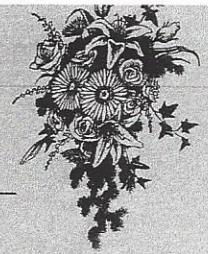


Calverton Current



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....Bernie Karns

Attention, Calverton Residents!!!

We need your attendance at the April 9, 2014 Calverton Citizens Association (CCA) General Membership meeting at Calverton Elementary School. The CCA Board has approved revised bylaws that now need to be approved by the CCA general membership.

You will find a copy of the proposed bylaws as an insert in this newsletter. You can also go to our website, www.calvertoncitizens.org. Proposed additions to the bylaws are underlined. Proposed deletions are double struck out.

This is your opportunity to give comments and discuss the proposed bylaw changes. This is also your opportunity to approve the bylaws for your Calverton.

There will be a Meet and Greet beginning at 7:15 p.m. The general meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

See you on Wednesday, April 9, at 7:15 p.m. at Calverton Elementary School multipurpose room.

DATES TO REMEMBER

☞ **April 3, Thursday - 7 p.m.** CCA Board Meeting. Prince George's County Police Substation, Calverton Shopping Center. All CCA members are invited and encouraged to attend.

☞ **April 7, Monday - 7:30 p.m.** Calverton Recreation Council Board Meeting. Go to www.calvertonrec.org for more information.

☞ **April 9, Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.** Semiannual CCA General Membership Meeting. Calverton Elementary multipurpose room. Meet and Greet starts at 7:15 p.m. Let's have a great turnout!

☞ **April 10, Thursday - Deadline for next Calverton Current.** Please volunteer to be editor or to work on the newsletter.

HIGHLIGHTS OF MARCH 2014 CCA BOARD MEETING

Corporal Haynes. Prince George's County Police Corporal Haynes updated the Board about signs that were posted on a couple of streets near Calverton. He assured the Board that the signs were allowed and were posted to protect the owner of the property. He said that two vehicles were stolen in Cross Creek community at Briggs Chaney and Old Gunpowder Roads.

The Police Academy Class is still looking for people from Calverton to register. You will learn police procedures and policy.

Tom H brought up that there is a house on Oriole Drive that appears to be vacant and has a broken window. Corporal Haynes will investigate. The light at Calverton Field keeps getting broken. Corporal Haynes will talk to Maryland Park and Planning.

When the weather is bad, be very cautious while driving; there were three traffic fatalities in the area. Remember to close your car windows and lock your car doors when pumping gas at gas stations; purses and other items are still being stolen.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Tom H presented the treasurer's report. Money from the ads for the 2014 Calverton Directory is still coming in.

Publications Committee. Still need to collect money for a couple of ads for the Calverton Directory. Karen put an article in the newsletter describing job details and how it can be done by two or more people. (The article is repeated in this issue.)

Zoning and Legal Committee. Illegal rentals and illegal businesses are being operated out of houses. Structures without permits being issued first are being built without complying to codes. Board members will be setting up a meeting with Montgomery County and Prince George's County officials to discuss the violations.

Social Committee. Margaret and Claire will take care of refreshments for the April 9 General Membership meeting.

Calverton Recreation Council. Will have spring soccer.

Shed Update. We will have final details soon about the

Please call Bernie Karns (301-572-8018) to sign up to work on the Calverton Current.

CCA shed to be built on the pool property.

Corner of Calverton Boulevard and Gracefield Road. Several questions were raised: Who owns this property? Who or what county agency should be maintaining the corner with the Calverton sign? Who is responsible for cutting the grass or removing snow from the sidewalk?

White Oak Science Gateway. This project is on hold. Traffic study errors were found, and traffic officials will conduct another study. It might not be back on the agenda with the Montgomery County Council until June.

High Point High School. The school may need letters of support to renovate or build a new school.

Neighborhood Walk. The CCA is trying to set up something for mid-May.

Lawn Unkempt. The grass at a house near Ivy Drive and Castleleigh Road is unkempt and overgrown. Will call 311 and find owner to cut grass and maintain yard.

Teen CERT and Tele Classes. Mark D stated that there is Teen CERT, disaster response training for teens sponsored by FEMA. Also, it has been heard that Montgomery College wants to use Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center for new tele classes.

CCA NEWSLETTER EDITOR(S) WANTED

The editorship of the *Calverton Current* will be open starting with the June issue, which is prepared in May. Some of the duties include but are not limited to:

- Insert the President's letter, Board meeting minutes, and other articles into the newsletter.
- Throughout the month, search library racks, the Internet, and newspapers for information relevant to Calverton.
- Check in the Local Living section of the Thursday *Washington Post* for crime incidents in Calverton (District 3 in Montgomery County; District VI in Prince George's County).
- Go to the CCA box at the Beltsville Post Office several times a month and pick up ads for the Classified Ads page. Karen Mills will pass on the key to the post office box. Turn the ads money in to the CCA treasurer.
- One person can do this, or the duties can be divided, say one person does pages 1-3, and another person takes care of the Classified Ads page (page 4). There are many other ways to divide the duties.
- The current editor, Karen Mills, will help you get set up.

BLOCK CAPTAIN VACANCY REPORT

Montgomery County. A Block Captain is needed for Block 40a. For more info, please call Donna Riley, Montgomery County Membership Chair, at 301-572-5186.

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

Prince George's County. Block Captains are needed for Blocks 12 and 33. For more info, please call Nina Harley, Prince George's County Membership Chair, at 301-572-7455.

- Block B-12, on Greenmount Avenue, has 24 homes
- Block B-33, on Fullerton Street, has 27 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 deliver the newsletter, the other collect dues, or you could alternate months of delivering the newsletter.

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 this year.

REMINDER

CCA GENERAL MEETING

CALVERTON ELEMENTARY

Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.

Many Informative Speakers Planned

Refreshments Served

LET'S HAVE A LARGE TURNOUT!

CALL THE COUNTY!

If you have a question regarding seeing an abandoned car, grass too tall, an abandoned house, a tall fence, shed being built without a building permit, oversized vehicles parked on the driveway or street, you need to call the county!

If you live in Prince George's County, call 311. If you live in Montgomery County and have a 572 number, call 240-777-0311; otherwise, call 311. You can also go online with the county you live in and file the complaint online.

PLASTIC BAGS BANNED IN BOTH COUNTIES FOR RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE

Recently, the Prince George's County Council banned the use of plastic bags for recycling containers or putting plastic bags in recycling. It also voted not to allow plastic bags to be used in holding yard waste (leaves, branches, etc.). Montgomery County has had these same restrictions for several years. So both counties have the same laws for plastic bags.

You may purchase heavy weight paper bags at any grocery or hardware store.

CAN THE GREASE!

Sewer blockages have occurred in your neighborhood.

Fats, oils and grease can clog sewer pipes and damage your home and the environment.

Follow these easy steps to prevent sewer blockages and back-ups:

- Never pour kitchen greases or oils down the drain.
- Pour cooled grease into a can (a soup can works great) and throw in the trash.
- Scrape grease and food scraps into the trash.
- Use sink strainers to catch food items, then empty the strainer into the trash.

Remember that every household plays an important role in preventing neighborhood sewer blockages.



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