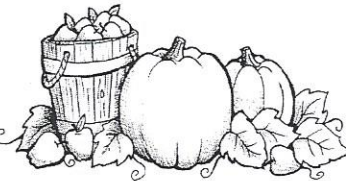


# Calverton Current



Newsletter of the Calverton Citizen's Association ♦ Silver Spring ♦ Beltsville, MD ♦ October 2014  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Again we are calling and asking for the names of all the original Calverton owners. We need to know the names of all the original owners who still live in Calverton for our celebration in November. If you know anyone on your block or anyone in Calverton who has been living here since the beginning, please call me at 301-572-8018 or email me at [jeff.karns@verizon.net](mailto:jeff.karns@verizon.net).

We are compiling a list of emails for Calverton residents and renters. This list will only be used for CCA purposes. It will not be given out to any other organization. The CCA wants to make a list of emails in order to improve communication in case of an emergency or news that will impact Calverton. Please go to [www.calvertoncitizens.org](http://www.calvertoncitizens.org) to send us an email to say that it is okay for us to add you to the list. You can also send me your email directly to [jeff.karns@verizon.net](mailto:jeff.karns@verizon.net).

The Calverton Citizens Association has started the membership drive. Between now and the end of October you will see your block captain coming to your door to collect the \$20.00 dues. This dues is used for the printing of the newsletter, the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. It is also used when the board is representing Calverton at hearings or other meetings that affect our community. Please support your Calverton Citizens Association by giving your \$20.00 dues when your block captain comes collecting.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- ♦ October 2, Thursday – 7:00 p.m. CCA Board Meeting at the Prince George's County Police Substation, Calverton Shopping Center. All CCA members are invited and encourage to come.
- ♦ November 5, Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. CCA Board Meeting at the Prince George's County Police Substation, Calverton Shopping Center. All CCA members are invited and encourage to come. Please note change in day because Safe Shopper Tips is on November 6.
- ♦ November 6, Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Safe Shopper Tips presented by District VI police at the Prince George's Police Substation, Calverton Shopping Center. Everyone is invited.
- ♦ November 10, Monday – Deadline for the next Calverton Current.
- ♦ November 12, Wednesday – 7:15 pm. CCA General Membership Meeting at Calverton Elementary School. Celebrate all the original Calverton residents.

## CALVERTON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (CCA) BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2014

Meeting called to order 7:10

No minutes to approve

**Treasurer Report:** The big expense came from Celebrate Calverton & July 4<sup>th</sup> and insurance. A few other expenses with newsletter, directory. Insurance covers the board members for liability while performing their duties. The insurance does not cover any Calverton signs. The price for liability insurance is pretty good.

### Committee Reports

**Nominating:** In October we will need board members to help with the nominating committee. The CCA board will vote on new slate at the **November 5<sup>th</sup>** meeting. The slate of officers are presented at the general membership meeting for final vote on November 12.

**Publications:** Newsletters got a little off schedule. August is out now and the September newsletter should be out soon. We will have two newsletters come out almost back-to-back. The advertisers paid for their ads so we could not cancel a month. The October newsletter should be out at the end of September. Email addresses are needed for a Calverton list that can be used to send out info. Put a notice in the October newsletter to request email addresses that will be kept confidential and will only be used for CCA purposes. There will be no directory for 2015. Directory will come out 2016.

**Membership:** Membership drive is beginning now and will run until the end of October. **Next year we will put the information in the August or September newsletter.** The membership cards are here.

**Calverton Recreation Council (CRC)** will meet on Saturday to discuss officers and how things are going. Talk about getting CRC website updated. The CCA will be having an audit done of all the books before the new officers take over. The audit will include both the CCA and CRC books.

**Zoning and legal action:** The CCA may have to take legal action on a couple of violations to the covenants. We will be consulting an attorney on the building violations. The owner will be contacted for the other violations. Covenant violations need to be fought right away to protect the covenants. The CCA will form a group of residents who will ride through Calverton to note violations relating to state and county laws and codes. The group will also note cove-



nant violations. The violations will be reported to the appropriate county agency for action.

## Guests

**Corporal Haynes:** Burglaries have increased in Beltsville and Laurel. One person who has been involved in many of the instances is being held. A couple of his acquaintances have also been caught. The one person worked as a pizza delivery person in order to carry out the burglaries. There is a lot of evidence and lot of cases against this person. He should get a lot of time. Be aware. Be alert. Know what is going on in your neighborhood. If you see anything suspicious call 911. We will come and check it out for you. It is better to be safe than to be sorry. There is a Neighborhood Watch Training on Tuesday, September 30 at 6:30 pm in the Laurel Senior Center. There is another Citizens Police Academy class that will be starting in about 6 months. If you want to take the class you need to contact me or Bernie.

**William Steen:** Carrollton Enterprises and the Turners really enjoyed Celebrate Calverton. It was such a great weather day and a nice event to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Carrollton Enterprises has a contract on the big building. We will be tenants and plan to stay in the building. Calverton will always be a part of our company. Carrollton Enterprises will help sponsor the Holiday Light Contest again this year.

## Old Business

**Neighborhood Watch/Walk** – training will be provided on September 30 at the Laurel Senior center. Board members will go. Want to have a Neighborhood Watch Walk for the community in the spring.

