# Calverton Current

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . . . . . . Bernie Karns

It is hard to believe that we are saying goodbye to Karen Mills as our newsletter editor. After many, many years of being the newsletter editor of the Calverton Current, Karen has decided it is time to turn a page and hand over the newsletter to another editor. But, it is not good-bye forever right now. Karen has offered to stay on for a little while to do the ads page in newsletter and to offer her expertise wherever it is needed with newsletter.

This June newsletter is the first edition for our new editors. We are happy to announce that we had three people volunteer to work on the newsletter. Joseph Pakkianathan will work on the 1st page of the newsletter with the president's message, dates and will then put the whole newsletter together for printing. Cecil Gross will take care of the meeting highlights, the good neighbor corner. Irene Ritsema will gather the crime information for the newsletter. So, please take this time to think about volunteering to do the ads page in future newsletters.

We all need to be understanding and respectful to anyone taking on a new job or doing something that they don't normally do. Let's give a round of applause for all of newsletter volunteers.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thursday, June 5, 7pm CCA board meeting at PG Police Satellite Office in the Calverton Shopping Center.
- Calverton Recreation Council TBA.
- Friday, July 4, 10:45 am Calverton 50th Birthday and July 4th Celebration. Food, Festivities and Fun for all.
- You are invited to the new 3rd District Police Station Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 1002 Milestone Drive (Route 29 and New Hampshire Avenue) on Saturday, June 7, 10:30 a.m. Followed by

tours of the station until 1:30 p.m. County Executive Isiah Leggett, Montgomery County Police Chief Thomas, Department of General Services Director David Dise and the Montgomery County Council cordially invite you to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Please share with your neighbors and contacts.

# IN MEMORIAM

KENT GATEWOOD JONES, Jr., Age 91 of Beltsville, Maryland was born in Wytheville, Virginia on May 20, 1922, passed March 1, 2014. Kent was a proud Navy veteran of WW II and served with distinction on the destroyer USS McDougal in the South Atlantic, Pacific and eventually North Atlantic convoy duty. Shortly following the war, he began his career with the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, Maryland and retired in 1977 as a division manager with the Agency. Following retirement from the NSA, Kent became an imaginative inventor of custom mechanical and computer devices for the physically handicapped and devoted himself to this mission for the next 25 years. His inventions have been featured on local news shows and he has been the recipient of over 70 awards and honors recognizing his accomplishments in the field during this very gratifying time in his life.

Kent was also an active member of the Knights of Columbus for over 30 years, served as Grand Knight, and was a Fourth Degree member. He gave tirelessly of himself to dozens of philanthropic endeavors throughout his life. He loved baseball and was a little league coach for many years. Kent was a great neighbor and helped everyone on the block.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 54 years, Dora Lee. He is survived by his sons Gary Kent Jones (Jan) of Scottsdale, Arizona and Richard Lee Jones (Mary) of Columbia, Maryland and the lights of his life, grandchildren Alyssa, Taylor, and Lauren.

In lieu of flowers, Kent requested that memorial donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

LOUIS P. LANDI (Age 85) - Passed on Thursday, March 13, 2014, Louis P. Landi, of Beltsville, MD. Beloved husband of 51 years to Margaret Landi; loving father of Thomas J. Landi, Eileen P. Policelli (Tony) and Mary M. Parsons (J.D.); dear brother of Carl Landi (Betty); cherished grandfather of Anthony, Monica, and Lauren Policelli and John, Vincent and Michael Parsons. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Friends and family called at the Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home, 11800 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20904 on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 to pay their last respects. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Rd., Beltsville, MD 20705 on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 10 a.m. and the interment was at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery. If you choose to make a memorial contribution, you may make it to Covenant House, 5 Penn Plaza, New York, NY, 10001 in honor of Louis Landi.

Lou was a longtime resident of Calverton and was very active in the CCA, especially when it came to speeding along Briggs Chaney Road.

## CRIME REPORT

Break Ins! Be aware that several cars have been broken into in the recent weeks. Please ensure that you remove valuables from your vehicles and keep them locked.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF MAY 2014 CCA BOARD MEETING

Guest: Corporal Haynes, PG Community Police

Residential breaking and entering cases are up. Need to keep an eye open and make sure your home is secure. Keep doors locked. When you are outside in your yard keep your doors locked. Both counties do home safety inspections. Make sure that you lock your car.

