

# Calverton Current



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....Bernie Karns

We had a great General Membership meeting on November 13. I want everyone in Calverton to know who addressed the CCA members who were present at the meeting. We were all appreciative that they were able to take the time to come to our meeting. Go to our website to find links to both counties that tell where you can find more about regulations and codes.

- Denise Mitchell - Office of Mary Lehman, our PG County Council member
- Gary Cunningham - Deputy Director for PG Department of Permitting, Inspection, and Enforcement
- Maj. Daniel Weishaar, Capt. Kara Lloyd, Corp. James Beasock, Officer Justin Haynes, and Officer Jason Wilson - PG Police, District VI
- Heidi Gant and Mark Moran - MC Permitting and Building Division
- Lt. Jim Brown and Officer Joy Patil - MC Police, District 3

Below are the results of the Calverton Beautification Contest. Also, the CCA and Carrollton Enterprises are sponsoring a Holiday Light Contest! Monetary prizes will be awarded! Fill out the form on page 3 and get it back to us by December 5.

## WINNERS: CALVERTON BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST.....Jerry Rupert, Chair, Beautification Committee

There were 28 entrants this year. The following are the winners in the 2013 Beautiful Yard Contest:

### First Place:

Rodney and Carla Lawson, Greenmount Court

### Honorable Mention:

Helen Andreno, Blaimore Street  
Joyce Conway, Dunnington Road  
Pam Hyman, Greenmount Avenue  
Ken Schwiesow, Ingleside Drive  
Karl and Gail Wolf, Gracefield Road

The awards were \$400 for the first place winner, and \$170 each for five honorable mentions, totaling \$1250. Once again, the donations came from Carrollton Enterprises, for which we are grateful. The awards were announced at the General Meeting, November 13. Hope to see many beautiful yards next year!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

☞ **December 2, Monday - 7:30 p.m.** Calverton Recreation Council Board Meeting. **NOTICE: SPRING 2014 SPORTS MAY FOLD WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS.** Go to [www.calvertonrec.org](http://www.calvertonrec.org) for more information.

☞ **December 5, 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 5, Thursday - Entries due for Holiday Light Contest.**

☞ **January 2, 2014, Thursday - 7 p.m.** CCA Board Meeting. Prince George's County Police Substation, Calverton Shopping Center. Winners of Holiday Light Contest will be announced and prizes awarded. All CCA members are invited and encouraged to attend. Til then, happy everything!

☞ **January 10, 2014, Friday - Deadline for next Calverton Current.**

## 2014 CCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elected at the CCA General Meeting  
November 13, 2013

### Officers

President	Bernie Karns
1st Vice President	Frank Cockrell
2nd Vice President	Alfonso Talavera
Treasurer	Tom Hickey
Recording Secretary	<b>Open, need volunteer</b>
Corresponding Secretary	Carolyn Gatto

### Delegates - Prince George's County

Julio Munoz	Rose Marie Ridgway
Nina Harley -	Suzanne Mongeon
Becky Cavallo	Wanda Swecker -
Margaret Lloyd	<b>Open, need volunteer</b>

### Delegates - Montgomery County

Claire Rupert	Margaret Poore
Lee Yaffe-Starke	Shirley Calleste -
Mark Doore	Carole Sippel
Jim Spencer	Frank Kammel



## HIGHLIGHTS OF NOVEMBER 2013 CCA BOARD MEETING

*Minutes.* The minutes were approved from the October Board meeting.

*Guest.* Officer Justin Haynes, Prince George's Community Police, now has a cell phone so that Board members can reach him directly. He announced the Safe Shopper informational meeting on November 12 at the Laurel Senior Center. Call 911 if you see a strange car or strange person that looks or acts suspicious. District VI is offering a child safety seat check.

*Treasurer's Report.* Treasurer Tom H. gave the Treasurer's report. The 2014 membership dues are coming in at a faster rate than last year.

*Crime Activity and Reporting.* Carolyn G noticed a strange car parked outside her house at 3:30 am one morning. She called 911, and the Montgomery County police came and checked the car. The police took two big trash bags from the car.

The Prince George's County Citizen Police Academy will begin in January 2014. Applicants have to pass a background check to participate. Montgomery County has its own program.

Karen M gets crime incident reports for the newsletter from the *Washington Post* and Prince George's County *Gazette*. These reports give only the block number rather than the house number to protect privacy. Send Prince George's Police Officer Justin Haynes an email about a specific case number or crime incident for more information. A third party, not the police, prepares the incident report.

*There's No Moon Out Tonight.* Margaret P says that the area around the Calverton sign at Calverton Boulevard and Gracefield Road is very dark, and youth tend to linger there. A street light is sorely needed there. She called Montgomery County Police Officer Patel to determine which county office she should contact.

*Correspondence.* Letters and donations need to go to Calverton and Galway Elementary Schools for their programs. The letter needs to go out to Montgomery County for demolition of the Calverton wall on Shanandale Road.

*Many Happy Returns of the Day.* Fifteen Calverton residents went to Albert Turner's penthouse office to wish him happy 97<sup>th</sup> birthday and to present him with a large greeting card. Mr. Turner developed Calverton and founded Carrollton Enterprises. Margaret P put together photos of the event. William Steen, Mr. Turner's assistant, had cake and coffee ready for the group.

*Storage Shed.* The CCA vacated the storage space at Calverton Elementary School and moved 2 file cabinets and 8 boxes to temporary storage at the Calverton Pool. It was proposed to install a shed for \$3,447 to house these items plus a grill on pool property. The CCA Board approved this proposal. The pool will cover the cost of insurance.

