

Calverton Current

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President's Message.....Bernie Karns

As you know Calverton straddles Prince George's County (PG) and Montgomery County (MC). Therefore, when the Calverton Citizens Association (CCA) has a meeting or an event we need to get officials from both counties to come.

Contacting county officials from both counties to get representatives to attend our meetings takes many phone calls and letters. It also takes time to get information from both counties, attending meetings in both counties, and reporting problems in Calverton to both counties. It is hard keeping up with changes in both counties when it comes to codes, zoning, future projects, metro bus changes, road changes and other important issues that will impact Calverton. For instance, much time has been spent at the meetings and hearings related to the Konterra development in Laurel (PG) and the White Oak Science Gateway (MC) development at Cherry Hill Road and FDA Boulevard. Traffic from both of these new developments will greatly impact the local roads in and around the Calverton community. You can read more about these two developments in the February 2015 issue of the Calverton Current. www.calvetoncitizens.org

It is even harder to make sure Calverton residents are aware and understand the county changes, what developments coming to our area and other news that will impact Calverton.

Both counties have different processes and rules when it comes to finding information, giving testimony at hearings, or filing a complaint to 311. Both county government seats are not very close to Calverton so much time is spent driving to and from meetings or hearings in addition to the time spent at the meeting. Again, since Calverton is not near either county government seats, it makes it difficult to keep in touch with both counties in what we need to know to keep Calverton residents informed.

Now, let us look at the volunteers doing all this. There are 21 volunteer members on the CCA Board of Directors. The CCA has volunteers who help with membership. Volunteers are newsletter distributors and deliver the newsletters each month to the block captains. Volunteers who are the block captains collecting dues and delivering the newsletter each month. Volunteers put together the newsletter each month. Volunteers help by going to meetings or hearings where the CCA must be represented. Volunteers also help with July 4th celebration. Volunteers get guest the speakers from both counties for the Calverton general membership meetings. Volunteers help with everything that the CCA does.

We cannot do it all and we cannot do it forever, especially since many of the volunteers on the CCA Board of Directors and many of the volunteers who help throughout the year have been volunteering for 51 years. Many others have been volunteering for twenty years or more. Ten (10) CCA Board Members are 70-80

years old and four (4) are 80-90 years old. Many of these same volunteers helped make the July 4th celebration a success. Nine (9) July 4th volunteers are 70-80 years old and five (5) are 80-90 years. These same July 4th volunteers started on Friday going to COSTCO to get sodas, water, hotdogs, etc. for the event. They also worked Saturday, July 4th, from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm setting up, serving food and then taking down and putting everything away after the event.

It is time these volunteers, who spent more than half their life volunteering for Calverton, have an opportunity to retire from volunteering. It is time that these volunteers get to come to an event and actually enjoy the event. We need your help now. We need you to volunteer to help Calverton now.

Dates to Remember

Thursday, September 3 – Senior Coffee with District VI Police, 1:00 pm, at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD. The guest speaker will talk about the PG Mobile Crisis Unit.

Thursday, September 3 – CCA Board Meeting at 7 pm in Calverton Elementary School. Come to the meeting to learn what is happening around Calverton. See you at the meeting. **Saturday, September 26** – Burtonsville Day at the Marilyn J. Praisner Library, 14906-14910 Old Columbia Pike. 10:00 am is the parade. 10:30 am the festival starts. For updated info go to: www.burtonsvilleday.org

Saturday, September 26 – District 1 Community Family Day from Noon to 4 pm at the Fairland Regional Park. 13950 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel MD. Hosted by Mary Lehman (District 1 Council Member), Maryland National Capital Park & Planning and Lovely Ladies of Laurel.

Monday, September 28 – Friday, October 9 – PG Phase 1 Comprehensive Community Cleanup. Phase 1 includes most of Calverton from Greenmount Avenue east and Blairmore Street south to the county lines at Chapel View Drive and Powder Mill Road. Please see the Information page elsewhere in the newsletter for the specific days for pickup.

Tuesday, September 29 – Calverton/Beltsville Neighborhood Watch Training at 7pm in Beltsville Fire Station #31, 4911 Prince George's Avenue, Beltsville, MD. District VI police will provide a training program on Neighborhood Watch. Everyone, of all ages, are invited. See you at the training.

