

Calverton Current



Newsletter of the Calverton Citizen's Association ♦ Silver Spring, MD ♦ Beltsville, MD

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CCA BOARD MESSAGE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The biggest event for Calverton is almost here. Our Calverton July 4th Celebration Event is on Tuesday, July 4 and your help is needed for the biggest event that Calverton has for Calverton residents and their families. You can volunteer from 8:00 am to 11:00 am or from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will gladly take whatever time you can give to help on Tuesday, July 4. Call Bernie at 301-572-8018. All ages are welcome to help. Students will receive service hours for volunteering on July 4. **But, students, you have to bring your volunteer form with you when you come.** Call Bernie at 301-572-8018 to volunteer to help on July 4. Thank you in advance.

CCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES—April 6, 2017

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm

Treasurer's Report: Income - membership dues, interest, newsletter ads. Expenses – directory, insurance.

Committee Reports:

Directory – is a maroon color like the Washington football team color. The committee will make sure that there are enough directories for new residents and to be included in a Welcome Packet. The board thanked the Directory Committee for putting together the 2017-2018 Directory.

Welcome - The board wants to get a list of houses for sale in the community. A copy of the Welcome Letter will be given to new residents along with a directory. Also, a copy of the covenants will be given to realtors who are selling houses in the community.

CRC – the spring soccer program is going strong. The number of participants is up this year. The CRC is planning to have an end of the season soccer party. The CRC will have a table at Beltsville Day to promote the programs that the CRC offers.

Website – The CCA board voted to put the website on a different server. We hope that this will make it easier to update the website.

New Business:

US29BRT – is moving along. There is another meeting on May 25. MC is now building the project without the help of the State of Maryland.

District 3 Police Meeting – with Commander Jones discussing crime. The meeting was at the District 3 police station. Attendees at the meeting toured the station. Commander Jones introduced the three community police officers: Officer Joy Patil, Officer Glenda Joseph and Officer Melissa Colligan. Commander Jones said that county is concerned that there has been increase in gang activity over the last couple of year in

the county. He is amazed that theft from auto continues to go up not only in the District 3 but across the county.

Calverton Elementary – the board has decided to thank the school staff with coffee and doughnuts for participating in the PG police program "Thank You Police."

Traffic meeting regarding Tech Road and Prosperity Drive – will be held on April 10 at 7pm.

Old Business:

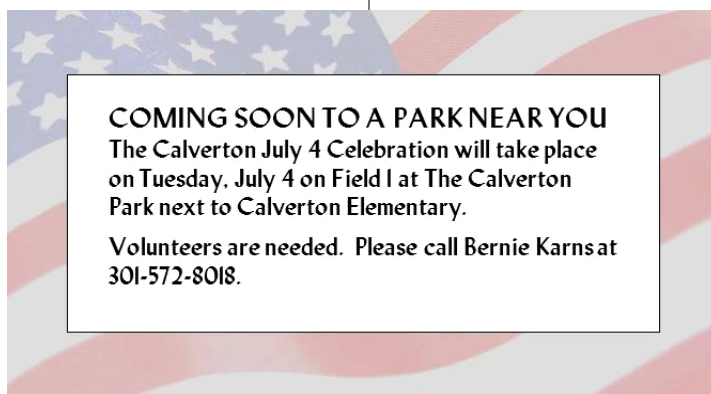
July 4 – the board is working on getting some organizations to help with set up and take down of tables, tents, etc. We need volunteers to help. The July 4th Celebration is getting harder and harder for the board to do. 2017 will probably be the last year for the July 4th Celebration.

General Membership Meeting – is on April 12, 7:00 pm at Calverton Elementary. The Social Committee has lined up everything for the meeting.

Trailer with a political statement written on it - has been relocated.

The next board meeting is May 4 at 7:00 pm at Calverton Elementary.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm



CCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES—May 4, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

Guest: Anne Kaiser, Montgomery County District 14 House of Delegates in Maryland, Chair of the Ways & Means Committee, gave a legislative wrap-up on the session that just ended.

This past session 1600 bills were introduced, 350 from Ways & Means. A balanced budget was a priority. Tax credits were passed to spur business and technology. There was also a push to: 1) fight the opioid crisis; 2) fight drug pricing increases; 3) give workers sick leave; 4) ban fracking in Maryland.

