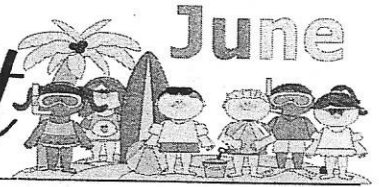


Calverton Current



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President's Message

We had three really good speakers from the Prince George's States Attorney Office at our April General Membership meeting. **Terry Bell came from the Community Prosecution Team. Donine Carrington, Assistant Chief for the Family Violence Unit, attended our meeting. The final guest was Frank Cubero from the Economic Crime Unit.**

Ms. Bell prosecutes cases that involve crimes that impact communities, such as; theft, burglary, break-ins, etc. She has been instrumental in prosecuting the serial burglar and many burglary rings in Prince George's County. She told us that neighbors and community residents need to call 911 when they see something strange or suspicious. Do not ignore the activity. Call 911.

Ms. Carrington prosecutes cases involving domestic violence, elder abuse, child abuse and human trafficking. She emphasized that Prince George's County is working really hard to end domestic violence. She also told us that the community and neighbors play an important role in ending and stopping domestic violence. We need your help. The Calverton community needs to report any suspicious abuse incident that you think maybe domestic violence against your neighbor (adult or child, man or woman). Please call 911 immediately to get help for your neighbor. PG is opening a Family Crisis Center on June 9 which the county hopes will promote and facilitate the elimination of domestic violence by providing counseling, education and support services to men, women and children. Here is the website for the Family Crisis Center in Upper Marlboro. <http://familycrisiscenter-pgco.org/about-us/>. You can call 211 to get resource information. PG has a website for information. <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/Family/Resources/domestic-violence/Pages/default.aspx>.

Mr. Cubero spoke on identity theft, credit card theft, phone scams and theft from mailboxes. He reiterated what the police have been telling us – **DO NOT LEAVE CHECKS IN YOUR MAILBOX.** Mail your checks at the post office. If you cannot get out to mail your check, call a neighbor to help you. If you are a victim of theft from your mailbox, call 911 to report but also call the Postal Inspectors at 877-876-2455 (press 3). When you are at an ATM or paying by credit card at gas station, please check for a device that can read your card or get your pin number. When you receive an email from someone that you don't know, **DO NOT OPEN IT – DELETE IT.** Sometimes emails come in with a person's name that you

might recognize but the email address is not correct – delete it, do not open it. When it comes to phone scams involving the IRS or your loved one has been kidnapped, just hang up the phone and call 911 to report the call. Hopefully, you have caller ID and can give the police a phone number. Some home owners' insurance offer protection for identity theft. There are also other companies that offer protection.

Mr. Cubero also told us that it's a good idea to check your credit reports from time to time, especially before applying for a major loan or a mortgage. This gives you time to have the Credit Reporting Agency correct any errors. Fortunately, you can get credit reports for free. The Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act allows consumers to receive a free copy of their credit reports once a year from each of the three Credit Reporting Agencies. In addition, Maryland law gives its residents the right to a free annual copy of their credit report. This means you can review your credit report six times a year for free (two free reports from each agency). You can find companies that the State of Maryland recommends on this website. <https://www.oag.state.md.us/consumer/edge121.htm>

The CCA wants to thank Ms. Bell, Ms. Carrington and Mr. Cubero for coming to our meeting and providing us with really good information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ♦ Wednesday, June 1 – East County Advisory Board, 7pm at the East County Service Center on Briggs Chaney Road. Invited Guests: Montgomery County Legislative Districts 20 and 14 Delegation along with Tom Hucker, District 5 Councilmember and Rep. John Sarbanes, 3rd Congressional District.
- ♦ Thursday, June 2 – Senior Coffee, 1:00 pm, Laurel Senior Center, 7120 Contee Road
- ♦ Thursday, June 2 – CCA Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Calverton Elementary School. This is our last meeting until September. There are no board meetings in July and August.
- ♦ Tuesday, June 7 – PG District 21 Delegation Wrap Up, 7:00 pm, Martin Luther King Middle School, 4545 Ammendale Road, Beltsville. Come hear the accomplishments that your District 21 Delegation made during this past legislative session.
- ♦ Thursday, June 9 – Grand Opening of the Family Justice Center in Prince George's County, 2:00 pm at 14757 Main Street, Upper Marlboro. Please RSVP to 301-780-2063
- ♦ Thursday, June 16 – Town Hall Meeting with Mary Lehman,