*Beautification Program.* The Beautification Committee, composed of six Calverton residents, identified six winners: one First Prize and five Honorable Mentions. The monetary prizes will be awarded at the General Membership Meeting November 13.

This question came up during the committee's review: how to verify membership in the CCA and thus eligibility in the Beautification Contest? If the Block Captain of one of the applicants does not collect dues for that block, how do we verify membership? We need to do a better job in getting Block Captains to collect dues and turn them in so that CCA membership can be verified.

*CCA Bylaws.* There are still a few changes that need to be made. They will be handed out at the November 2013 General Membership Meeting and voted upon at the April 2014 General Membership Meeting.

*Calverton Sign.* The landscaping was completed at the sign on Calverton Boulevard and Gracefield Road. Mr. Albert Turner of Carrollton Enterprises donated money for landscaping. Jerry R wrote a thank-you note to him.

### *Upcoming Meetings.*

- **December 5** - Montgomery County Council is holding a meeting at 9:30 a.m. to discuss rat complaints. Not sure if the meeting is related to the Calverton rat problem. The CCA had made a complaint to Council member Valerie Ervin's office about rats on Gracefield Road after the WSSC started digging there.
- **December 16** - Legislative East Montgomery County breakfast. Mark D is organizing the meeting and will get CCA members to attend.
- **Upcoming** - Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center Director Jewru Bandel will begin IDA Police Sector meetings in 2014. However, the three-week meeting notice that his office sends out is not enough advanced time to be included in the newsletter but can be put on the Calverton website and other outlets to let people know.

*Calverton Recreation Council (CRC).* The CRC is having trouble staffing its programs because the number of adult volunteers has dropped. Spring 2014 sports may have to fold because there are no volunteers for commissioners and coaches. Need to find other ways to get volunteers. The prospect of injuries and sexual harassment has changed the way parents look at sports programs. A background check is required to volunteer for some positions with the CRC programs.

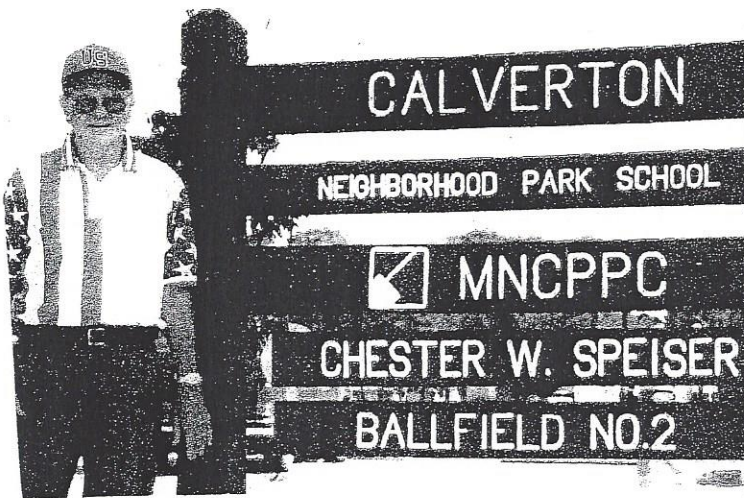


*Meeting Hosted by Mary Lehman.* The Prince George's County Council member for the Calverton area talked about planning. Need to build out from College Park to Laurel. Montgomery Road in Beltsville has been renovated with curbs and sidewalks installed. Sunnyside Avenue will be renovated and the bridge rebuilt. The county is looking at Old Gunpowder and Powder Mill Roads because there is more traffic on these roads, even though Ammendale Road was improved. Konterra development and the White Oak Science Gateway will bring many cars to our local roads.

\*\*\*\*\* IN MEMORIAM \*\*\*\*\*

**Chester W. Speiser, Jr.**  
Calverton Neighbor

Chet was instrumental in the formation of the Calverton Recreation Council and helped many local youth participate in sports activities. In his honor, Calverton Ballfield No. 2 was named for him, as shown in the photo below.



After reporting to police, please also report all CRIME INCIDENTS to:  
Fernando Lopez, 301-572-5830

**APPLICATION TO ENTER THE  
2013 CALVERTON HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

I swear that I am a current 2013 or 2014 dues-paying member of the CCA. I agree to allow the Holiday Light Committee to come to my house and enter my front yard to judge my holiday light display.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Entries must be received by December 5, 2013.**

**Judging will take place between December 9 and December 14.** Winners will be notified by phone. Monetary prizes will be awarded at the January 2, 2014 CCA Board meeting. The names of the winners will appear in the February 2014 Calverton Current.

**Note: The display with the most lights will not necessarily be the winner.** Displays will be judged based on their creativity and artistic design. Quality over quantity. Try to Go Green! Use LED lights because LEDs reduce energy use by 90 percent.

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**BLOCK CAPTAIN VACANCY REPORT**

**Montgomery County.** Block Captains are needed for Blocks 40a and 52. For more info, please call Donna Riley, Montgomery County Membership Chair, at 301-572-5186.

- Block S-40a, on Summerwood Road, has 10 homes
- Block S-52, on Galway Drive, has 20 homes

**Prince George's County.** Blocks 16, 25, and 35 have new Block Captains. A block Captain is needed for Block 12. For more info, please call Nina Harley, Prince George's County Membership Chair, at 301-572-7455.

- Block B-12, on Greenmount Avenue, has 24 homes