# Calverton Current

Newsletter of the Calverton Citizen's Association ♦ Silver Spring ♦ Beltsville, MD ♦ May, 2016 www.calvertoncitizens.org

### BELTSVILLE DAY FESTIVAL 2016

Want something to do something fun in May? Look at what is happening on May 15, 2016. Beltsville Day is Sunday, May 15, 2016 from noon to 5pm. The activities and events take place at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, MD 20705. There is food, games, and plenty of entertainment for everyone to enjoy. The train from Sellman Road to Community Center is free, and there is only a minimal cost for tickets to the games and other rides. Also, free shuttle buses for attendees who park at the Beltsville Library and Beltsville Academy will begin at noon. Come on out and enjoy the day with your neighbors!

Here is the schedule of some of the performances that are taking place that day:

#### **OUTDOOR ON THE STAGE:**

12:15 - 12:45 Zumba Fitness Dance

1:00 - 1:45 Good Company Duo

2:00 - 2:45 TBD

3:00 - 3:45 High Point Dance Troops

4:00 - 4:45 TBD

#### INDOOR ON THE STAGE:

12:00-12:45 Beltsville Academy Music Program

1:00 - 1:30 Eleanor Pernia Studio of Dance

1:45 - 2:15 Hui-O-Judo Beltsville

2:30 - 3:00 Making Moves Dance Collective

3:15 - 3:45 Calverton Poms and Batons

4:00 - 4:30 TBD

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ Thursday, May 5 Senior Coffee, 1:00 pm, Topic to be determined, Laurel Senior Center, 7120 Contee Road
- ◆ Thursday, May 5 CCA Board Meeting, 7pm in the Media Center at Calverton Elementary School
- First Saturday of the month, May 7 Weed Warriors at Maydale Nature Center, 10:00-11:30 am, 1638 Maydale Dr, Silver Spring, 20905. Help remove invasive species from grounds of Maydale Nature Center. Bring yourself, gloves, (hand pruners or loppers optional). Find out more and RSVP to Ellen at elandonmann@verizon.net or 301-236-0045.
- ◆ Sunday, May 15 Beltsville Day, noon 5 pm. Beltsville

Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, MD. Lots of entertainment, food and fun for all. See schedule of entertainment elsewhere in this newsletter.

- ♦ Saturday, May 19 Prince George's County 2016 Green Summit, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center, 7801 Alumni Drive, College Park, MD. Join the Prince George's County Department of the Environment and other sustainability professionals at this FREE, one day event that will feature concurrent sessions and interactive workshops on topics that affect our environmental impacts. Our goal is to engage, promote and empower you to explore the development of a more sustainable community!
- Monday, July 4 Celebrate Calverton at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic. 10:45 am to 1:30 pm, Calverton Park Field 1 on Fullerton Street. Please volunteer to help. Call Bernie, 301-572-8018.

#### **CCA Board Meeting Minutes April 7, 2016**

Meeting called to order 7:02 pm

#### **Guests:**

Kate Mazzara and Armen Abrahamian from Prince Georges' (PG) County DPW&T (Department of Public Works and Transportation). Discussion was Calverton Boulevard, cut through traffic on other roads, speeding and what we can do to address these issues. PG will perform a traffic study on Calverton Boulevard and Beltsville Road in order to track the number cars on the road and what the average speed is, will look at bump outs and other traffic calming measures (similar to the ones in Montgomery County, MC) and will look at traffic signage in the community. If the traffic study does not get done before June they will wait until September, after summer vacation for many drivers who use Calverton Boulevard. The road improvements on Calverton Boulevard with curb cuts and driveway apron repairs are done when needed. The CCA will send a list to PG with roads that are in need of repair.

Officer Castro, Calverton PG Community Police Officer – has been looking at speeding on Greenmount and Dunnington Road. First time speeding you get a warning. The second time speeding you will get a ticket. I am working with owners of commercial vehicles to have them park the commercial vehicle elsewhere and

drive their personal car to the location where the commercial vehicle is parked. There have been 9 thefts from vehicles and 2 vehicle thefts. These thefts have been occurring during the night hours,

#### REPORTS:

*Treasurer* – Income includes dues. Expenses were the newsletter.

Membership Committee - dues are still being collected.

Beautification Committee – put out the flyer for the Beautification Contest. The deadline for the entry form is April 15. Judging occurs through the summer. Winners announced at the November general membership meeting. The committee has still working MC on the Shannandale park.

Welcome Committee – the welcome letter is almost done and soon we will be getting the info together for the packet. The committee is ready for the general membership meeting on April 13.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

After Prom – the CCA Board approved \$100 for After Prom events at each of the 4 high schools that Calverton students attend.

Donation for memorial service – the CCA gave flowers for the church of a CCA board member who passed away recently.

Maydale Nature Center – MC Park and Planning approve money for the facility. But, they have no money for programs. East County residents need to send letters to the County Council and the School Board.

April General Membership Meeting – is Wednesday, April 13. PG & MC District Attorney's (representatives) will be there. Will start at 7pm.

