

# Calverton Current

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## CCA BOARD MESSAGE

The Calverton crime report is up front and center. There are several types of crime that have increased significantly everywhere, including Calverton. These crimes can be prevented by everyone of us.

**Email scams** have increased over the last several months. People have received scams on their computer at home and their computer at work. If you see something at work that looks like it came from your boss, your IT person or whomever, call that person. Do not respond to it or open it before your check it out. When you receive an email at home and the name looks familiar, please check out the email address. If the email address looks different, do not open the email. Delete the email immediately. You can also call the person to see if the person sent you the email.

**Phone scams** have increased out of control. If someone calls and asks you "Can you hear me?", hang up. **DO NOT SAY YES. HANG UP.** If someone asks you for personal information, do not give it out to anyone. If someone says that your loved one is in trouble and needs help, do not send them any. Hang up immediately. If the "IRS" calls, it is not the IRS. Hang up.

**Mailbox theft** has increased tremendously. Items have been stolen out of mailboxes. Some people have reported that items were not delivered from the post office. Do not put checks or money in your mailbox. If you discover that something was not delivered to the person to whom you had sent the mail, file a report with the postmaster general. You can call your local post office to report the theft.

**Theft from auto** can be prevented by locking your car doors. Do not leave anything in your car. Take out your laptop, GPS, cellphone, money or anything else of value in your car. Do not leave your garage door opener in your car. The thief who takes your garage door opener out of the car now has a way to get into your house. It will be so easy, quiet and no one will notice them going into your house

**Auto theft, stolen auto**, can be prevented by always, always locking your car. Lock your car when go back in the house to get something. Do not let your car idle or warm up, while you are in the house. Your car is an easy target for a thief when it is sitting there running with no one near the car. It only takes seconds to break a car window, hop into the car and drive away free and clear.

**Breaking and entering** of your house can be prevented by locking your doors and windows when you are gone or when you are asleep. Lock your front door when you are in the backyard. Lock your back door when you are in the front yard. Thieves love to find that unlocked door or window because it makes it so easy and so quiet for them to get into your house. Who will pay attention to someone just walking into your house as if they live there?

Both Prince George's County and Montgomery County Police will come to your house for home safety inspection.

The police offer suggestions on how to make your house safer and make it harder for the thieves to break into your house. MC District 3 – 240-773-6800. PG District VI – 301-937-0910

Neighbors need your help. Keep your eyes open. You can help keep crime down in Calverton. If you see something strange, call 911. **SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- ♦ February through April – there is free income tax assistance for residents who qualify. Please
- ♦ Tuesday, February 14 – Beltsville Tea Time, 1:00 pm, Riderwood in the Celebrations Room. Corporal Castro is working on getting a speaker from police communications.
- ♦ Monday, February 20 – President's Day. Both MC and PG County Offices are closed. Both MC and PG County Schools are closed. MC recycling pickup is moved one day. **DO NOT PUT YOUR OUT FOR WEDNESDAY. MC RECYCLING WILL BE PICKED UP ON THURSDAY.** PG will only pickup yard wastes on Monday. There is no bulky, large item pickup on Monday. **DO NOT PUT OUT YOUR BULKY, LARGE ITEMS. CALL 311 FOR A PICKUP ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27.**
- ♦ Wednesday, March 1 – ECCAB Meeting, 7:00 pm, East County Building, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road. Topic has not been announced.
- ♦ Thursday, March 2 – Senior Coffee, 1:00 pm, Laurel Senior Center, 7120 Contee Road. Topic has not been announced.
- ♦ **Thursday, March 2 – CCA Board Meeting, 7:00 pm.**
- ♦ Tuesday, March 7 and Wednesday, March 15 – US29 BRT Public Open Houses. More details to come.
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## CCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 12, 2017 (POSTPONED FROM JANUARY 5)

Meeting called to order 7:07pm

Holiday Light Contest winners: Three of the winners attended the meeting and received their monetary award. The other winners will be given their award later. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for the addresses of the winners.

Treasurer's Report: CCA 2017 Budget presented and ap-

proved. The current budget includes income from dues and newsletter ads. Expenses include the newsletter, website and email list serve.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Directory:** The committee will be sending the directory to the printer in the next couple of weeks. There will be a page in the directory dedicated to volunteers and benefactors who have helped Calverton. The Directory is printed every two years. This year is 2017-2018.

**Membership:** Dues is down slightly this year. The dues is still being collected by some block captains. You can also send your \$20 dues to CCA, P.O. Box 21, Beltsville, MD 20704-0021.

**Volunteers and Block Captains:** The board is looking at ways of getting volunteers to fill the vacancies on the board. A few more people have volunteered to be Block Captains. The CCA board needs residents to help with events and activities, too.

**CRC:** Need to contact the CRC to see how the programs are going.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

New address for the CCA: 10901 Rhode Island Avenue, #21, Beltsville, MD 20704-0021. This new address will accommodate packages getting delivered to the Post Office when the CCA orders brochures.

**CCA Mission Statement:** changes will be made in the 2017-2018 Directory

#### **East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB) –**

1) David Petr, President & CEO, Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation. Topic: Overview and Vision of the Newly Created County Economic Development Corporation and getting business to the East County.

