de Calverton para alertas y noticias de la comunidad. Se puede ir directamente a www.calvertoncitizens.org para unirse a la lista de correo electrónico de la Asociación de Residentes de Calverton (CCA). También se puede unirse con sus vecinos de Calverton en <https://calverton.nextdoor.com> para más alertas y noticias de la comunidad.

Se puede dar esta forma y su membresía cuota de \$20 a su capitán de cuadra o usted puede enviar por correo este formulario y su cuota de membresía de \$20 a:

CCA, P.O. Box 21, Beltsville, MD 20704-0021

Con su cheque pagadero a nombre de CCA.

Voter Registration for Prince George's County

<http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1980/Voter-Registration>

Requirements to register to vote, you must be:

A U.S. Citizens

A Maryland resident
At least 16 years old**

You cannot have been:

Convicted of buying or selling vote
Under guardianship for mental disability and found by a court to be unable to communicate a desire to vote; or
Effective March 10, 2016, if you have been convicted of a felony, you are eligible to register to vote once you have completed the court-ordered sentence of imprisonment. For the purposes of eligibility to register to vote, convictions include federal, state and out-of-state convictions.

**You may register to vote if you are at least 16 years old but cannot vote unless you will be at least 18 years old by the next general election.

When

21 days prior to any election
11 days after any election

Where and How

You can download an Adobe Acrobat version of the voter registration form from the [Maryland State Board of Elections](#).

In Person

The Motor Vehicle Administration, 10251 Central Avenue, Largo, MD.	Monday through Friday.	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
The Motor Vehicle Administration, 11760 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD.	Monday through Friday.	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
The Board of Elections, 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD.	Monday through Friday.	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

By Mail

Prince George's County Board of Elections, 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774

In School

Each year the Board of Elections, in cooperation with the Prince George's Board of Education, conducts voter registration in every county high school.

Contact Us

Contact our office at 301-341-7300 to request a Voter Registration form be mailed.

Voter's Registration Data

Within two weeks of registration or a change in address, name or party affiliation, you should receive a Voter's Notification Card by mail. This card lists your polling place and the various districts (congressional, legislative, council manic, and school board) in which your residence is located. Please save this card for reference. If you do not receive your Voter's Notification Card within two weeks, please call the Board of Elections at 301-341-7300.

Change of Address

Notify the Board of Elections within 30 days of any change of address. Failure to provide a correct address could result in denial of the voting privilege and criminal prosecution should one vote or attempt to vote in a precinct where he or she is not qualified to vote. Voters may change their address by sending a letter with their new address or by filling out the [English Voter Registration Application \(PDF\)](#), or [Spanish Voter Registration Application \(PDF\)](#) and mailing it to:

Prince George 's County Board of Elections
1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A
Largo, MD 20774

May I Register to Vote in Montgomery County?

All residents of Montgomery County may register to vote, if they meet the following requirements:

- County resident
- United States citizen
- At least 16 years of age (you may register to vote at 16 but cannot vote until at least 18 years of age by the date of the next general or special election)
- Are not under guardianship for mental disability or if you are, have not been found by a court to be unable to communicate a desire to vote.
- Have not been convicted of a felony, or if you have, you have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment.

Where Do I Register?

Permanent Registration Application Sites

Voter Registration Applications are available in Montgomery County at :

- Montgomery County Post Offices
- Montgomery County Public Libraries
- Montgomery County Public Schools
- Montgomery College Campuses
- Montgomery County Government Regional Services Centers
- Montgomery County Community Health Centers
- Montgomery County Aging and Disability Services
- Montgomery County MVA Offices
- Montgomery County Licensing
- Montgomery County Register of Wills

Voter registration applications are available from the Elections Office, 18753 North Frederick Avenue Suite 210, Gaithersburg. Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; telephone (240) 777-8500. You may have a form mailed to you by calling our 24-hour voter information line at (240) 777-VOTE and leaving your name and address after the recorded message.

Large type applications are available upon request via email elections@montgomerycountymd.gov or telephone 240-777-8507.

When Can I Register?

You may register to vote at any time. However, voter registration is closed from 21 days before until 11 days after the primary election, and 21 days before until 11 days after the general election. Voter registration applications received while the voter rolls are closed are processed when voter registration reopens. Qualified citizens can find the registration form in the following manner.

- Request to mail form to their residence,
- Fax the registration document to your requested phone number
- Visit our web site at www.777vote.org,
- Visit any public library in Montgomery County
- Visit the US Post Office in your neighborhood for the registration form
- The State Board of Elections;
- The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;
- The Department of Social Services;
- The Motor Vehicle Administration;
- Offices on Aging;
- The MTA Paratransit Certification Office;
- All public institutions of higher education;
- Recruitment offices of the U.S. Armed Forces;
- Marriage License offices; and
- Offices for students with disabilities at all Maryland colleges and universities

NOTE: YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE UNTIL YOU RECEIVE A VOTER NOTIFICATION CARD FROM THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

If you have not received a card within three (3) weeks of sending in your voter registration application, please call the office at (240) 777-8500. The voter notification card includes your name, address, party affiliation, polling place location, and respective election districts.