

Calverton Current

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Bernie Karns

Believe it or not, spring is coming. But, in the meantime, we all have to deal with very cold temperatures and snowy weather. It has been so cold that people and animals should not be outside for very long. Remember that we all have to look out for our neighbors and our neighbors' pets in case they may have been left outside in the weather and may appear to be affected by the weather. If you feel or suspect that a neighbor or a pet needs help, call 911 immediately. Let's hope that the warm weather gets here soon. But, wait, summer will soon be here. Summer can bring extreme heat and severe storms to our area. We need to be mindful of pets and people in the summer, too. Extreme heat and severe storms can harm people and animals, too. Again, if you feel someone or a pet needs help from the summer weather, call 911 immediately. Neighbors look out for neighbors and the neighbors' pets. We need to pay attention to those around us who may need help in extreme weather, cold or hot.

With spring coming, we will all be thinking about spring cleaning by getting rid of old things and throwing things in the trash. There is trash and recycling information elsewhere in this newsletter for both Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. We hope that you find it helpful. One thing that is not listed is information regarding your bulk or bulky pickups. If you live in Prince George's County and you want to get rid of mattresses, furniture and old appliances, you need to call 311 to schedule a pickup. If you live in Montgomery County, the county will pick up old appliances or old metal after you have called 240-777-0311 to schedule a pickup. If you have contracted with Beltsville Refuse for garbage pickup, they will pick up bulky items; such as, mattresses, furniture, etc. for a reasonable fee. If you have contracted with another trash hauler you can call the company to see if they will do a bulk or bulky pick up for you. You just have to call the appropriate county number or the trash company to schedule a day for your bulk or bulky pickup. When mattresses, beds or appliances are sitting on the curb for a long time, Calverton looks like a dumping site. These discarded items can bring unwanted, wild animals to the neighborhood.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR ITEMS OUT ON THE CURB UNTIL IT IS THE DAY OF YOUR BULK OR BULKY PICK UP.

Let's Celebrate Calverton by keeping it looking good and beautiful.

DATES TO REMEMBER

♦ March 5, Thursday – 7:00 p.m. CCA Board Meeting at the Prince George's County Police Substation, Calverton Shopping Center. Commander Jones from Montgomery County Police District 3 Station will be our guest. All CCA members are invited to come.

♦ April 2, Thursday – 7:00 p.m. CCA Board Meeting at the Prince George's County Police Substation, Calverton Shopping Center.

♦ April 15, Wednesday – 7:15 p.m. CCA General Membership Meeting at Calverton Elementary School. We hope that there will be representatives from police, zoning, code enforcement from both counties. Also, we are trying to get PEPCO and Washington Gas to the meeting.

♦ May 7, Thursday – 7:00 p.m. CCA Board Meeting at the Prince George's County Police Substation, Calverton Shopping Center.

CALVERTON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (CCA) BOARD MEETING MINUTES CCA Board Minutes February 5, 2015

6:20 Call to order p.m.

Guests:

To William Steen, *Carrollton Enterprises*, a gain, I want to make sure that everyone knows the Carrollton Enterprises has sold the big building. We still have the top floor and will still be very involved with Calverton and the Shopping Center. Carrollton Enterprises is planning events for 2015 and will let the board and the community know when the dates are set.

Corporal Schwaeble, *Calverton Community Police*. The community needs to know that Cross Creek is having problems with people breaking into cars and taking garage door openers. The people come back a couple days later and break into the house by opening the garage door. **DO NOT** leave your garage door opener in the car. **DO NOT** leave anything of value in the car. **LOCK** your cars. **DO NOT** warm up your car in the morning, people steal cars while they are running. When you are pumping your gas at the station, **LOCK** your doors, don't leave anything visible for someone to take while you are busy.

One board member asked Corporal Schwaeble about the poles on I95. Another board member explained that the power lines are being replaced and they are adding supports to make sure that nothing hits the ground if it comes loose.

One board member told Corporal Schwaeble that things are looking better in both counties with regards to oversized vehicles, parking violations, etc.

Treasurer's Report: 2015 CCA proposed budget was presented. Dues is a little low right now. We haven't received all the bills for the newsletter. The 2015 Budget was approved. One board member thanked the treasurer for all his hard work.

Old Business: Letter was sent to Washington Gas to investigate two problems in Calverton. One was regarding the water pipe that was broken on Ingleside when the new gas lines were being installed. The other problem occurred when the gas workers responded to a call about a gas leak on Castleleigh Place.

The CCA is now sending a letter to Prince George's (PG) Department of Permitting, Inspection and Enforcement (DPIE) to ask when the PG roads will be repaired. Where is Calverton on the schedule of road repairs? Calverton will also ask DPIE for information regarding two properties in Calverton.

New Business: Board members need to follow covenants, codes and other regulations. If we want Calverton residents to follow them, than we need to follow them.

5K Run at High Point: The route was going to include Powder Mill Road, Beltsville Drive, Beltsville Road and Calverton Boulevard. When the race organizers met with PG officials, the officials asked the organizers to hold the run at Beltsville Community Center.

Commander Jones from Montgomery County Police, District 3, will be at the March 5 CCA board meeting at 7pm. There is also a MC Police meeting on February 11 at 7pm at the East County Building on Briggs Chaney Road.

Our April general meeting will have police from both counties, code enforcement from both counties, Pepco, and WG for a question and answer meeting. The general meeting is Wednesday, April 15 at 7:15. The date needed to be changed because the school is closed for Spring Break on the second Wednesday.

One board member wanted to know what to do about a situation in which someone may not be able to live in a house because the inside of the house is not safe. The board member will call 311 in order to find out which county agency handles this type of situation.

