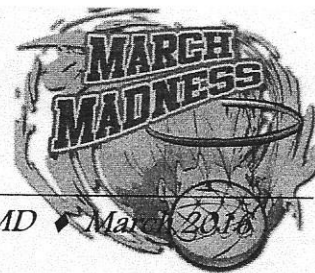


Calverton Current



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE....BERNIE KARNS

Celebrate Calverton !

Great job Calverton!!! We survived Snowzilla 2016. What did we learn from the Blizzard of 2016, Winter Storm Jonas? We learned that the blizzard brought out the best in a lot of people. Many Calverton residents and Calverton families helped neighbors with snow removal. Many Calverton residents checked on older residents or residents with disabilities to make sure that they were okay. People from one community helped people from another community. We found out that some young people are willing to help others and work very hard to help others. We now need to continue helping one another all year long. Kindness does not stop when the snow melts. Pay it forward with your kind words and helping actions.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ♦ **Wednesday, March 2** – Read across America Day. Get the family together and read a book.
- ♦ **Thursday, March 3** – Senior Coffee, 1:00 pm, Topic to be determined, Laurel Senior Center, 7120 Contee Road
- ♦ **Thursday, March 3** – CCA Board Meeting, 7pm in the Media Center at Calverton Elementary School
- ♦ **Sunday, March 13** – Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 am. Set your clocks forward 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 12.
- ♦ **Thursday, April 7** – Senior Coffee, 1:00 pm, Topic to be determined, Laurel Senior Center, 7120 Contee Road
- ♦ **Thursday, April 7** – CCA Board Meeting, 7pm in the Media Center at Calverton Elementary School
- ♦ **Wednesday, April 13** – CCA General Membership Meeting, 7pm, All Purpose Room at Calverton Elementary School

Here is information regarding school closures for Spring Break

SPRING BREAK—MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- ♦ **Thursday, March 24** – Professional Day, no school for students
- ♦ **Friday, March 25 & Monday, March 28** – Spring Break, schools and offices closed
- ♦ **Tuesday, March 29 – Friday, April 1** – Spring Break, no school for students and teachers, offices open

- ♦ **Tuesday, April 26** – Primary Election Day – schools and offices closed

SPRING BREAK PRINCE GEORGE'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- ♦ **Thursday, March 24** – Grading/Teacher Planning, schools closed for students
- ♦ **Friday, March 25 & Monday, March 28** – Holiday – Easter, schools and offices closed
- ♦ **Tuesday, March 29 – Thursday, March 31** – Spring Break, schools closed for students and teachers
- ♦ **Friday, April 1 & Monday, April 4** – Spring Break, schools closed for students and teachers
- ♦ **Tuesday, April 26** – Primary Election Day – schools and offices closed

CCA Board Meeting Minutes February 4, 2016

Meeting called to order 7:08 pm

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Membership dues is still being collected. Expense was Holiday Light Contest winners. The CCA board is considering making signs to place in the community to announce the beginning of the membership drive.

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Report District 3 MC – there was meeting with Commander Jones at the East County Regional Building. MC police is working with surrounding jurisdictions on crime prevention and investigation. If something happens in your neighborhood and your house has security cameras, please contact the police if you see something strange on your cameras. Theft from auto is up and so is auto thefts. Please take everything out of your car. Do not leave anything of value in your car. You do not want to give thieves the opportunity to break into your car. Please report any break ins with your car, house or shed even if you don't see that anything is missing. Your neighbor two doors down could have been hit by the same thieves and had some valuables taken. Please do not leave your car idling to warm up because it is possible it won't be there when you go to leave. Please, please, please LOCK your car. Call 911 to report anything and to report suspicious activity.

Police Report District VI PG – there are some promotions and some officers getting transferred to other stations. There is a new session for PG Police Academy for Adults, the session runs March 21 to June 13. Deadline to register is March 14. You will learn all

aspects of what the police do while performing their duties. Call Bernie if you want to sign up.