She said that she works hard and that she really emphasizes values in action. She sends letters and updates to citizens, meets with citizens, and listens to citizens regarding legislation. Even with most of the delegates having regular, outside jobs while in office, we all do our best to keep up with everything. She wants to hear from the citizens because some of the ideas and views are very important and have great input on the issues.

One resident asked about an extra tax form that he had to fill out this year because the 502 form did not have enough information. Anne Kaiser said that she had not heard of another form. Maybe it is something that the state is doing for tax changes in 2018. No one else at the meeting had to fill out an extra form.

The Hometown Heroes Bill passed to exempt retired law enforcement, fire, rescue, and emergency response personnel from state taxes on

retirement income.

Prevailing Wage Bill was passed. Contractors and subcontractors working on eligible public works projects in Maryland must pay their employees the prevailing wage rate. "Public works" are structures or works, including a bridge, building, ditch, road, alley, water work, or sewage disposal plant, that are constructed for public use or benefit the public. The projects are also paid for entirely or in part by public money. Everyone is watching the Chesapeake Bay since the Federal Government has cut funding for the bay.

If you want to contact me, the best was to contact me at this time since the House is not currently in session is via email: Anne.Kaiser@house.state.md.us.

Treasurer's Report - Income: more CCA dues. Expenses: the general membership meeting and one more expense for directory.

Both PG and MC Police are very alarmed that the number of thefts from auto (computers, GPS, money, etc. stolen out of cars) and auto thefts (cars stolen) are still going up and are not going down. They need us to be vigilant in keeping valuable things out of cars and they need us to lock our cars. They need our help so that they can stop crime. Please lock your cars. Please take everything out of your car. Residents in Calverton need to keep eyes and ears open for anything that looks suspicious or anything that sounds suspicious. DO NOT ASSUME IT IS NOTHING. Everyone needs to call 911 immediately and let the police check it out and confirm that it is nothing.

MC Police reported an increase in shots fired and stranger rapes (rapes by something you don't know).

One resident noticed that **DARCARS** has been parking vehicles on the grass near the National Guard Armory on Cherry Hill Road. The resident made a call to 311 regarding the problem.

Shanandale Park – one resident thought that the location at the end of Shanandale would make a good place to have a community yard sale or a community movie night.

Beautification Contest – the judging will begin soon. If you entered the contest please make sure you keep up with yard because the judges will be coming to look at the yards that have been entered.

Tree stumps – some residents were wondering who they should call about a tree stumps that were left by PEPCO after cutting down trees. Please email Tammi Watkins twatkins@pepco.com

East Montgomery County Meeting - Council member Tom Hucker's office update: Montgomery County passed a bill that will help to control vacant properties. When you notice vacant properties in Calverton report the vacant property to the county. Call 311 or 240-770-0311 (if phone number begins with 572) in MC. Call 311 in PG to report a vacant property. If you have called the county and there has been no action or little action call your county council person. MC – Tom Hucker, 240-777-7960. PG – Mary Lehman, 301-952-3887.

Industrial Parkway and Prosperity Drive in MC – traffic pattern changes. You can no longer turn left onto Prosperity Drive from Industrial Parkway after you have turned right onto Industrial Parkway from US29. You can no longer turn left onto Industrial Parkway if you are at the stop sign on Prosperity Drive. You can only turn right towards US29.

East Montgomery County is the most affordable area in the county. Many people in the East County are wondering what will be the impact on communities as new housing comes the area, such as the new development Viva White Oak?

Maydale – now has programs and some facilities. It will officially open this fall. You can find more about Maydale programs, etc. <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/maydale-conservation-park/>

MC Property Tax Credit - The Montgomery County Council on March 7 approved Bill 42-16 to create a new property tax credit for residents who are at least 65 years old and who have either lived in the same home for

at least 40 years or are retired veterans of the U.S. military. An updated web site is now available with more details on the program and directions on how to apply for the credit.

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Finance/bill-42-16.html. Prince George's County has tax credits for seniors. <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/419/Residential>. Also, the State of Maryland offers info on tax credits for seniors. http://taxes.marylandtaxes.com/Individual_Taxes/Individual_Tax_Types/Income_Tax/Filing_Information/If_You_Are_a_Senior_Citizen/

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

The next and last meeting until September for the CCA Board Meeting will be Thursday, June 1, 7:00 pm, Calverton Elementary Media Center. The CCA Board does not meet in July and August.