Thursday, October 1 – Senior Coffee with District VI Police, 1:00 pm, at the the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD. The guest speaker will be from the Department of Aging and will talk about open enrollment with Medicare/Medicaid.

Thursday, October 1 – CCA Board Meeting at 7 pm in Calverton Elementary School. Please consider serving on the CCA Board for 2016. We need you to volunteer for your community.

Saturday, October 3 – Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) will hold an Open House. Save the Date! More details to come about the open house. **Photo Shoot Fundraiser:** The BVFD photo shoot fundrais-

er has started. Workers will be coming through the local neighborhoods asking for donations. With each donation you are invited to participate in a photo shoot on Sunday October 4 with one free picture. For info call the station at (240) 773-4715 or go to <http://bvfd.com>

Monday, October 5 – Friday, October 16 – PG Phase 2 Comprehensive Community Cleanup. Phase 2 includes Briggs Chaney Road, Greenmount Avenue to I95. Please see the information page elsewhere in the newsletter for the specific days for pickup.

Thursday, October 8 – College Fair hosted by Mary Lehman from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD



Calverton/Beltsville Neighborhood Watch Training

Tuesday, September 29, 7pm
Beltsville Fire Station #31
4911 Prince George's Avenue
Beltsville, MD

Working with the police is an important part of stopping crime in our community. District VI police will provide a training program on how a Neighborhood Watch Program works to stop crime in our community. Everyone is invited to come and learn what you can do and how you can help to make Calverton a safe community in which we live. See you at the training.

ANONYMOUS CALVERTON RESIDENT DOES HIS PART

The CCA would like to bring to your attention that an anonymous resident has been picking up trash and litter along Galway Drive. Wow!!! This is really great.

One Calverton resident noticed another Calverton resident picking up trash and litter along Galway Drive. The resident stopped to thank the Calverton resident for doing this community service on Galway Drive. The man was very humble and did not want to talk about his good deed. He was happy that someone had noticed what he was doing and had stopped to thank him. No one had ever stopped to thank him before that day. The CCA would also like to thank the second resident for making our community look good and be beautiful place in which to live.



Please stop and acknowledge someone when you see that person doing something that helps our community. This is what being a part of the community really means.

CALVERTON RESIDENT AND ORIGINAL OWNER
CELEBRATED 100 YEARS YOUNG ON AUGUST 2

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GUY CAROCCI !!!



WE ARE SO GLAD THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
CHOSE TO LIVE IN CALVERTON 51 YEARS AGO

BLOCK CAPTAIN VACANCY REPORT

Congratulations, we have a new Block Captain, Robert Sweeney, for Block B-14! Eleven blocks in Calverton do not have Block Captains. Please step up!!!

Montgomery County. Block Captains are needed for Blocks 40a, 40b, 44, 50a, 58 and 77. 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-44, on Kilkenny Street, 20 homes
- Block S-50a, on Kilkenny Street, 7 homes
- Block S-58, on Pretoria Drive, 22 homes
- Block S-77 on Lemar Court 23 homes

Prince George's County. Block Captains are needed for Blocks 4, 8, 13, 38, 39, and 39a. For more info, please call Nina Harley, Prince George's County Membership Chair, at 301-572-7455.

- Block B-4, on Ellicott Road, 20 homes
- Block B-8, on Christine Drive, 15 homes
- Block B-13, on Elkridge Street, has 25 homes
- Block B-38, on Wellford Drive, 27 homes
- Block B-39, on Briggs Chaney Road, 17 homes
- Block B-39a, on Greenmount Court, 18 homes

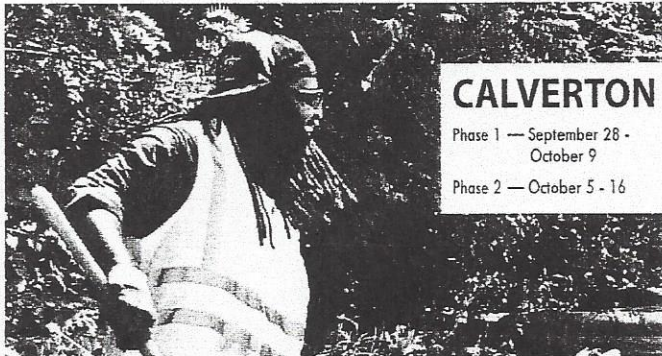
You do not have to live on the block to be the Block Captain, although this is always preferable. Maybe you could partner with a neighbor to be co-Block Captains and split the duties—one person deliver the newsletter, and the other collect dues, or you could alternate months of delivering the newsletter.