6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Laurel Senior Center, 7120 Contee Road. Join Councilwoman Lehman for an update on the state of District 1 and Prince George's County. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the various County agencies from representatives in attendance. If you have any questions, please contact 301-952-3887 ordmyles@co.pg.md.us.

◆ Thursday, June 16 – Public Hearing regarding sidewalks along Musgrove Road between US 29/Columbia Pike and Fairland Road. The hearing is at Manor Car Rehabilitation, 2501 Musgrove Road. The hearing begins at 7:00 pm and parking is available in the U-Shape Drive Parking lot.

◆ Tuesday, June 21 – Public Hearing regarding Bill 21-16, Property Tax Credit – Burtonsville Enterprise Zone Property, 1:30 pm. To get more info go to: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Resources/Files/bill/2016/Packets/20160517_3B.pdf

◆ Monday, July 4 – Celebrate Calverton July 4th Picnic. 10:45 am to 1:30 pm. More details to follow. We need help. Please volunteer. Call Bernie, 301-572-8018

◆ Tuesday, August 2 – National Night Out. PG National Night Out will be at the District VI Police Station. If you can help with PG, please contact Corporal Woody at 301-937-0910. MC National Night Out will be at the East County Services Center on Briggs Chaney Road. If you can help with MC, please call Jewru Bandeh at 240-777-8400/8411. More details about both events will follow.

CCA Board Meeting Minutes May 12, 2016

May 5 meeting rescheduled due to schools on lockdown after shooting at High Point High School

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

Treasurer's Report: Expenses: Newsletter, After-Prom donations to 3 high schools, flowers for Rick Gatto service.

Committee Reports: Calverton Recreation Council lawsuit is going forward

Welcome Packet: A welcome letter for new Calverton residents is being distributed to block captains. The CCA is providing realtors with a copy of the covenants when a house goes on the market for sale.

Membership: We have three new block captains – June Allen for MC 50b Galway Court, Tammy White Jackson for MC 63b Gracefield Road, and Mary Smith for PG 13 Elkridge Street. We still need block captains. Please call Bernie at 301-572-8018 to volunteer as a block captain.

Website: One board member is working on a survey for Calverton residents in order to get information and comments regarding Calverton.

NEW BUSINESS:

PG Recycle did not pick up for two weeks in Calverton – resi-

dents of Calverton got skipped for the new Monday recycle pick up. Many residents called 311 to report the problem.

District 21st Delegation wrap up meeting will be on Tuesday, June 7, 7 pm at Martin Luther King MS on Ammendale Road in Beltsville. Senator Jim Rosapepe, Delegate Barbara Frush, Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk and Delegate Ben Barnes will be there to give us the legislative wrap up from Annapolis.

PG Family Justice Center is having a grand opening on Thursday, June 9, 2:00 pm in Upper Marlboro. It is a place where victims and families of domestic violence can get help.

15 Dangerous Apps – Angela Alsobrooks, PG District Attorney and Mary Lehman, PG District 1 Council Member provided information regarding dangerous apps and websites that children should not be using. Go to <http://calvertoncitizens.org> for more info.

MC is recommending reducing the number of ladder trucks by two – currently one ladder truck proposed for relocation is at New Hampshire and Randolph Road. Burtonsville Fire would like to get the ladder truck. This is more of a staffing issue with the budget. Call Nancy Floreen, MC County Council, to ask questions or voice your opinion. 240-777-7959.

Appreciation goodies were delivered by the CCA to both PG and MC fire and police to show appreciation for all that they do. Especially, during the shootings on Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6.

