

Calverton Current



Newsletter of the Calverton Citizen's Association ♦ Silver Spring ♦ Beltsville, MD ♦ October, 2016
www.calvertoncitizens.org

President's Message

Will Calverton make the list as one of the most livable places in the DC area? What are you doing to help make Calverton one of the best places in which to live?

- ♦ I follow all the covenants that are listed on the front inside cover of the Calverton Directory.
- ♦ I cut my grass so it less than 12 inches high.
- ♦ I get rid of my garbage, trash and junk so that rats and other animals are not living in my garbage.
- ♦ I get a building permit and the appropriate approval from my county before I finish my basement, build my shed, enclose my carport or put up a fence.
- ♦ I call for a bulk pick up from the county before I put the sofa, refrigerator or washer at the curb in front of my house.
- ♦ I have a current Maryland license plate on all my vehicles.
- ♦ I park my vehicles on the correct side of the street, passenger doors against the curb.
- ♦ I park my vehicles 30 feet from the corner or the intersection.
- ♦ I do not park any vehicle, boat or trailer on the grass.
- ♦ I talk to my neighbor about violations that I see.
- ♦ I call the county 311 number or the non-police emergency number to report violations of county or state codes and laws when I see a violation.
- ♦ I look out for and help my neighbors who are older, alone or handicapped.
- ♦ I call 911 when I see children, adults and pets that are abused by my neighbors and friends.
- ♦ I call 911 when I see someone or something suspicious in my neighborhood.

Be honest now. If you answered **NO** to any one of these statements, you have a problem. Calverton has a problem. Most of these statements are related to safety issues and can impact the entire Calverton community, including neighbors and children living in Calverton.

Residents of Calverton who choose to not care about keeping Calverton clean and safe are not helping anyone, including themselves. The actions of these residents who lack respect for themselves and respect of others can impact all of the properties and all of the residents in Calverton. These problems will make Calverton ugly and unsafe, which makes the community less likely to attract home buyers. These problems will impact our property values by making the property value of our homes go down. So, we may lose money when we go to sell our house and may not be able to afford to buy another house. No one wants to live next to

a neighbor who is making their community unsafe and making their community look bad. No one wants to live in a community where neighbors are choosing a lifestyle of being selfish and choosing a lifestyle that is uncaring.

We all have to choose to care about our community. We all have to choose that we want our community to look nice and be safe for everyone who lives here and for everyone who visits here. We all have to choose to give our children and us a great community and a safe community in which we can all live together.

Let all of us start today by showing that we all care about our properties, our vehicles and the Calverton community. Let us all Celebrate Calverton Pride by giving our community, giving our neighbors and giving our children a great place in which to live. Let us all show our Calverton Pride. Let us all Celebrate Calverton by being caring, good neighbors. Let us make Calverton the most livable place to live in the DC area.

IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

MR. ALBERT TURNER, who built Calverton 52 years ago, is still going strong at 100 years young. He still goes into work several days a week. And he still keeps busy going to many community events.

Let us all wish him a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** by sending him a birthday card.

The card can be sent to Mr. Albert Turner, c/o William Steen, Carrollton Enterprises, 11785 Beltsville Drive, 16th Floor, Beltsville, MD 20705.

I would love to see his face when he gets 1600 cards from every resident in Calverton.

DATES TO REMEMBER

♦ Thursday, September 1 – Monday, October 31 – CCA Membership Drive. Your block captain will be by to collect your \$20 dues. Please make your check payable to "CCA." Membership form is included in the newsletter.

♦ October – November – This is a good time of year to plant flowers and get your garden and yard ready for the 2017 Beautification Contest. The contest entry form will appear in the March 2017 newsletter. Since we all know that it takes plenty of time to create a beautiful garden and yard, now you have no excuses for not entering the contest because you have plenty of time to spend on your beautiful garden and yard. The 2016 Beautification Contest did not take place because of low response, we cancelled the beautification contest for this summer. The CCA and the Beautification Committee plan to resume in 2017. The few people who did submit applications for 2016 will automatically be on the list for 2017. So, start planning and planting your garden and yard now so that you are

ready to enter the 2017 Beautification Contest. Call Jerry at 301-572-5334 if you have any questions.

