

# Calverton Current

Newsletter of the Calverton Citizen's Association ♦ Silver Spring ♦ Beltsville, MD ♦ November 2014  
[www.calvertoncitizens.org](http://www.calvertoncitizens.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Attention Calverton, the November General Membership is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 12 at 7:15** at Calverton Elementary School. Come to meeting to hear a brief explanation from PEPCO regarding the removal of trees in Calverton from 7:15 to 7:30. You will also be able to vote for the new Calverton Citizens Association (CCA) officers. The winners of the Calverton Beautification Contest will be announced. And finally we will have a celebration party for all the original owners living in Calverton. The meeting should conclude around 8:30. See you at the general membership meeting.

The Calverton Recreation Council will sponsor a basketball program this winter. Registration for the program is open now. Practices begin **Monday, December 1** and the final games will be played **Saturday, February 28**. Go to [www.calvetonrec.org](http://www.calvetonrec.org) in order to register for basketball. Volunteers are also needed as coaches so please consider volunteering with the program.

The Holiday Light Contest will be sponsored by the CCA and Carrollton Enterprises again this year. You will find an entry form elsewhere in this newsletter. You can also find a form on the CCA website: [www.calverton.citizens.org](http://www.calverton.citizens.org). Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners again this year. So, make sure that you get your entry form in by **December 8**. By decorating your house with your light display, this will be a different opportunity for you to be a good neighbor. Being a good neighbor by showing off your light display will give Calverton residents something to cheer and smile about when they are admiring and seeing all the light displays in the community. Let's light up Calverton with lots of Holiday lights this year. Judging will take place. **Sunday, December 14 through Saturday, December 20**. Enter the Holiday Light Contest and you might just win one of the cash prizes with your display. Good Luck!!

Don't forget to mark all these dates on your calendar!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- **November 6, Thursday – 7 p.m.** CCA Board Meeting.
- **November 12, Wednesday – 7 p.m.** Safe Shoppers Tip Program presented by the District VI Police at the Police Substation, Calverton Shopping Center
- **November 12, Wednesday – 7:15 p.m.** CCA General Membership Meeting. Calverton Elementary School.
- **December 4, 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.

• **December 8, Monday – 5 p.m.** Deadline for Holiday Light Contest registration form.

• **December 14, Sunday to December 20, Saturday** – Holiday Light Contest judging takes place.

## CALVERTON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (CCA) BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER MEETING

The CCA board meet at TJ's because the police were unable to make it to the police substation. The CCA board paid for their own food and did not use any money out of the CCA treasury.

Treasurer's Report: Some residents have sent their CCA dues to the P.O. Box. Paid for security bond coverage for CCA officers.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Membership Committee:** Put the list and cards in the September newsletter. Block captains are collecting CCA dues.

**Calverton Recreation Council:** Has a slate of officers and will vote at their next general meeting.

**Nominating Committee:** The committee is gathering names and will accept names for the CCA Board of Directors.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Neighborhood Watch Training:** District VI police are encouraging communities to hold regular neighborhood watch meetings and to have neighborhood walks through the community. Calverton will hold a neighborhood walk in the spring.

**Original Owners celebration:** There is a committee that will send out the invites to the November 12 celebration.

**PEPCO tree removal:** The CCA will bring up the situation at Mary Lehman's Coffee on Friday.

**PG roads:** The CCA will bring up the road conditions at Mary Lehman's Coffee.

**Galway/Fairland Sign:** Repairs to the sign will cost \$1,370. Insurance for both signs, Galway/Fairland and Gracefield, will cost \$800.00 per year. These items will be discussed again at the November 6 meeting.



**Code violations:** We have volunteers who ride through the community in order to note violations and to take pictures. We will then notify each county of the violations.

**Waterways clean up:** The CCA will organize clean ups of our waterway areas in the spring. The Anacostia Watershed Society will help and we will set a date with them for the spring. Volunteers will be needed for the clean ups of our waterways.

**Audit of the organization books:** The audit will begin in November and will cover 2012 and 2013 years.

**Lawsuit:** The CCA is working with our insurance company regarding an injury that occurred during a CRC basketball function.

**CCA shed:** The CCA will pursue bids on the construction of the foundation for the shed. We have the materials but we need the foundation to be built before the shed can be delivered. This item will be discussed at the November 6 meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Mary Lehman's Coffee:**

The event takes place at T.J.'s on Friday, October 10. Several CCA board members will be representing Calverton.

**Thefts from cars:** One board member mentioned that purses are still being stolen while women are pumping gas. If you plan to fill your car tank put your purse in the car trunk. You can pull it out when you get to your final destination.

**Safe Shopper Tips:** Information will be presented by District VI police on Wednesday, November 12 at the Substation in the Calverton Shopping Center at 7pm.