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.

Comprehensive Community Cleanup

Mark your calendars! Your community has been selected for Prince George's County's Comprehensive Community Cleanup Program that is designed to revitalize and enhance communities.

In partnership with your civic or homeowners' association, the Department of the Environment (DOE) has scheduled a wide range of clean up and maintenance services in your neighborhood over a two-week period. You can contribute to the success of these efforts by making sure your property is clean and well maintained. Check the calendar below to find out when specific activities are scheduled.

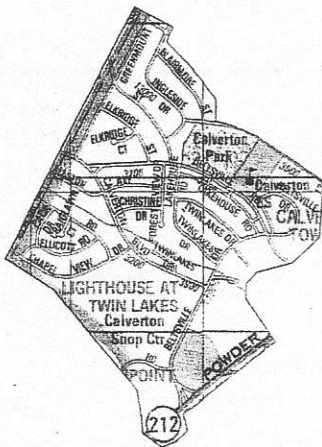


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Phase 1 — September 28 - October 9

Phase 2 — October 5 - 16

PHASE 1



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| 28 Tag Abandoned Vehicles | 29 Surveys for Roadside Litter Storm Drain Maintenance & Tree Trimming on County Property | 30 | 1 |
| | 6 Bulky Trash Pickup | 7 Storm Drain Water Quality Testing | 8 Housing Code/Zoning Ordinance Violation Survey |

SEPTEMBER 28 through OCTOBER 9

Need Additional Information on How to Enhance and Preserve Your Community?

Comprehensive Community Cleanup
Abandoned Vehicles
Bulky Trash Collection
Enforcement Division
Housing Code Compliance
Roadside Litter Pickup
Storm Drain Maintenance
Tree Trimming (on County Property)

For more information, call:

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easy, convenient, accessible

Bulky Trash Collection

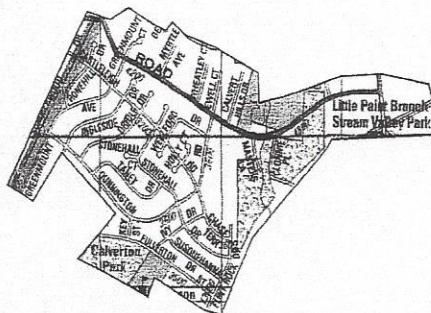
Bulky trash is collected at curbside on a designated day and includes such items as furniture, refrigerators (without doors), washing machines, water tanks and other similar items. Items **not** accepted for collection include hazardous and poisonous materials, yard waste, firewood, tree stumps and construction materials.

Bulky Trash items must be put out the night before pickup day.

For information on proper hazardous waste disposal, call the Recycling Section at (301) 883-5045.

These services are brought to you by Prince George's County's Department of the Environment Sustainable Initiatives Division, Waste Management Division, Stormwater Management Division and Abandoned Vehicle Team; Department of Public Works & Transportation's Office of Highway Maintenance; and Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement, Enforcement Division.

PHASE 2



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| 5 Tag Abandoned Vehicles | 6 Surveys for Roadside Litter Storm Drain Maintenance & Tree Trimming on County Property | 7 | 8 |
| | 13 Bulky Trash Pickup | 14 Storm Drain Water Quality Testing | 15 Housing Code/Zoning Ordinance Violation Survey |

OCTOBER 5 through OCTOBER 16

Tree Trimming, Storm Drain Maintenance and Roadside Litter Surveys will be conducted by the Office of Highway Maintenance (DPW&T), and work will be completed on an "as needed" basis. Only County-maintained streets are eligible for these DPW&T services. If the County is unable to complete a scheduled activity, either because of workload, equipment failure, inclement weather or other conditions that are not the fault of the resident, the County will make every effort to reschedule the activity for the next available opening.



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