CRIME REPORT

- ◆ April 28 – Cutting/Robbery, 11900 Block Beltsville Drive
- ◆ April 29 – Theft Shoplifting, 11700 Block Beltsville Drive
- ◆ May 7 – Vandalism, Calverton Boulevard near Shanandale Drive
- ◆ May 18 – Missing person, 2900 Block Red Lion Lane
- ◆ May 19 – Theft, 11700 Block Beltsville Drive

The crime report looks much better this month. Let's continue to lock our cars and keep valuables out of our cars. Also, lock house doors and windows. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for more tips on crime prevention.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ Friends of the Laurel Library Need Book Donations. Friends of Laurel Library are planning a book sale in September-October and they are looking for donations of gently used books. Children's books sell well. The funds raised will support programs at the Laurel Library for the next year. Please drop the donations at the Laurel Library on the corner of west bound 198 and 7th St.
- ◆ Tuesday, June 13 – Tea with COPS (PG), is on summer break.. This program will begin again in September.
- ◆ Tuesday, June 20 – PG District 21 Delegation Legislative Wrap-up, 7:00 pm, Martin Luther King Middle School. Please join Senator Jim Rosapepe, Delegate Barbara Frush, Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk and Delegate Ben Barnes.
- ◆ Thursday, June 22 - **Heroin, Opioids, Synthetic Marijuana & Drugs of today are not the same as Drugs of Yesteryear!!! 7-9 pm, Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department 4911 Prince George's Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland.** The Problem is here in our community impacting our children, families & neighbors! The drugs of today are laced with an ever changing concoction that makes them significantly more dangerous than the drugs from the 1960- 1990's. Users can never be sure of the chemical component or the bodies' reaction to the drug. The "High" and the "Addiction" is constantly changing based on the chemical compound. The synthetic drugs are more addictive than their predecessors. The Drug Dealer of today looks like the neighbor down the street. They are targeting younger buyers in middle school and elementary school. "Stranger Danger" used to mean someone that your child did not know.... Today the drug dealer could be SOMEONE you or your children already know. The "Drug Problem" impacts everyone in the community!!! The addict's family is not the only victim. Break-ins and robberies are another side effect of the growing Drug Problem. BRING A FRIEND ... BRING A NEIGHBOR...BRING YOUR CHILDREN!!!! THIS PROBLEM IS IMPACTING EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY!!! Sponsored by the District 6

Police Citizen's Advisory Council and the District 6 Prince Georges County Police.

- ◆ Tuesday, July 4 – Celebrate Calverton July 4 Event. Calverton/Beltsville Park, Field 1, Fullerton Street, 10:45 am – 1:30 pm. Please call Bernie to volunteer to help. See more info elsewhere in this newsletter.
- ◆ Thursday, July 6 – Coffee with COPS in PG District VI is on summer break. This program will begin again in September.
- ◆ Tuesday, August 1 – National Night Out (NNO). Both PG and MC will have a NNO this year. PG District VI will have the last NNO at the station on Sellman Road this year. Future NNO's will be held in the communities. MC will have NNO at the East County Services Building on Briggs Chaney Road. Look for more details in the July Newsletter and on CCA website.

Farmers Markets Are Open for the 2017 Season

We are lucky to have an abundance of farmers' markets providing local fresh food in both counties.

Here are some in PG County and many of them are now open.

- Spicknall's Farm Market, 12011 Old Gunpowder Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705. (301) 937-8288
- College Park Farmers Market, 5211 Paint Branch Pkwy College Park, MD 20740. Saturdays, 7 AM - Noon; open now through November 18th
- Downtown College Park Farmers Market, 4500 Knox Rd College Park, MD 20740. Sundays, 10 AM - 2 PM; open now through November 19th
- Hollywood Farmers Market, 9801 Rhode Island Avenue College Park, MD 20740. Saturdays, 9 AM - 1 PM; open now through November 18th
- Laurel Farmers Market, 378 Main Street Laurel, MD 20707. Thursdays, 9 AM - 2 PM; open June 1st through October 26th
- USDA (Beltsville) Farmers Market, 5601 Sunnyside Ave Parking Lot B, Beltsville, MD, 20705. Thursdays, 10 AM - 2 PM; open June 15th through October 27th.



Here are some in MC that are open now.