July 4 – One board member volunteered to look into music for the event.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

PG Community Partners Meeting – information regarding code enforcement and frequently asked questions. Do not leave water sitting in buckets, etc. because standing water is a breeding ground for mosquitos. PG is working on a plan to have several food truck hubs throughout the county. PG is forming a Nuisance Board that will handle Noise Pollution complaints. Communities can participate in Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 30. The board will look into this.

Mary Lehman's News – citizens can meet one of the candidates for judge on Monday, April 11.

Green Summit – will be held Thursday, May 19 at University of Maryland from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Free one-day event to engage, promote and empower action for environmental initiative s and sustainable practices in PG County.

East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB) – MC is writing a grant to the United Stated Department of Transportation in order request money for BRT along Route 29.

Food Summit – Wednesday, April 27, 5pm – 9pm, People's Community Baptist Church, 31 Norwood Road, Silver Spring. Will focus on a discussion on hunger and food insecurity in Montgomery County.

Street Sweeping – will begin in MC on April 18. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

#### CRIME REPORT

Crime Report for May 2016 Newsletter

There are a lot of incidents in and around Calverton.

- Lock your car. Do not leave anything visible for someone to see. Do not leave your garage door opener in your car. The thief who takes the garage door opener will come back another day to get into the house. House security lights can be angled to shine on cars or towards the street to provide extra light for cars parked on the street. Both MC and PG police offer free home security inspections to residents. PG – 301-937-0910 and MC – 301-773-6800.
- Listed are incidents in and near the Calverton Shopping Center 11700 Beltsville Drive.
- There have been many incidents reported at the Orchard Center where Kohl's, Target, etc. are located 12000 Cherry Hill Road. These were not listed because there are many.
- When you go to a shopping center, please pay attention to your surroundings while you are in the stores, walking to and from your car and driving through the parking lot. The businesses need our eyes and ears to help make the shopping center safe.
- Also, we have heard a lot about High Point High School, but things are happening at many schools. We need to be vigilant by keeping alert and reporting suspicious activity in our community that may be related to drugs or gangs. Community activity does not stop in Calverton. We find it in the schools, too. As Calverton residents, parents, friends and neighbors we all need to keep our community safe for everyone, especially our children.
- We need to work together and help the police stop the crime in and around Calverton. See something, say something. CALL 911!!

March 17 - Theft from auto, 9:45 pm, 4000 Block Lakehouse Road

March 21 - Theft from auto, 3100 Block Fairland Road

March 21 - Theft, 3100 Block Schubert Drive (Tanglewood)

March 23 - Theft, 4:48 am, 11700 Block Beltsville Drive

March 23 - Theft, 3:20 pm, 11700 Block Beltsville Drive

March 24 – Vehicle Burglary, 3000 Block Schubert Drive (Tanglewood)

March 25 - Vehicle Burglary, 3100 Block Gershwin Lane (Tangelwood)

March 25 - Assault, 00 Block Musicmaster Court (Tanglewood)

March 28 - Theft, 12200 Block Lemar Court

March 28 - Theft, 2:21 pm, 11700 Block Beltsville Drive

March 30 - Theft, 2:36 pm, 3200 Block Dunnington Road

March 31 - Theft, 3000 Block Schubert Drive (Tanglewood)

April 3 - Stolen Vehicle, 8:36 am, 4000 Block Lakehouse Road

April 4 - Theft from auto, 3:34 pm, 11900 Block Twinlakes Drive

April 6 - Assault, 13100 Conductor Way (Tanglewood)

April 7 - Narcotics arrest, Paint Branch High School

April 8 – Vehicle Burglary, 2800 Block Fairland Road/Brahms Avenue (Tanglewood)

April 10 - Theft, 5:21 pm, 11700 Block Belstville Drive

April 14 - Theft, 2900 Block Fairland Road

April 20 - Theft from auto, 3000 Block Marlow Road

April 20 - Theft from auto, 2900 Marlow Farm Terrace

April 20 - Theft, 3000 Block Piano Lane (Tanglewood)

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

#### **BLOCK CAPTAIN VACANCY REPORT**

Welcome to our new Block Captain: Mary Smith, Block 13, Elkridge Court. Block Captains are still needed for 11 blocks.

**Montgomery County.** Need 9 Block Captains. For more info, please call Donna Riley, MoCo 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-47, on Bellevue Street, 17 homes
- Block S-50a, on Kilkenny Street, 7 homes
- Block S-52, on Galway Drive, 20 houses
- Block S-68, on Red Lion Lane, 19 homes
- Block-74, on Lemar Court, 24 homes

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

- Block B-18, on Greenmount Avenue, 21 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.

## CALVERTON COMMUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WALK



TO HELP STOP CRIME AND TO MAKE

CALVERTON A SAFE COMMUNITY FOR EVERYONE

NEIGHBORS WATCHING OUT FOR OTHER NEIGHBORS

BUSINESSES WATCHING OUT FOR OTHER BUSINESSES

EVERYONE WORKING COOPERATIVELY WITH EACH

OTHER AND WITH POLICE AND FIRE FOR

A SAFE CALVERTON

## A BIG THANK YOU

TO ALL THOSE WHO CAME OUT ON

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016
FOR THE
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WALK!