

Calverton Current



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Meeting with WSSC and Project Number BR5853A15 on October 6, 2016

Meeting called to order 7:10 pm

Guests; Barbara Frush, Calverton resident and PG State Delegate, Anne Kaiser, Calverton resident and MC State Delegate; Matt Dernoga, Representative for Mary Lehman PG County Council Member; William Steen, Carrollton Enterprises; Officer Castro, PG Calverton Community Police Officer; Samuel Bajomo, WSSC Project Manager; Jason Flory, WSSC Construction Manager; Collins Njoku, WSSC Contract Manager; David Wilkins, WSSC Customer Advocate; Evan Andrews, Project Designer with Michael Baker, Inc. Denny Brittingham, Supervisor with PG DPIE (Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement); Michele Glaze, PG Utility Engineer with PG DPIE; Hifazat Ahmad, Engineer with PG Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T)

Barbara Frush welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She expressed how Calverton is a great place in which to live. She also said that it is great to live in Calverton because of all of the great things people do and how people care about Calverton.

Barbara introduced Mr. Samuel Bajomo, WSSC Project Manager who explained the needed water pipe repairs and the process of how the repairs will be made.

Mr. Bajomo explained that this project includes replacing the pipes along Craiglawn, Craiglawn Ct., Lemar, Chapel View, Chapel View Court, Ellicott, Paca, part of Calverton Boulevard, Christine, Forest View. The project also includes Nevis, Pocono, Blueridge, Shenandoah and Allview off of Powder Mill Road. These pipes were installed in the 1960's and need to be replaced. There have been many breaks and disruption of service over the last few years. The benefits of this project will make service more dependable and will reduce future leaks and breaks.

Mr. Bajomo stated that 2.7 miles of new water main pipe will be installed. Temporary service pipes will be installed along the curb while the work is being completed. **4-5 street blocks** will be done at a time. So, the digging will begin, the pipes replaced, the hole in the road will be filled back in, and the resurfacing of the road will be done before we move onto another 4-5 street blocks. House service connections will be replaced and connected up to the property line. WSSC is responsible for restoration of the area affected by the construction.

Work will occur during 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday. Surveying and utility mark-outs may occur. There will probably be heavy construction equipment for excavation, digging and water main installation. There may also be short periods of water service shut-downs and interruptions. Shut-down periods may be up to 8-hours (maximum). Residents will be given **48-hour advanced notification** prior to the service shut-down.

There will be no street parking permitted on streets with **active** construction activities taking place. No parking signs will be posted. All roads will remain accessible at all times during construction; however, certain activities **may require** temporary closures and delays. Access to businesses and homes will be maintained at all times. Access into a home is **NOT** required. **DO NOT LET ANYONE INTO YOUR HOUSE BECAUSE WSSC DOES NOT NEED ACCESS YOUR HOUSE.** Construction signs will be posted throughout the project area and you will find contact information on the signs. Tree removal (as necessary) and/or tree pruning is permitted by the MD-DNR (Maryland Department of Natural Resources).

Weather permitting, this is the schedule that WSSC will follow for the project. Fall 2016-Fall 2018.

Other utilities such as Gas, Electric, Fiber Optics, Storm Drainage, etc. will not be impacted. This project is only WSSC. Mike Riley from Washington Gas sent a message to the CCA (Calverton Citizens Association) reiterating that Washington Gas has no projects in Calverton for 2017.

Mr. Bajomo stated that WSSC's goal is to provide reliable water system to our affected customers. WSSC is committed to minimizing service disruptions during construction. WSSC will restore all areas impacted by

construction activities at the end of the project. Please call WSSC if you have any questions or concerns regarding the project.

Mr. Brittingham said that PG DPIE will inspect the project once-a-week. There are standards that WSSC must follow during this project. DPIE does work very closely with WSSC to ensure that the work is properly and is done so that it does not impact the residents to a point that people are upset. Michele Glaze said that she issued the permit for the project and reas-

sured everyone that the project will be done according to all the specifications in the permit. Please call DPIE if you have any questions.

Mr. Ahmad stated that PG DPW&T is working with Mary Lehman's office to ensure that this project is done correctly. They are also working together on maintenance of the roads in Calverton. They will make sure that resurfacing of the roads is done after the project. Driveway aprons and all concrete will be fixed once the project is done. He also stated that there was some concrete work done on Sesquehanna Drive this summer. He reiterated that residents can call DPW&T if you have any questions.

If you have any concerns during construction, here are some contact numbers:

Samuel Bajomo, WSSC Project Manager – 301-206-8523

David Wilkins, WSSC Customer Advocate – 301-206-4371

Matt Dernoga, Representative for Mary Lehman - 301-780-8158

Denny Brittingham, PG DPIE Supervisor – 301-883-3820



Hifazat Ahmad, DPW&T Engineer – 301-499-8611

William Steen addressed the group regarding Mr. Turner's birthday. He took a picture of the group as part of a birthday project he is doing for Mr. Turner's 100th birthday.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

◆ Thursday, September 1 – Monday, October 31 – CCA Membership Drive is winding down. 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. The contest entry form is in this November newsletter. The deadline to enter the contest is Friday, December 9. Judging will take place December 14-20.

◆ 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 of these agencies have programs to help you make it through difficult times.

◆ Wednesday, November 2 – East County Citizens Advisory Board Meeting, 7:00 pm at the East County Building on Briggs Chaney Road. Invited Guest: Jonathan Genn, Executive VP, Global LifeScience Development Corporation. Mr. Genn will provide an overview of the concept plan for Viva White Oak, the Site II joint development with Montgomery County. The proposed (Viva White Oak) development site is adjacent to the FDA White Oak campus and the Washington Adventist Hospital currently under construction. This is part of the mega city coming to the our area.