◆ October – November – Start thinking about your holiday lights design. The CCA and Carrollton Enterprises will be sponsoring a Holiday Light Contest again this year. Can't wait to see all the lights in Calverton. Look for the contest entry form in the November newsletter. Judging usually takes place around December 14.

◆ Saturday, October 1 – Burtonsville Fire Department Open House, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the Burtonsville Fire Station, Briggs Chaney Road and Old Columbia Pike. Come check out the exciting world of firefighting and emergency response to emergency service calls. Look at the new fire truck that Burtonsville just got. There will also be ambulances and other equipment that are used by the fire firefighters and EMT's.

◆ Thursday, October 6 – Senior Coffee at Laurel Senior Center, 1:00 pm, 7120 Contee Road.

◆ Thursday, October 6 – CCA Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, 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.

◆ Tuesday, October 11 – Beltsville Senior Tea Time, 1:00 pm, at Riderwood in the Celebrations Room. Topic to be determined. Look for an email from Next Door Calverton for more info.

◆ Monday, October 24 – Mr. Turner's 100th Birthday. Mr. Turner built Calverton 52 years ago. If you would like to send Mr. Turner a birthday card you can send it to Mr. Albert Turner, c/o William Turner, Carrollton Enterprises, 11785 Beltsville Drive, 16th Floor, Beltsville, MD 20705. Mr. Turner would love to get a birthday card from everyone in Calverton.

◆ Sunday, October 30 – Beltsville Fire Department Open House – noon to 4:00 pm at Prince George's Avenue Fire Station. Here is another chance for you to come check out the exciting world of firefighting and emergency response to emergency service calls. Look at fire trucks, ambulances and other equipment that are used by the fire fighters and EMT's.

◆ October – November – Are you ready for Winter? This is the time to prepare your home, your car and your family for winter storms. Make sure you have a plan for power outages and shoveling 30 inches of snow. Do you have extra food and water on hand when you cannot get out of the house until the roads are shoveled. Do the pets have food during the storm? Don't forget the toilet paper!!! Make sure you have a warm place for pets to stay because you cannot leave your pets outside when it is freezing cold. Keep in mind that your neighbors might need help during a storm. Also, don't forget to ask for help with the water, electric and gas bills. WSSC, PEPCO and Washington Gas all have programs to help you make it through difficult times.

CCA Board Meeting Minutes September 1, 2016

Meeting called to order 7:04 pm

Guests:

Officer Castro, PG Community Police: Beltsville Senior Tea Time will be held at Riderwood at 1pm. The speaker

will be from the Regional Investigation Division (RID).

William Steen, Carrollton Enterprises: October 24 is Mr. Turner's 100th birthday. Mrs. Turner is 97 years old. Mr. Turner built Calverton 52 years ago. There is going to be a small birthday celebration, maybe intimate, family only. Board members will be bringing a card to Block Captains to sign and for original owners to sign. Anyone who would like to sign the card please call me at 301-572-8018. Mr. Steen stated that Mr. Turner wants to continue his support of the Beautification Contest and Holiday Light Contest. Carrollton Enterprises is working with PG Fire in sponsoring smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

Officer Castro, PG Community Police Officer, was not able to make the meeting. The District VI police officers have added more support in high schools during the first few weeks. He hopes to make it next month.

Treasurer's Reports:

Even though July 4 was cancelled this year, there were still some expenses we could not return. Other expenses include newsletter, website, email blasts and dues.

Committee Reports:

Welcome packet – The letter from the welcome committee should be distributed to block captains. Block captains should also have a few extra directories for new neighbors.

Membership – The forms are in the September newsletter. Membership cards have been printed. Block captains will be collecting dues until the end of October.

Directory – People have volunteered to help put the 2017-2018 together. If you know of a business who would like to advertise in the directory, please call Frank Cockrell at 301-572-7316.

Nominating – It is time to get nominations for the Board of Director, officers and county delegates.

Old Business:

July 4 celebration will be next year. The board decided to reschedule the celebration for July 4, 2017.

Laurel Hospital – The city of Laurel and many advocate groups are continuing to fight to keep the hospital open. Doctor's Hospital is supposed to help Laurel with services.