Burning leaves in yards is not allowed in either PG or MC. Calverton residents cannot burn leaves or trash in the yard. It is against the law in both PG and MC. If you see someone burning leaves or trash in the yard, please call 911 because this is a dangerous situation that can result in a big fire.

Trees that are dead at Calverton Boulevard and Gracefield have been tagged by MC. These two trees will be cut down and will be replaced in a few years when money is available.

Vehicles parked right on the corner is against the law. **Vehicles need to be 35 feet from the corner.** Calverton residents are calling 911 to report illegal parking. **Police are now giving tickets to vehicles illegally parked in Calverton.**

Calverton residents are not allowed to have parties or yard sales every other weekend in order to make money. These events are county violations in both PG and MC. Please call 311 to report this violation or get online and file a complaint with the appropriate county.

OLD BUSINESS:

Washington Adventist Hospital has now broken ground and has two websites where you can get info and see the webcam showing the construction. Please go to websites listed below:

<http://ourcommunitytransformed.org/> and www.adventisthealthcare.com.

Maydale Nature Center is now in the Montgomery County budget. The budget still has to be approved. MC is currently planning to tear down the current structure at Maydale and plans to bring

in a trailer with a deck by the summer of 2017.

Affordable Senior Housing plans are moving along. The complex will be built near the East County Regional Services Center on Briggs Chaney Road. The plan is for a 3 story structure, 122 units, independent living only and 122 parking spaces. The plan will also include the installation of sidewalks on Robey Road.

July 4th – looking into country music band this year.

Beltsville Day is (was) on Sunday, May 15 from 12 noon to 5 pm.

Neighborhood Walk on April 25 was good. We had a nice turnout of Calverton residents. Both MC and PG Police and Fire walked with us. Thank you to everyone who walked in the Neighborhood Watch Walk.

After-Prom events at 3 high schools received \$100.00 each from the CCA. After-prom events are a great way for students to have a good, safe time after the prom.

PG roads south of Calverton Boulevard have not been paved after 50 years. Roads such as; Chapel View, Craiglawn, Fallston and other roads are still waiting. The CCA is sending a letter to PG DPW&T asking the department to do something about the roads in Calverton that have not been paved for many, many years. Roads have been paved in some parts of PG Calverton – roads north of Calverton Boulevard were paved.

Shanandale Park will be given a facelift. MC has come up with a plan where some trees will be taken down and they will replant new trees in the fall. One CCA board member will talk to residents who live around the park about the plan and will also invite them to the June 2 board meeting to discuss the plan.

Shanandale Park summer movie night is being considered by the CCA. Some residents would like to see summer programs at the park.

Beltsville summer concerts held at the Beltsville Community Center are sponsored by the Beltsville Recreation Council. The CCA board voted not to participate and help with the concerts since we will be having our own summer movies at the Shanandale park and also spend a lot of money on our Celebrate Calverton July 4th event.

Next CCA Board meeting is Thursday, June 2, 7pm at Calverton Elementary. This is the last board meeting until September. There are no board meetings in July and August.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm



Crime Reports

Crime Report for June 2016

April 23 – Theft, 13000 Block Gershwin Way (Tanglewood)

April 24 – Theft, 2900 Block Strauss Terrace (Tanglewood)

April 26 – Theft, 3100 Block Gracefield Road

April 26 – Arrest, 3100 Block Gracefield Road

April 29 – Theft, 11:01 am, 11900 Block Twinlakes Drive

May 1 – Theft, 3000 Block Mozart Drive (Tanglewood)

May 1 – Theft, 3000 Block Mozart Drive (Tanglewood)

May 4 – Theft, 7:31 am, 11900 Block Twinlakes Drive

May 4 – Theft, 12:16 pm, 11900 Block Twinlakes Drive

May 5 – Shootings and Assault, 4:48 pm, 3600 Block Powder Mill Road. Domestic Violence case that then went into Montgomery County on Friday, May 6 with several shootings

May 7 – Theft, 2700 Block Sweet Clover Court (West Farm Townhomes)

May 7 – Theft, 12700 Block Castleleigh Court

May 9 – Theft, 12900 Block Beethoven Boulevard (Tanglewood)

May 14 – Theft, 3400 Block Canberra Street

May 15 – Theft from auto, 11800 Block Twinlakes Drive

May 16 – Theft, 13200 Block Schubert Place (Tanglewood)

May 18 – Burglary, 2900 Block Fairland Road, near Musgrove Road

There have been reports of theft from mailboxes. PLEASE DO NOT PUT CHECKS IN YOUR MAILBOX.