Mixed-income Senior Housing – will be built near the East County Regional Building on Briggs Chaney Road. The building will not be over 35 feet high, will have 3 stories and will have 122 apartment units, half of the units will be affordable units for seniors. The apartments are independent units for seniors 62 and older, age restricted. The builder is in the process of coming up with plans to be submitted to MC Park and Planning for approval.

Beautification at the Calverton sign at Gracefield – One resident is working with landscaper to put in new plants, dig out existing soil and replace it with new soil, and the resident will pay for everything. The resident wants to say "Thank You" to the CCA for all that we do for Calverton.

Time Capsule lid from 2000 – the CCA board is working to get back the time capsule lid. The lid somehow ended up in a farm sale in Burtonsville.

Neighborhood Walk – will provide more information as we set a date.

Shanandale Park – at the end of Shanandale. There is a preliminary plan for some uses that will be discussed with MC. Enhance park with more plants and prune plants that are there. One resident has suggested that we do a yard sale sometime in the spring. The resident also suggested that Calverton could do a movie night in the summer. All of this has to be approved by MC because the park is county parkland, it does not belong to Calverton. At one point Calverton had wanted to put benches and maybe memorial markers in the ground. These have to be approved by MC and will be discussed at the meeting with MC about the Shanandale park.

April General Membership Meeting – Wednesday, April 14, 7pm. Want to have both PG and MC state Attorney representatives.

Bed & Breakfasts and two-generational homes – MC is working on regulations regarding both.

East County July 4 Fireworks – The East County Citizens Advisory Board has sent a letter to County Executive Ike Leggett requesting the opportunity for the East County to host a 2016 firework display. Possible site may be Blake High School.

Tree cutting – one resident noticed that along Old Gunpowder Road, just past the Aquatic Center, someone had cut down a lot of trees. This resident is going to check with the county to see if it is legal.

OLD BUSINESS:

Transportation Meeting – with CCA Board on Wednesday, March 3. MC Department of Transportation will be there. Have invited PG. Will also invite both Tom Hucker and Mary Lehman.

Concert Series at Beltsville Community Center – Calverton and Calverton Rec will sponsor one of two concerts. Will get more information at a meeting on February 22.

Maydale Nature Center – Need to send support to open Maydale and to provide nature classrooms for the children and

schools in the east county. East County is the only part of MC without a nature center.

Washington Adventist Hospital – hopes to have ground breaking ceremony on March 7.

Townhomes at Old Gunpowder and Powder Mill Road – one of the owners is not going through with the project. This is a smaller parcel. The other owner still wants to go through with townhomes. Is working with a builder on a plan to be submitted to PG Park and Planning.

CRIME REPORT

January 31 – Arrest, 11900 Cherry Hill Road and 13198 Gracefield Road

February 1 – Theft, 3000 block Mozart Drive (Tanglewood)

February 1 – Theft, 3000 block Beethoven Way (Tanglewood)

Maybe the cold, snowy weather kept many people inside because crime was down a little. Remember these tips. You should not warm your car while you are in the house. Do not leave anything of value in car. Do not give the thieves any opportunity to take something.

Phone calls and solicitation at the door incidents:

Wednesday, February 17 - There was an incident in Rockville where two people posed as electricians and forced their way into a home when the door was open. Again, do not open your door to anyone. If you are not expecting anyone, do not open your door. CALL 911.

Residents are still getting calls from "IRS" stating that they are filing a lawsuit against you. Do not call them back. **The IRS does not make phone calls.** Contact TIGTA to report the call. Use their "[IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting](#)" web page. You can also call 800-366-4484. Report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the "[FTC Complaint Assistant](#)" on [FTC.gov](#). Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

If you see something strange or different, CALL 911.

QUICK TIPS TO HELP PREVENT MAIL THEFT

- Remove all obstacles that block you from seeing your mailbox.
- Get rid of all your paper and mail based banking and credit transactions. Choose the online option.
- Make sure your mailbox closes tightly.
- Install a mailbox chime or mailbox alarm.
- Don't send cash in the mail.
- Do not put an envelope with a check in the mailbox for the mailperson to get. Use letter slots inside the Post Office for your mail, or hand it to a letter carrier.