**Next CCA board meeting will be November 6 at 7pm**

**CCA General Membership Meeting** will be November 12, 7:15 p.m., Calverton Elementary School.

## **BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR CORNER**

Courtesy of the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation

### ***A growing list of "acts of kindness".***

- Buy something for someone behind you in line (pay for a meal in the drive-through, buy a cup of coffee, etc.)
- Reach out to someone you haven't spoken to in a long time
- Bring a treat to a neighbor or coworker
- Donate time or money to a local charity
- Smile at a minimum of five people
- Hold the door open for someone
- Pick up trash on your street
- Let the person behind you in line go ahead of you
- Go through your closet and find several items to donate to charity
- Share your umbrella with someone who doesn't have one
- Refrain from making negative comments for a week
- Tell someone who works for the public—a teacher, police officer, nurse, mail carrier, etc.—how much you appreciate his or her service
- Find out what item your nearest animal shelter needs, and donate it
- Offer to babysit for free for a family you know
- Write a letter to someone who made an impact on you
- Leave your waiter/waitress/barista a generous tip
- Offer to do some yard work for a neighbor
- Look someone straight in the eye, ask them how they are, and then really listen
- Organize a mini-food drive for the local food bank on your block or in your building
- Set a goal to compliment at least five people today
- Tell a teacher how much you appreciate him or her
- If someone you know lost a loved one in the past year, send them a note or some flowers to let them know you are thinking about him or her as they mourn the loss
- Take a container of homemade soup to a sick friend
- Plant a few flowers where others can enjoy them
- Shop at a locally-owned business and find something encouraging to say to the owner
- Write a few inspirational sayings on cards and leave them in public places for others to find

If you live in the Calverton/Beltsville area, you are invited to add



**Get out and vote on November 4 – polls open 7am to 8pm**



to this growing list of "acts of kindness" different from the ones already published.

Just send an email to [j.pakkianathan@verizon.net](mailto:j.pakkianathan@verizon.net)

## Calverton Recreation Council (CRC) Basketball

Registration for the 2015 winter basketball season is now open. Go to [www.calvertonrec.org](http://www.calvertonrec.org) in order to register your child in the basketball program. The program also needs volunteers to help coach and to help do other duties, so please consider being a volunteer with the basketball program.

Practices will begin on Monday, December 1. The last games will be played on Saturday, February 28.



The CRC provides a non-competitive environment for children of all skill sets to come and have a good time while learning the game of basketball. Sign your child up to play and sign yourself up to volunteer as a coach. Don't delay, sign up today so that both you and your child will enjoy the fun of being together while doing something fun.

A vigilant neighborhood is the best  
defense against crime !

### Crime Report for Calverton

#### THEFT

10/13/14 04:53 PM  
11700 BLOCK OF BELTSVILLE DR

#### THEFT

10/13/14 10:13 AM  
3500 BLOCK OF SUSQUEHANNA DR

#### THEFT

10/10/14 03:43 PM  
4000 BLOCK OF LAKEHOUSE RD

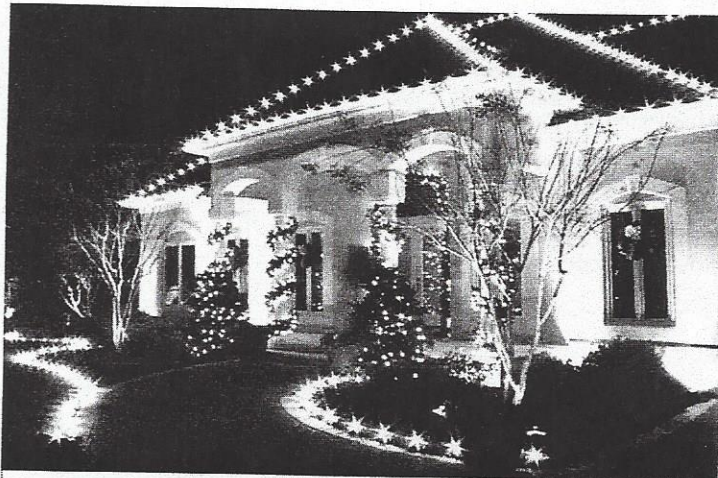
#### THEFT

10/10/14 02:20 AM  
3600 BLOCK OF STONEHALL DR

#### THEFT

10/03/14 06:23 AM  
3100 BLOCK OF CHAPEL VIEW DR

Source : The Public's Crime Map. Helping create a safe neighborhood by reducing crime rates and improving home security in Calverton, MD.



## 2014 CALVERTON HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAY CONTEST

SPONSORED BY THE CCA AND CARROLLTON ENTERPRISES

FILL OUT THE APPLICATION TO ENTER THE  
2014 CALVERTON HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

(optional) \_\_\_\_\_

I swear that I am a current 2014 or 2015 dues-paying member of the CCA. I agree to allow the Holiday Light Committee to come to my house and enter the front yard in order to judge my Holiday Light Display for the contest. Judging will take place between December 14 and December 20. Winners will be notified by phone. Cash prizes will be awarded at the January 8, 2014 CCA board meeting. The names of the winners will appear in the Calverton Current February 2015 issue.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please copy & mail form to Calverton Holiday Light Display Contest, P.O. Box 21, Beltsville, MD 20704-0021 or go to [www.calvertoncitizens.org](http://www.calvertoncitizens.org) or email this information to Bernie Karns at [jeff.karns@verizon.net](mailto:jeff.karns@verizon.net)

Entries must be received by December 8, 2014