◆ Thursday, November 3 - Senior Coffee, 1:00 pm at Laurel Senior Center, 7100 Contee Road.

◆ Thursday, November 3 – CCA Board Meeting, 7pm at Calverton Elementary. Update on Maydale Nature Center.

◆ Saturday, November 5 – Habitat for Humanity Restore Silver Spring Two Year Anniversary, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at 12006 Plum Orchard

Drive, Silver Spring. See flyer in the newsletter.

◆ Tuesday, November 8 – GET OUT TO VOTE.

◆ Tuesday, November 8 – Beltsville Senior Tea, 1:00 pm at Riderwood in the Celebrations Room.

◆ Wednesday, November 9 – CCA General Membership Meeting, 7pm at Calverton Elementary. Come out to meet your neighbors and learn what is happening in and around Calverton. **There will be representatives from Montgomery County (MC) and Beltsville Refuse to discuss garbage pickup in MC Calverton. Do MC residents want to go with county pickup?**

◆ Tuesday, November 15 – Montgomery County Elder Abuse and Exploitation, 11:00 am to 12:00 noon at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 12621 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring.

◆ Tuesday, November 15 – Thanksgiving Day for the Police. Send a thank you card to your police at PG District VI and MC District 3. PG District VI, 4321 Sellman Road, Beltsville, MD 20705. MC District 3, 1002 Milestone Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20904. See article elsewhere in the newsletter.

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

◆ Friday, December 9 – Deadline to entry Holiday Light Display Contest. There are prizes awaiting the winners.

CRIME REPORT

Be smart, think smart. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR RUNNING. LOCK YOUR CAR AND DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING OF VALUE IN YOUR CAR.**

Calverton:

- September 13 – Theft 11900 Block Beltsville Drive, townhomes
- September 14 – Theft, 3600 Block Chase Terrace
- September 14 – Theft, 3800 Block Lighthouse Way, apartments
- September 16 – Burglary, 3000 Block Calverton Boulevard
- September 17 – Theft, 11700 Block Beltsville Drive, Calverton Shopping Center
- September 20 – Theft from Auto, 11900 Block Beltsville Drive
- September 22 – Theft, 11700 Block Beltsville Drive
- September 22 – Theft, 11700 Block Beltsville Drive
- September 23 – Theft, 11700 Block Beltsville Drive
- October 2 – Theft, 11700 Block Beltsville Drive
- October 4 – Break-in, 11900 Block Twinlakes Drive, Apartments
- October 6 – Break-in, 11800 Block Twinlakes Drive,
- October 7 – Break-in, 11900 Block Twinlakes Drive
- October 10 – Assault, 12400 Block Palermo Drive

Nearby Communities:

- October 1 – Theft, 12300 Block Herrington Manor Drive, West Farm Townhomes
- October 5 – Theft from auto, 2700 Block Sweet Clover Court, West Farm
- October 11 – Vandalism motor vehicle, 2600 Block Antler Court, Deer Ridge
- October 11 – Theft, forgery, counterfeit, identity theft, 2600 Block Summer Hill Court, near Arden Courts
- October 11 – Theft, 2900 Block Strauss Terrace, Tanglewood

October 14 – Theft, 3000 Block Fairland Road, near Marlow Road
Orchard Center and the Industrial Park:
 September 16 – Other trespassing restaurant, 12000 Block Cherry Hill Road
 September 16 – Theft, 12000 Block Cherry Hill Road
 September 18 – Theft, Target
 September 18 – Theft Target
 September 22 – Theft, Target
 September 22 – Arrest, Narcotics, 12000 Block Cherry Hill Road
 September 30 – Other disorderly, 2200 Block Broad birch Road
 October 2 – Theft, 12000 Cherry Hill Road
 October 4 – Vehicle theft, Block 12000 Cherry Hill Road
 October 4 – Theft, 12000 Block Cherry Hill Road
 October 5 – Theft, Target
 October 5 – Vehicle Theft, Block 12000 Cherry Hill Road
 October 6 – Theft, Kohl's
 October 7 – Theft, Target
 October 10 – Theft, 12200 Block Cherry Hill Road, near Darcars
 October 10 – Theft, Target
 October 10 – Theft, 12000 Block Cherry Hill Road
 October 12, Theft, 12000 Block Cherry Hill Road
 October 12, Theft, Kohl's
 October 12, Theft, 12200 Block Tech Road
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BLOCK CAPTAIN VACANCY REPORT

The CCA wants to thank a new Block Captain. David Jackson is the new Block Captain of Bellevue Street, Block 47.

There are still Block Captain vacancies in Calverton

Montgomery County. Need 6 Block Captains. For more info, please call Donna Riley, Mont. Co 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-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. Needs 3 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 the newsletters, so we need someone to collect dues.
- Block B-18, on Green mount 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 may not be receiving this newsletter, paying their CCA dues or receiving the Calverton Directory. We need your help.



2016 CALVERTON HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAY CONTEST

SPONSORED BY THE CCA AND
CARROLLTON ENTERPRISES

FILL OUT THE APPLICATION TO ENTER THE 2016 CALVERTON HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

I swear that I am a current 2016 dues-paying member of the CCA. I agree to allow the Holiday Light Committee to come to my house and enter my front yard to judge my Holiday Light Display for the contest. Judging will take place between December 16 and December 21. Winners will be notified by phone.

Cash prizes will be awarded at the January 5, 2016 CCA board meeting. The winners' names will appear in the Calverton Current February 2016 issue.

Signature _____

Please mail to Calverton Holiday Light Display Contest, P.O. Box 21, Beltsville, MD 20704-0021

or go to www.calvertoncitizens.org or email this information to Bernie Karns at jeff.karns@verizon.net

**Entries must be received by
Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