- Pick up your mail as soon as possible. Don't leave it in your mailbox overnight. If you're expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items, ask a trusted friend/neighbor to pick up your mail.
- If you don't receive valuable mail you're expecting, contact the issuing agency immediately.
- If you change your address, immediately notify your Post Office and anyone with whom you do business via the mail.
- Tell your Post Office when you'll be out of town so that they can hold your mail until you return. You can also get a neighbor to pick up your mail and newspaper to make it look like you are not gone.
- Report all suspected mail theft to a Postal Inspector.
- Participate in your neighborhood watch program.
- Consult with your local Postmaster for the most up-to-date regulations on mailboxes, including the availability of locked centralized or curbside mailboxes.



Hope this helps.

Your community friend,

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 District VI
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BLOCK CAPTAIN VACANCY REPORT

Block Captains are needed for 11 blocks in Calverton.

Montgomery County. Block Captains are needed for 7 blocks. For more info, please call Donna Riley, Montgomery County 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-44, on Kilkenny Street, 20 homes
- Block S-50a, on Kilkenny Street, 7 homes
- Block S-68, on Red Lion Lane, 19 homes
- Block-74, on Lemar Court, 24 homes

Prince George's County. Block Captains are needed for 4

blocks. For more info, please call Nina Harley, Prince George's County Membership Chair, at 301-572-7455.

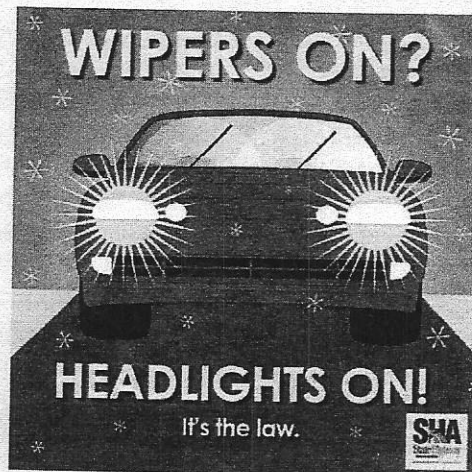
- Block B-13, on Elkridge Street, 25 homes
- Block B-18, on Greenmount Avenue, 21 homes
- Block B-22, on Ingleside Drive, 19 homes
- Block B-23, on Oriole Drive, 25 homes.

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, and the other collect dues, or you could alternate months of delivering the newsletter.

Please, 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.

SAFETY TIPS FOR WEATHER EVENTS

One thing that I learned during our recent major weather event is that we don't understand about parking on the streets during a snow storm and we don't understand about driving on the streets during a snow-storm. Have you wondered about where you should park your vehicle (s) during a snow storm? Prince Georg's County asks that **ALL vehicles be parked in your driveway and not on the street.** If you cannot park **ALL of your vehicles in the driveway, then you need to park them on the even side of the road.** If your address is 3005, then you park **ALL your vehicles that do not fit in your driveway on the opposite side of the street of your house.** Montgomery County does not say to do this. But, in Calverton, we encourage and strongly recommend that **ALL vehicles be parked on the even number side of the street.** Parking all vehicles on the even side of the street will make it easier for the plow to come down the street. I saw and heard many stories of vehicles that were stuck on the roads in Calverton that had **not** been plowed. The plows had a hard time getting down the streets when cars are parked on both sides of the road and cars are stuck in the middle of the road. Please don't drive anywhere until your street has been plowed. Stay inside until your street is plowed. Please, please park on the even side of the street and wait for the plow!!!



The other thing that I have noticed as people drive during a weather event is that drivers are not turning the headlights on their cars. I don't just mean your driving lights. I mean your headlights so that your back lights are on too. Have you wondered about if your car headlights should be on during a weather event?

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