One board member brought up that owners, residents, and anyone living in a house in Calverton all need to remember that the sidewalks must be cleared 24 hours after the snow or ice has stopped. This board member is following up with the county where the owner is not taking care of the property. Our county delegate is helping the CCA to resolve this problem.

It was brought to the board's attention that there is development proposed for Old Columbia Pike and Industrial Parkway. This development is a preliminary subdivision that will include 285 apartments and a grocery store. The CCA will look into this new project.

Next CCA board meeting will be Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 pm at the Police Satellite Office in the shopping center

Our CCA General Meeting is Wednesday, April 15 at 7:15 pm at Calverton Elementary School.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.



TRASH AND RECYCLING FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Trash pickup for Calverton residents in Prince George's County is Monday and Thursday. Pickup of recyclables for Calverton residents in Prince George's County is Monday, only. Yard waste pickup for Calverton residents in Prince George's County is Wednesday only.

DO NOT PUT YOUR YARD WASTE IN A PLASTIC BAG. YARD WASTE MUST GO IN PAPER BAGS (BROWN YARD BAGS) OR TRASH CANS THAT YOU HAVE MARKED AS CONTAINING YARD WASTE FOR PICKUP.

RECYCLING COLLECTION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED ON THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:

Labor Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

Recycling collection will resume on the next regularly scheduled collection day.

Note: Recycling collection will take place on New Years' Day if it falls on Monday – Friday.

In case of snow and/or ice: road conditions may make it necessary for recycling contractors to stop pick-up services until streets are clear and safe for collection to resume.

RECYCLING COLLECTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND THE DISABLED

The County provides on premise collection of recyclables for senior citizens over 65 years of age and for disabled persons. To qualify, no one living in the home can be under 65 years of age or be physically able to carry the collection containers to the curb. To make arrangements for on premise collection, call (301) 952-7630

TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED ON THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:

New Year's Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving
Christmas

Collection will resume on the next regularly scheduled collection day except for areas with once-a-week refuse pick-up. For areas with once-a-week trash pick-up, collection will shift to the next day for the entire holiday collection. For example, if Monday is a holiday, Monday collection will be conducted on Tuesday, Tuesday collection will be conducted on Wednesday, etc.

COLLECTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND THE DISABLED

The County provides back door collection of trash for senior citizens over 65 years of age and for disabled persons. To qualify, **no one** living in the home can be under 65 years of age or be physically able to carry the collection containers to the curb. To make arrangements for back door collection, dial 311.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather, all bulky, regular trash, recycling and yard waste collections may be cancelled or delayed due to road or weather-related conditions. If collection services are postponed, every effort will be made to schedule pick-ups on the next regularly scheduled day. Residents are reminded that collection pickups can occur from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. In addition, all services located at the Brown Station Road Sanitary Landfill in Upper Marlboro including the Brown Station Road Public Container Pad and Recycling Area, the Household Hazardous Acceptance Site, the Electronics Recycling Acceptance Site, the Prince George's County Yard Waste Composting Facility, scrap tire and appliance disposal sites, and the Missouri Avenue Solid Waste Acceptance and Recycling Center in Brandywine may also experience suspension in services due to severe weather.

Visit <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Pages/default.aspx> for further updates and alert information. To register a missed collection after 3 p.m. on the day of service, contact CountyClick at 3-1-1 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., Monday – Friday or submit a request for assistance online at www.countyclick311.com.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Yard waste pickup for Calverton residents in Montgomery County is Wednesday only.

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If the actual holiday falls on a weekday, then collection for that day and the rest of the week slides one day later with residents who receive Friday service being picked-up on Saturday. If the actual holiday falls on a weekend and the County observes the holiday by being closed on the Friday before, or the Monday after, the collection schedule is unchanged. Collection service will occur on the "observed" holiday of either Friday or Monday. Changes to the regular County provided recycling collection schedule. County collection does not occur on these holidays: (see schedule A)

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REMEMBER: Montgomery County Calverton residents do not have county trash pickup. You should have contracted your trash pickup with another garbage hauler; such as, Beltsville Refuse. Since Beltsville Refuse offers two day a week pickup, Tuesday and Friday, and you opted for one day a week pickup, if they do not pick up on Tuesday due to weather, you can put your trash out on the next pick up day, Friday. They will pick up your trash on Friday.

BLOCK CAPTAIN VACANCY REPORT

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

◆ Block S-40a, on Summerwood Drive, has 10 homes

◆ Block S-40b, on Castleleigh Road has 10 homes

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Block Captains are needed for Blocks 8, 14, 38, and 39. For more info, please call Nina Harley, Prince George's County Membership Chair at 301-572-7455.

◆ Block B-8, on Christine Drive, has 15 homes

◆ Block B-14, on Bellevue Street, has 26 homes

◆ Block B-38, on Wellford Drive, has 27 homes

◆ Block B-39, on Briggs Chaney Road, has 17 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 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.

Also, if you have not renewed your 2015 CCA membership, or if you want to join the CCA for the first time, please call Donna or Nina above.

Schedule A

For the holiday week of

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1, 2015
Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 19, 2015
Presidents Day, Monday, February 16, 2015
Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2015
Independence Day, Saturday, July 4, 2015
Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2015
Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2015
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, 2015
Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 2015
New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, 2016

Your collection day this week is

Wednesday, December 31, 2014 (no change)
Thursday, January 22, 2015
Thursday, February 19, 2015
Thursday, May 28, 2015
Wednesday, July 1, 2015 (no change)
Thursday, September 10, 2015
Thursday, November 12, 2015
Wednesday, November 25, 2015 (no change)
Wednesday, December 23, 2015 (no change)
Wednesday, December 30, 2015 (no change)