



Calverton Current



Newsletter of the Calverton Citizen's Association ♦ Silver Spring ♦ Beltsville, MD ♦ December 2014

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a really good turnout for our general membership meeting. It seems that people liked the fact that we mixed pleasure with business. The meeting included CCA important items and it also included a celebration to honor our Calverton original owners. There is no better way to enjoy an evening meeting than to combine it with a party.

We need to thank Mary Lehman, PG District 1 County Council member, for donating the two cakes for the celebration. They were not only delicious but beautiful. We would also like to thank Carrollton Enterprises for donating 10 gift certificates to give away to the guests of honor, our original owners. The social committee did a great job making this a very special event. It was exciting to find out that the oldest resident and oldest original resident came out for the party. Wow!!!! At 99, Mr. Guy Carocci is still going strong and looks great doing it.

After some celebrating, eating cake and drinking apple cider, we had to begin the business part of the general membership meeting. It was time to approve the 2015 CCA Board of Directors and announce the winners of the Beautification Contest. The approved new Board of Directors is listed below the President's message. You will find the winners of the Beautification Contest elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our new PG Community Police Officer from District VI, Corporal Schaweble, came to our meeting along with Corporal Woody. Corporal Haynes was assigned as the school police officer for Einstein High School in Laurel. We thank Corporal Haynes for all that he has done for Calverton and wish him much success in his new position. The CCA looks forward to working with Corporal Schaweble to help us solve our problems.

Now, you don't want to miss our next general membership meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2015. You just never know if you might miss another party. Mark your calendar now to come to the April CCA General Membership Meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ♦ Thursday, December 4, 7:00 pm – Next CCA board meeting at the PG Police Satellite Office
- ♦ Monday, December 8 – Deadline to enter the Holiday Light Contest
- ♦ December 14 through December 20 – Judging for the Holiday Light Contest takes place
- ♦ Thursday, January 8 2015, 7:00 pm – CCA board meeting at the PG Police Satellite Office

Please note that January 1 is New Year's Day so the meeting has been moved one week.

Winners of the Holiday Light Contest will be given their awards at the January meeting..

CALVERTON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (CCA) BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CCA Board Minutes Meeting November 6, 2014

Called to order 7:05 pm

Treasurer's report: CCA dues, website expense, meeting expenses. Flowers were bought for Pat Burdine and Jim Spencer's daughter, who both passed away recently. One board member thanked Tom for his years of service as the treasurer.

Guest: Corporal Schaweble, new PG community police officer. Corporal Haynes was moved to Einstein HS in Laurel. Corporal Schaweble will work with us to help with our problems. He will help however he can. He is here to help us and if he can't solve it, he will get someone who can or give us a number of someone who can help us. If anyone is interested in going through the training in the Citizens Police Academy please let Bernie know. We need more people from Calverton to take the training.

Committees

Newsletter: Font needs to be larger. Font should be 10. Need to include membership dues form and block captain vacancies.

Directory: If you see any mistakes in the current directory please let the CCA board know so that it can be corrected for the next directory.

Old Business

Nominations for 2015 Board: CCA board approved nominations.

General Membership meeting: Invitations were sent to original owners. Mary Lehman, our PG county council representative, is providing two cakes for the party. The general membership refreshment team is working hard on the party.

PEPCO: sent informational brochures for the general membership meeting. There will be no representative at the general membership meeting. One board member mentioned that PEPCO had removed all the stumps and that PEPCO will be planting trees at the end of winter or early spring. Another board member mentioned that the tree stumps are still on Ingelside. The stumps were not removed. We need to talk to PEPCO, again.

BG&E, gas company: Has been replacing gas lines and putting gas meters outside of houses. One board member brought up that the patches on the road are really bad. The

board needs to contact BG&E to see when they are going to put in the final, good patches on the road.

Code violations, etc.: Several board members will ride through Calverton on November 15 to note of locations that are violating codes, covenants and empty houses.

Beautification contest: Winners will be announced at the general membership meeting. All contest entrants were residents in PG. Carrollton Enterprises sponsored the contest again this year. We thank them for their support.

Property at the corner of Gracefield and Calverton Boulevard: will contact the owner again to make sure that he is going to take care of the sidewalks when it snows or is icy. It is very dangerous when the sidewalk is not cleared during the winter months.

The large red barn: We still need to press the county to see how it was approved. Also, contact the lawyer and elected officials to help. Corporal Schaweble would like to have the information about the structure.

CCA shed at the pool: Need to install 4 concrete corner structure supports before the shed is delivered. The concrete supports should be done in 2 weeks. The shed will finally be delivered shortly after that.

Hometown Landscapes: The board would like to thank them for keeping some of the smaller pieces of land in Calverton nice and manicured.

By-laws: Need to be printed so that residents can be put in the directory.

New Business

Chickens: Email sent from a resident regarding chickens in the community. Even though chickens are not allowed in Calverton because it is a covenant violation, Montgomery now allows chickens as long as the code is followed. The resident stated that the board should revisit the covenants. At this time the board is not going to discuss changing the covenants. One board member brought it to the board's attention that a Calverton resident in PG has a pot belly pig. The board will check this out because pig's are not allowed according to the covenants.

Property at the end of Shanandale: Some residents would like to see some improvements to the property. If it is a park, can we put benches in on the grounds where people can sit? Will the board contact the county to see if it is possible to put in benches or memorial benches?

Route 29 and Cherry Hill Road: What is happening with the construction? Is WSSC finished with the project? The board will contact WSSC.

Donation: Need to ask a previous board member or William Steen about a donation for the beautification contest. Will write a letter to Carrollton Enterprises for the prize money for the winners.