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) – On Route 29 is moving forward. There will be a public open house to hear about the BRT before the end of the year. Look for details

Community traffic – Need to follow up with PG & MC.

Shanandale Park – MC will plant trees at the park this fall.

New Business:

ECCAB (East County Citizens Advisory Board) will be meeting on Thursday, September 8 at the East County Regional Building on Briggs Chaney Road. The discussion will be centered around the MC Partnership with Percontee and the White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan Related Transportation/Capital Improvement Program.

Calverton sweep – is an ongoing process looking for code violations and law violations. The violations will be sent to MC & PG Counties housing departments and also to police departments in both counties.

PG Community Partnership Meeting – Thursday, Septem-

ber 15 from 9-11am, 8400 D'Arcy Road, Forestville. Topics include: Snow removal, property standards/code enforcement, permitting and licensing, 311/County Click, residential trash and recycling. There will be a lot of good information presented at the meeting.

Burtonsville Day – Saturday, September 24 from 10am – 4pm. Go to <http://www.burtonsvilleday.org/> in order to get more info regarding events.

District 1 Community Family Day – Sponsored by Mary Lehman, District 1 County Council Person, and the Lovely Ladies of Laurel. Noon-4:00pm at the Fairland Regional Park.

Burtonsville Fire Department – Open House is Saturday, October 1

CCA Board Meeting – Thursday, October 6, 7pm at Calverton Elementary. WSSC, Washington Gas, PG Department of Public Works & Transportation, MC Department of Roads will be at the meeting. The discussion will be about the replacement of water and gas pipes and to make sure that the roads are repaved after the work is done. We will find out more detail that night.

Gas cut off valve some gas cutoffs located in the front yards have been covered by grass and dirt. You should call Washington Gas to come out and locate shut off valve.

Sewer blockages – Call Washington Gas first. Some sewer cleaners can damage gas pipes.

CCA General Membership Meeting – November 9 from 7–9 pm at Calverton Elementary. Agenda to be determined at a later date.

Solar panels discussion with vendors –. One resident wants to put together a survey that asks Calverton residents about the company who put up the solar panels and how much you like them, etc. More details to come.

School bus cameras – please break for stopped school buses with red lights flashing and the stop sign showing.

Basic Facts: In Montgomery County and Prince George's County all camera-generated violations are reviewed by the police department's Automated Traffic Enforcement Unit and citations are mailed to the registered car owner. The camera-generated fine is \$125. No points are associated with a citation issued through this program. A citation for the same offense of passing a stopped school bus issued by a police officer is \$570 and three points on the license.

Tree stumps left and not removed after PEPCO cut down trees. Will contact PEPCO to look into stumps that were not removed in MC.

Neighborhood Watch sign at Calverton Boulevard and Gracefield Road will be replaced.

MC police have been making speed stops along Fairland, Briggs Chaney and Route 29 to Burtonsville.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Crime Report October 2016

Why are people not locking vehicles? Why are people still leaving valuables in the car? Are people still leaving their vehicles idling or warming up while they are in the house? If you do these things, you telling the burglar to take your car or take your valuables. Be smart, think smart. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR RUNNING. LOCK YOUR CAR AND DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING OF VALUE IN YOUR CAR.**

CALVERTON

August 16 – Theft, auto theft, 3900 Block Calverton Boulevard

August 16 – Theft, 11700 Beltsville Drive

August 17 – Assault, 2500 Block McHenry Drive

August 20 – Theft from vehicle, 12800 Block Iona Court

August 30 – Assault, 3100 Block Cordoba Street

August 30 – Theft, 11700 Block Beltsville Drive, Calverton Shopping Center

August 31 – Theft from vehicle, 12200 Block Lemar Court

September 2 – Theft, 11700 Block Beltsville Drive, Calverton Shopping Center

September 12 – Theft, auto theft, 2900 Block Criaglawn Road

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September 12 – Assault, Calverton Galway Park

September 13 – Theft from vehicle, 13100 Bellevue Street

September 14 – Theft from vehicle, 3100 Block Fairland Road

NEARBY COMMUNITIES

August 18, Vandalism motor vehicle, 3100 Block Gracefield Road (West Farm)

August 20 – Theft, 2700 Block Hunters Gate Terrace (West Farm)