There are still several crime incidents at the Orchard Shopping Center on Cherry Hill Road and the Calverton Shopping Center. There have been thefts from the stores, theft from autos (catalytic converter and stereo equipment) and a few assaults. But, there have also been some arrests. Yeah, for the good guys.

Here are more tips to help the police with arrests and to keep the thieves from having any opportunity for a theft:

Let's be proactive in our community and take steps to stop crime:

- Take advantage of the very helpful free home/commercial security survey provided by your COPS officers in both PG and MC.
- Park in a well-lighted area and secure your vehicle. Remove all items of value when away from your vehicle. Don't leave any spare keys on your car.
- Keep your car locked. Continue hitting the lock button on the car key fob until you hear the horn. When you hear the horn you will know that your car is locked.
- Carry your key fob in your hand so that you can push the panic button as you get closer to your car if something happens.
- Carry a whistle with you to blow so that you can attract attention when something happens or when you see something happening.
- If you hear or see something that doesn't seem right, call 911 immediately, don't wait.
- The police and businesses need your help to stop crime. Try to get a description of the person(s), description of the car and the license plate. But, be safe doing it.

**When you see something, you need to say something.
Call 911 !!**



CELEBRATE CALVERTON INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNIC AND 52ND BIRTHDAY AT THE CALVERTON PARK



**ADJACENT TO CALVERTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LOCATED 3203-3400 FULLERTON STREET
A PROUD TRADITION FOR 52 YEARS**

**MONDAY, JULY 4TH, RAIN OR SHINE
IF THERE IS THUNDER AND LIGHTNING THERE WILL BE NO PICNIC**

**PETTING ZOO – 10:45 TO 12:45 – BUNNY AND BUDDY AND THEIR FRIENDS
BUNNIES, DUCKS, CHICKENS, GUINEA PIGS, GIANT RABBIT AND TEACUP PIG.**

**MOONBOUNCE – 10:45 TO 12:45 – JUMP AND BOUNCE IN SCOOPY DOO!!!
BACKYARD INFLATABLES WILL PROVIDE THE SCOOPY MOON BOUNCE**

**BALLOON ARTIST AND CLOWN – 10:45 TO 12:45
PETUNIA THE CLOWN WILL GIVE YOU THAT SPECIAL BALLOON ART**

**FACE PAINTING – 10:45 TO 12:45
KIDS PARTY FACE WILL BE HERE TO GIVE YOU THAT SPECIAL LOOK WITH GLITTER, TATOOS
OR FACE PAINT - YOU CHOOSE WHAT YOU WANT**

**NATIONAL ANTHEM – 10:55
PERFORMED BY ELIZA-JANE FOGG**

**MUSIC – 11:00 TO 12:15
LONESOME PINE - LOCAL BLUE GRASS BAND**

**POLICE AND FIRE FROM BOTH MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES
WILL BE HERE WHEN THEY ARE AVAILABLE BETWEEN 10:45 AND 12:45**

**HOT DOGS AND SODAS – 11:15 TO 12:45 – UNDER THE TREES NEAR PLAYGROUND
HOT DOGS AND SODAS WILL BE SERVED UNTIL THERE ARE NO MORE**

**MAGICIAN – 12:45 TO 1:30
NOLAND THE MAGICIAN – REAL MAGIC AND GOOD OLD-FASHIONED FAMILY FUN**

**BE SURE TO BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND/OR
A BLANKET TO ENJOY THE SHOWS AND THE FOOD.**

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