**Little Paint Branch:** will contact the Anacostia Watershed Society to get help with the cleanup of the stream.

**General Membership meeting:** November 12. CCA will honor original Calverton owners. We will send invitations to the guests of honor.

**PEPCO tree trimming and tree removal:** have not heard what PEPCO will be doing about the stumps.

**Road conditions in PG:** still no response. PG roads have still not been repaired for many, many years. Need to contact county to find schedule and where we are on the list. Gas Company is repairing pipes and repairing road where they dig.

**Road divider marker** on Calverton Boulevard at Shanandale is down. Need to call Montgomery County to report the sign is gone. Need new sign and concrete should be painted yellow so that it is visible at night.

## New Business

**Honor wall:** This was talked about several year ago. Will have a page in directory to honor residents who have been voted for a place on the wall. The next directory comes out in 2016. Will vote for one more resident and also two benefactors to be added to the honor page in the directory.

**Galway/Fairland sign:** Waiting for estimate to replace missing letters. Will revisit at October meeting.

**Email Calverton list:** Want to collect emails while collecting dues for membership. Also put a form in the newsletter to send back. You can also go to website to give us your email.

**Development at Old Gunpowder Road and Powder Mill Road.** The board voted to support a new plan for 100 townhomes. The board is not in favor of 312 apartments. The intersection is dangerous and has too much traffic already.

**Mary Lehman's Community Family Day** – hope everyone can make it on Saturday, September 13 from noon to 4pm at Fairland Regional Park on Old Gunpowder Road

**Are chickens legal?** Chickens are legal in Montgomery County but they are not legal according to our covenants. We need to take action to get chickens removed.

## BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR CORNER



Parking violations are an ongoing problem in Calverton and seem to be getting worse. I continue to get phone calls about the way people are

parking their vehicles. Vehicles cannot be parked opposite the flow of traffic. Left wheels of your vehicle must not be against the curb. Park on the side of the street in the direction that you would be driving.

This is a new one. The parking on the street is to be parallel to the curb, not perpendicular. The side of your vehicle should be along the curb or parallel to the curb. The front end of your vehicle should not be facing the curb. Your vehicle should not be parked perpendicular to the curb. This is not a shopping center so you do not pull your car straight into the curb.

Vehicles must be parked 35 feet from an intersection or intersecting roadway.

No parking within 5 feet of a driveway.

Do not park directly across from your neighbor's driveway so that they cannot pull out of their own driveway.

Parking your vehicle across the sidewalk so that it blocks the path of pedestrians is illegal. Do not block the sidewalk.

All vehicles must have a current license to be parked on the driveway or on the street.

Vehicles cannot be parked on the grass.

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



If you see anyone in Calverton not following any of the regulations above, call the police. Get your neighbors to call the police. Calverton residents and renters need to know and obey all the state and county laws, codes, and zoning ordinances that are a part of Calverton. So, you should not be surprised when you see a police officer ticketing your car or a county inspector coming to give you a citation. You have had ample warning regarding what you need to do regarding parking your vehicles because this has been put into several newsletters.



## A vigilant neighborhood is the best defense against crime !

Corporal Haynes of the Prince Georges County Police Dept. informed us that Theft from Autos has seen a marked increase in the Calverton area. Please make sure to lock your vehicle and remove all items of value (navigation systems, money, purses, wallets, electronics, etc.) If anyone notices suspicious activity please do not hesitate to call the police.

*The Silver Spring Station reported the following crimes:*  
 Aug. 19 2800 block of Calverton Blvd.--break-in/theft  
 Aug. 31 3300 block of Kilkenny St.--vandalism of a motor vehicle

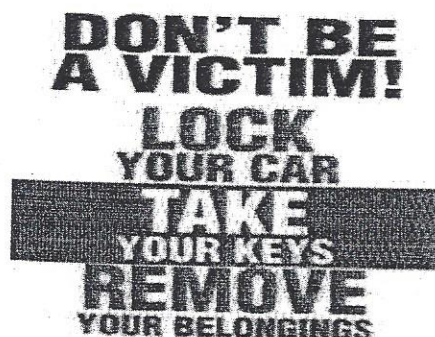


## Prevent Thefts from Vehicles



**If you make it easy for someone to steal from your vehicle, chances are they will.  
 Minimize the opportunity by practicing the following safety tips:**

- ⇒ Always lock your vehicle and take your keys.
- ⇒ Never leave a spare set of keys anywhere in the vehicle – a magnetic box, above the visor, under the hood, etc. Thieves **ALWAYS** check these areas.
- ⇒ Always park in a well lighted area.
- ⇒ When parking your vehicle, always make sure the windows are tightly closed.
- ⇒ Keep all valuables – iPods, GPS units, purses, briefcases, computer bags, spare change, and clothing – out of sight.
- ⇒ Record the serial numbers of any property that you may leave inside your vehicle. If stolen, it makes it easier for police to identify a suspect and recover your property.



**Anything of value left in your car attracts thieves!**

**Always dial 9-1-1 to report suspicious persons or activity.**

**REMEMBER:  
 THEFT PREVENTION IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!**