Oversized vehicles: Are the signs up stating that large vehicles are not allowed in our community? Large trucks are parking on our streets. One resident is going to meet with MC police. Corporal Schaweble suggested that we not just call the police but we should also call 311 or 240-777-0311 to report oversized vehicles parking on the street.

Thefts: Still do not leave anything in your vehicle.

Thieves are breaking windows to take things left in the car. Corporal Schaweble said to call 911 if you see anything to call immediately. Put sensor or motion lights around the house. Call PG or MC police to get a home security inspection.

Future meetings

General Membership meeting: Wednesday, November 12 at 7:15 – Calverton ES

Safe Shoppers Tips: Wednesday, November 12 at 6:30 – PG Police Satellite Office

Next CCA Board meeting: Thursday, December 4 at 7:00 – PG Police Satellite Office

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 pm

BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST RESULTS

There were 43 entries this year for the contest and ironically, they were all from Prince George's County. Don't know what happened to Montgomery County. But, next year, let's get some entries from MC, this is a bi-county community.

A few of the items that the committee considers for judging are: Use of flowers for color, shrubs and trees properly pruned, and a good looking lawn with edged borders.

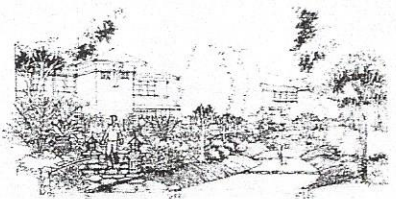
There are many other considerations that go into judging and it does take some time to visit all the houses.

Here are the results:

First Place: Sandra Sardanelli

Five Honorable Mentions: Sandra Kelly, Lorraine Schwieson, Kathy Velky, Duncan Munro and Donna Farnsworth.

Congratulations to all the winners!



2015 CCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Bernie Karns

Vice President PG: Frank Cockrell

Vice President MG: Alfonso Talavera

Treasurer: Tom Hickey

Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Gatto

Recording Secretary: **Vacant – need one volunteer**

PRINCE GEORGES DELEGATES

Julio Munoz Rose Marie Ridgway Becky Cavallo
Margaret Lloyd Wanda Swecker Pat Thornberg
Nina Harley

Vacant – need one volunteer

MONTGOMERY DELEGATES

Claire Rupert Jim Spencer Shirley Calliste
Mark Doore Margaret Poore Lee Yaffe-Stark
Allison Klumpp Carol Sippel

2015 CCA Membership Form

Return this form with your money to:
CCA, P.O. Box 21, Beltsville, MD 20704-0021

Membership Dues - just \$20 per household!

The CCA exists for your benefit and the benefit of the community.

Your CCA dues give you:

11 issues of the Calverton *Current* newsletter every year
Calverton Telephone Directory every 2 years (next one 2016-2015)

The Calverton Citizens Association also:

Sponsors the July 4th celebration every year - with refreshments, moon bounce, magician, face painting and tattoo, clown, petting animals, and good fellowship with the neighbors

Maintains public grounds around Calverton - Calverton Boulevard area, and Galway area

Sponsors special events such as International Day and Neighborhood Watch Walks

Acts as your representative at county hearings and at other meetings on issues relating to violations of the Calverton covenants, transportation, traffic, roads, street lighting, schools, and surrounding residential and commercial development

Helps provide recreational opportunities for people of all ages through the CCA's premier standing committee, the Calverton Recreation Council

Assists residents on matters of civic concern, such as providing relevant county phone numbers for you to call to report problems

These activities need funding that comes from your dues

2015 CCA Membership Dues

Name _____

Phone _____

Address: _____

Make check for \$20 payable to the CCA

Return this form with your money to:

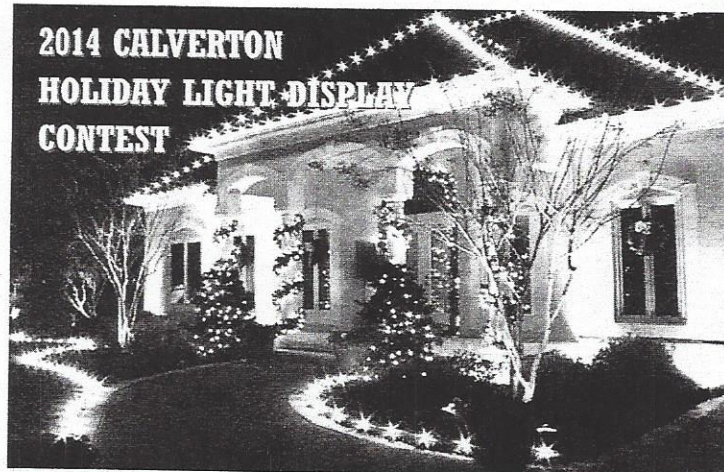
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WANTED: SNOW WORKERS, ALL TRUCKS WITH SNOW PLOWS, ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH SHOVELS



If you want to make money shoveling snow for residents of Calverton who are not able to shovel snow, we need to hear from you now. Call or send your name, phone number and the price that you will charge for shoveling or plowing snow to Bernie, 301-572-8018, jeff.karns@verizon.net, or www.calvertoncitizens.org. We are compiling a

list that will be placed on our website and will be put into our newsletter. Our residents of Calverton need your help in getting the snow out of the way.



HURRY ! ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 8, 2014

CELEBRATION PICTURES FROM THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HONORING OUR ORIGINAL OWNERS

Sorry if you missed the party because you also missed meeting the oldest resident and the oldest original resident of Calverton, Mr. Guy Carocci. But, here are a few pictures so that you can see what you missed.



Cakes Courtesy of MARY LEHMAN, Council Member, 1st District.
Prince Georges County, Maryland.