Inspection done on property of concern to Calverton residents. The inspectors will get back to Corporal Haynes with the report.

William Steen of Carrollton Enterprises spoke about

the Police Memorial Ceremony on May 7 in Upper Marlboro. You can send money to Fallen Police Officers Memorial, payable to: Fallen Officers Memorial-Prince George's Co.-PD-Dist.6.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Treasurer – expenses since last report were for directory and April membership meeting.

*Directory* – is out and being delivered. If you paid your dues and did not get a directory call your block captain.

Public Safety – email about domestic violence from the state attorney's office.

Zoning – Several other issues in Calverton. Potholes, roads not paved for 50 years, dogs. Also, need to educate WSSC, Pepco and other agencies of boundaries between MC and PG counties. William S said that the state and county have 3 days to fix pothole once reported. Several properties were discussed regarding zoning and permits.

Newsletter Volunteers - We now have several people who will help with different parts of the newsletter.

July Fourth — July 4<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration is moving along. We got out letters to dignitaries and to businesses.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Concerns regarding additions, empty houses, owners not following zoning and permit codes, vehicular parking and illegal vehicles, and animal control laws and restrictions. What is the Department of Animal Control to dog bites? What is the county response to bad roads that have not been repaired for 50 years? Barbara Frush is working with PG to get the roads in PG Calverton repaired and repaved after 50 years.

 IDENTITY THEFTS – Associated with income taxes is up. IRS has gotten better and is working with people who had identity stolen.

- STORE PLASTIC BAGS In PG county you can put store plastic bags in your big yellow bin to get recycled, not in yard waste brown bags. In MC county plastic bags still need to go back to grocery store for recycling.
- CRIME SOLVERS GOLF TOURNAMENT— voted to give \$150.00 to the Crime Solvers Golf Tournament.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Delegation wrap up Barbara Frush Bay was a D- now is B-Flush tax — fee per month for waste water treatment to help with the bay.
- Water runs downhill pollutants now being seen in MD from cracking in PA
- Encourage use of green lawn application better for the bay
- Windmill renewable energy
- Increase funding for K-12
- Expand pre-K
- Increase minimum wage
- Speed camera ticket you can now talk to someone if you feel there was error
- Task force on school starting times
- Increase penalty for crimes committed in front of minor
- Get animals spayed and neutered for low income pet owners – call Barbara's Annapolis office to get feral cats spayed or neutered
- No smoking indoors anywhere in Maryland
- Saved golf course at University of Maryland to preserve green space

# **Calverton Citizens Association**

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May 26, 2014

Dear Calverton Friends and Neighbors,

On Friday, July 4 from 10:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. the Calverton community will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Calverton is

a very diverse community not only when it comes to ethnicity, but also when it comes to age groups. There will be food, festivities and fun that include hot dogs, drinks and varied entertainment and activities for the event. This is where we need help from everyone in the Calverton community in order to make this 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration a really special event for all of us.

First, we are seeking sponsors for our milestone event. As a sponsor we will advertise your support at the event, in our Calverton newsletter and on our Calverton website. The CCA will also write an article for the Beltsville News and send the article to both the Montgomery and Prince George's Gazettes (Calverton is in both Montgomery and Prince George's Counties). The CCA needs all the support that you can give to make this event a really special time for the community.

If you own a business, you can make your monetary support in your business name. You are welcome to bring a table to set up at our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday so that you can promote your business.

Contribution support:
\$500.00
\$200.00
\$100.00
Other:
Individual Name:
Business name:
Will bring a table
Next we need volunteers to set up and take down.
Please volunteer at the event on Friday, July 4:
7:30am to 11:30am
11:00am to 2:00pm
Name
Phone
Email
Thank you in advance for your sponsorship of the Calverton 50 <sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.
Respectfully,
Bernie Karns, <i>President Calverton Citizens Association</i> email: Jeff.karns@verizon.net
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In view of the fact that this newsletter is arriving late, please email or call Bernie Karns with your sponsorship details. Thanks in advance for your support!