- Heyser Farms at 14526 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20904. <http://www.spencervillered.com/>
- Olney Farmers and Artists Market. 2919 Olney Sandy Spring Rd, Olney, MD 20832
<http://www.olneyfarmersmarket.org/>
- Takoma Park Farmers Market, 6935 Laurel Ave Suite 207, Takoma Park, MD 20912. <http://takomaparkmarket.com/>. Sizable, Sundays-only farmer's market featuring fruits, vegetables, flowers, cheeses & other items.
- Crossroads Farmers Market, Anne St, Silver Spring, MD 20903. <https://www.crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org/farmers-market/>
- Brookeville Beer Farm & Farmers Market, 20315 Georgia Ave,

Brookeville, MD 20833. <http://brookevillebeerfarm.com/>

There are many farmer's markets open during the summer. Check them out and support your local farmers.

- ◆ Friday, May 19 – Chief on the Go with PG Police Chief "Hank" Stawinski, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at Towne Center at Laurel, 14716 Baltimore Avenue. Come meet the Chief and the District VI Command Staff.
- ◆ Sunday, May 21 – Crossroads Farmer's Market 11th Season Kickoff Party, 3:00-6:00 pm. Helps us kick off our season at the party with food, drinks, live music and silent auction. **Location:** Anne St. (between University Blvd. & Hammond Ave., across from the Rite Aid) Takoma Park, MD 20912. Crossroads Community Food Network is building a healthier, more inclusive food system in Maryland's Takoma/Langley Crossroads. The Crossroads Farmer's Market will open on May 31. <https://www.crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org>
- ◆ Sunday, May 21 – Beltsville Day, Noon – 5:00 pm, Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, MD. Community event with food, music, games and displays. <http://beltsvillereccouncil.homestead.com/beltsvilleaday.html>
- ◆ Wednesday, May 31 – Crossroads Farmer's Market opens for the season, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, rain or shine. **Location:** Anne St. (between University Blvd. & Hammond Ave., across from the Rite Aid) Takoma Park, MD 20912.
- ◆ Thursday, June 1 - CCA Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Calverton Elementary School, Media Center.
 - ◆ This will be the last board meeting until September. Please join us.
 - ◆ Wednesday, June 7 – East County Citizens Advisory Board, 7:00 pm at the East County Regional Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road.
 - ◆ Wednesday, June 7 – Mary Lehman's Town Hall Meeting. Details to follow.
 - ◆ Thursday, June 8 – Coffee with Police, 1:00 pm, Laurel Senior Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD.
 - ◆ Tuesday, June 13 – Coffee with Police, 1:00 pm, Riderwood in the Celebrations Room. Topic: TBD
 - ◆ Tuesday, June 20 – District 21 Delegation Legislative Wrap-Up, 7:00 pm. Location: TBD
- ◆ Tuesday, July 4 – Calverton July 4 Celebration Event, 10:45 am – 1:30 pm on Field 1 at the Calverton Field next to Calverton Elementary School. **Please volunteer to help.**

Countless reasons to support farmers markets. Here are just a few!
Taste Real Flavors Enjoy the Season Support Family Farmers Protect the Environment
Nourish Yourself Discover the Spice of Life: Variety Promote Humane Treatment of Animals
Know Where Your Food Comes From Learn Cooking Tips, Recipes, and Meal Ideas
Connect with Your Community



BLOCK CAPTAIN VACANCY REPORT

The CCA would like to thank some people for their many years of service to the Calverton Community and we would like to thank people who have taken their place.

A THANK YOU shout out goes to Rose Ridgway for her many, many years as the Block Captain for Ellicott Road and for her many, many years of serving on the CCA Board before moving out of the community. We are very grateful for her commitment to the Calverton community for over 50 years.

Next, we would like to give a THANK YOU shout out to Tom and Del Hanningan for their many, many years of service as distributors of the newsletter to several block captains. We are very grateful for their commitment to the Calverton community for over 50 years.

The CCA wants to thank a few people for taking on new duties to help with the newsletter:

- ◆ Lawrence Berry will be the Newsletter Distributor for blocks 9-15 in Prince George's County.
- ◆ Jeffrey Marshall is now the new Block Captain for Kilkenny Street, M-50a.
- ◆ Adriane Donkers is the new Block Captain for Ellicott Road, P-2

The CCA still needs help because 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 M-40a, on Summerwood Drive, 10 homes

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

Block M-42, on Castleleigh Place, 22 homes

Block M-73, Chapel View Drive & Chapel View Court, 19 homes

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

Block P-18, Greenmount Avenue, 21 homes

Block P-38, Wellford Street, 26 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. The Calverton Citizens Association does not function without the help of volunteers. We need your help.

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