August 28 – Vandalism motor vehicle, 2600 Block Deer Ridge Drive (Deer Ridge Park)

August 30 – Theft, Hunters Gate Court (West Farm)

August 30 – Theft from auto, 2800 Block Strauss Terrace (Tanglewood)

August 31 – Other (could mean stole a bike, but don't know), Shubert Court (Tanglewood)

September 2 – Arrest, Narcotics, 11908 Block Plum Orchard & 12100 Sweet Clove Drive (near West Farm)

September 2 – Arrest Narcotics, 12100 Block Sweet Clover Drive (West Farm)

September 6 – Theft, 12300 Sandy Point Court (West Farm)

September 8 – Arrest, narcotics, 13000 Columbia Pike and Musgrove Road

September 13 – Arrest, narcotics, 2800 Block Mozart Drive (Tanglewood)

CLASSIFIEDS

RUSSO'S CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Concrete/brick work, colored stamped concrete work, retaining walls, roofing, etc. Waterproofing basements with lifetime guarantee. Licensed and insured—MHIC #25206. Call John Russo for free estimate, 301-421-1545. 8/18

PAT THORNBERG-HOMETOWN AGENT

Thinking about renting, selling, or buying a home? Call Pat today who has been serving the area for years. www.PatThornberg.com, 301-572-4256, or cell 301-996-6941. 9/17

FINANCIAL LITERACY WELLNESS SESSIONS

Open to the public. Upstart each last Saturday of the month, 7:30pm, and Tuesday, 7pm. Largo Financial Center. RSVP: 240-441-8441. 9/17

ALBERT'S TREE SERVICES

Specialist in large removals, over 20 years of experience. Pruning, crown reduction, stump grinding. Licensed #001171. Free estimates. 240-848-1491. 7/17

HELEN ANDRENO – CALVERTON REALTOR

Buy, sell, or rent: I can help you. Call me to find out how my knowledge and experience can get you moved. Long-time Agent and Calverton resident. Long & Foster Real Estate – 301-572-5671. 4/17

GROFF'S HEATING & AIR-CONDITIONING

Residential, commercial. Licensed, bonded, insured. MD Contractor #6524. Calverton resident. 301-586-8384. 3/17

PHIL LAZAS CONTRACTING, LLC

Remodeling and construction services: kitchens, bathrooms, basements, additions, and more. MHIC #65194, 20 years experience, Calverton resident 17 years, 240-899-2522, phillazas.com. 2/17

SHERRI LAZAS, REALTOR

Looking to buy or sell a home in 2016? I am a trusted and experienced Remax agent and a Calverton resident for 17 years. Contact me today: 240-899-2521, sherri@ericpakulla.com. 2/17

BILL MYERS HEATING & COOLING, INC.

Serving Montgomery and northern P.G Counties. Licensed, bonded, and insured. HVAC#2424. 301-206-2221. 9/16

CALVERTON SWIM CLUB

Calverton Swim Club memberships are available for the 2017 Season. We open Memorial Day weekend, 2017. What a great place to spend your summer. Email us for more information at membership@calvertonswimclub.com. Check out our website www.calvertonswimclub.com and see the fantastic drone pictures of our facility.

After reporting to police, please also report all
CRIME INCIDENTS to:
Fernando Lopez, 301-572-5830

Ads - MAXIMUM 40 WORDS, INCLUDING TITLE Monthly rates: \$5.00 for first 25 words and 50 cents for each additional word. Yearly advertisers, please note that newsletter runs 11 issues per year (no January issue which would be prepared in December). Expiration date shown after ad. Calverton residents given preference. One ad per non-Calverton household.

Make checks payable to CCA and send to: **CCA NEWSLETTER ADS, P.O. Box 21, Beltsville, MD 20704-0021. No article or ad accepted without accompanying name and phone number. All copy subject to editing. Please type copy.**

Copy DEADLINE for NOVEMBER 2016 issue is **OCTOBER 10**; it should be at YOUR door by the **LAST WEEK** of OCTOBER.

Join the Calverton email list by going to:
www.calvertoncitizens.org
Join your neighbors at:
<https://calverton.nextdoor.com>

CALVERTON CONTEST EVENTS

Here are updates on contests where you can win some money if you are named a winner.

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