2) Joy Nurmi, Special Assistant to the County Executive (Isiah Leggett), Christopher Conklin, Deputy Director of Transportation Policy, and Andrew Bossi, Senior Engineer of the MCDOT talked about transportation and the WOSG (White Oak Science Gateway, "Viva White Oak"). There was also a Brief Overview of the White Oak Science Gateway Local Area Transportation Review Fee. **This website shows the Viva White Oak which will be built on 300 acres off of Cherry Hill Road and will include the old Site II property. The last few slides in the link below are about the Viva White Oak.** <http://www.montgomerycountychamber.com/sites/default/files/pdf/LSV-Overview-011212.pdf>

**The link below shows the entire White Oak Master Plan that includes the FDA, White Oak and Hillandale.** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/wosg/documents/approved\\_and\\_adopted\\_final.pdf](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/wosg/documents/approved_and_adopted_final.pdf).

3) There was an announcement that Global Foods of VA will be moving into the old Safeway store in the Briggs Chaney Shopping Center. It is an international food store that caters to all people.

4) The District 3 Police gave a crime report that most crimes in the area are up including thefts from auto. Most of theft from autos were from unlocked cars. Residential robberies are up in District 3 and most were due to unlocked doors. There have been some gun arrests in the Lockwood Drive/Stewart Lane area.

5) It was announced that RCCG Jesus Church has devel-

oped plans for a mega church at New Hampshire Avenue and Route 198. The plans include a K -12 school, sanctuary, gym, ball field with bleachers and an amphitheater. Here is the website to find out more about the plan and a petition to stop the plan. [www.stopmegachurch.com/](http://www.stopmegachurch.com/)

**County Executive Budget Meeting –** The county budget has cut 30% of the MC Library System budget. The County Executive wanted to give library workers at least a little raise in the budget since they have not any raise for several years. But, the County Council voted no raises in this budget. One board member said that many local counties are considering high density housing for projects because it generates more money going to a county. Money is tight now and counties are looking for new projects to bring in money and to bring in jobs. One board member said that the new Silver Spring Library is large and has a lot of resources. Another board member mentioned that the new Laurel Library is large and has a lot of resources, too. Everyone should go look at both new libraries.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Shanandale Park –** Montgomery County planted 11 new trees at the park on Shanandale Drive. There are 6 different tree varieties that have been planted..

**Beautification Contest –** look for the contest application elsewhere in the newsletter. Judges will be coming to judge yards several times between early June to the end of September. Winners will be announced at the November CCA General Membership Meeting.

**Vacancies on the CCA Board –** there are still several vacancies on the board that need to be filled. Again, the CCA Board is looking into ways to get more Calverton residents involved in the community and involved in participating in the different aspects of the CCA activities.

**BRT meetings and hearings –** Bus Rapid Transportation on Route 29. The US 29 Draft Corridor Study Report will be released on Friday, January 20. <https://mta.maryland.gov/us29brt>. The US 29 CAC (Citizen Advisory Committee) will meet on February 2. Final comments from the CAC members is February 20. The State of Maryland has opted out of the partnership to build the US29 BRT. So, MC is going to build a down graded version of the BRT on US29. There are two public open houses scheduled for residents to view the project and then to make comments. The dates are Tuesday, March 7 and Wednesday, March 15. More details to follow.

New ideas for the community were discussed; such as, decorating the walls for the holidays and having a new event in the fall. If you have any ideas please send them to the board. The board will discuss in more details new ideas for future events at another board meeting.

Vehicles parked in community that may not comply with county codes and law – someone raised a concern about all the vehicles that seem to be illegally parked in the community. Residents in Calverton need to call the county to report an issue. If you feel that there is a problem, call your county. MC residents need to call 240-777-0311 to put in a complaint. PG residents call 311 to put in a complaint. ALL CALLS ARE ANONYMOUS. NO ONE WILL KNOW WHO CALLED IN THE COMPLAINT. THE MORE PEOPLE WHO CALL THE FASTER THE COUNTY RESPONDS TO COMPLAINTS. SO PLEASE CALL.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

## BLOCK CAPTAIN VACANCY REPORT

The CCA wants to thank some new Block Captains.

- ◆ Sherri Lazas, who lives on Shanandale, will be Block Captain for block 68, Red Lion Lane
- ◆ Latoya Ward will be Block Captain for block 22, Ingle-side Drive
- ◆ Adriane Donkers, who lives on Chapel View, will be Block Captain for block 2, Ellicott Road

There are still Block Captain vacancies in Calverton

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY.** Need 4 Block Captains.

For more info, please call Donna Riley, MC 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

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.** Needs 2 Block Captains.

For more info, please call Nina Harley, PG Membership Chair at 301-572-7455.

Block B-18, Greenmount Avenue, 21 homes

Block 38, Wellford Street, 26 homes

You do not have to live on the block to be the Block Cap-tain, 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 HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST WINNERS

The lights were brightly shining in Calverton this year. Many residents out did themselves this year with their light displays. It was so much fun seeing all the holiday lights in Calverton. All these residents received a monetary award for their great effort. We would like to than Carrollton Enterprises for co-sponsoring this contest with the Calverton Citizens Association.

Here are the winners of the 2016 Holiday Light Contest.

### WINNER

13237 BELLEVUE

### RUNNER UPS

13103 IVY DRIVE

12911 FOREST VIEW DRIVE

### HONORABLE MENTION

6 SHANANDALE COURT

3200 DUNNINGTON ROAD

12513 GALWAY DRIVE

3004 GAZEBO COURT

12420 LA PLATA STREET

Start planning your display for next year. And when you see the entry form in the newsletter don't forget to enter contest. You could win some money by winning the 2017 Holiday Light Display Contest.