

# Calverton Current

Newsletter of the Calverton Citizen's Association ♦ Silver Spring ♦ Beltsville, MD  
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## CCA BOARD MESSAGE

Even though this winter has been mild there were many times when there were some very extreme differences between temperatures. There were several instances through the winter where an Alberta Clipper blew through Calverton with powerful winds and extremely cold temperatures. We would have a day where the temperature reached 70 degrees then the next day the temperature would be 30 degrees. We had another day when the temperature reached 80 degrees and two days later it was 30 degrees with a dusting of snow.

These temperature changes bring freezing and thawing that can cause potholes on our roads and cause pipes to burst. When you see a pothole in Prince George's County call 311 to report it. When you see a pothole in Montgomery County call 240-777-0311 to report the location. When you notice that water is coming up in the road, this could mean that one of WSSC's pipes has burst. Please call the WSSC 24-hour call center to report the problem at 301-206-4200.

Thank you for helping to keep the Calverton roads safe and for helping to keep the problems small. If we call right away, we can keep these problems from becoming major problems.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- ♦ February through April – there is free income tax assistance for residents who qualify. Maryland VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) sites are located in both Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. Please see information elsewhere in this newsletter.
- ♦ Wednesday, March 15 – US29 BRT Public Open Houses. <http://getonboardbrt.com/us29> March 15 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at White Oak Community Center, Social Hall Open houses constitute opportunities for residents to stop in, learn about this project, ask questions, and offer comments to our staff.
- ♦ Thursday, March 16 – Public Hearing on the Burtonsville/Briggs Chaney Enterprise Zone Proposal, 6:30 pm, Marilyn Praisner Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD. A draft application will be made available for review beginning February 27, 2017 at the East County Regional Services Center and the Marilyn Praisner Library during regular business hours, and online at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eastcounty](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eastcounty). To sign-up to testify, please contact Tina Benjamin at 240-777-2006 or at [tina.benjamin@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:tina.benjamin@montgomerycountymd.gov). Hearing impaired or Spanish interpretation services can be requested up to 72 hours before the meeting. The county application is due to the State of Maryland by April 15.

- ♦ **Saturday, March 25** - Want to create a rain garden? 9 AM - 4 PM. Colmar Manor Community Center, 3701 Lawrence Street, Colmar Manor, MD 20722. This workshop is for contractors and homeowners who want to learn to create their own rain gardens that remove pollutants from storm water runoff, provide habitat for pollinators, and benefit the environment. The workshop will cover the basics of rain garden design, construction, and maintenance. The workshop fee is \$20 per person (lunch included). For more information, please call 240-366-7542. To register online, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/beautifulraingardens>.
- ♦ Wednesday, April 5 – East County Citizens Advisory Board, 7:00 pm, East County Regional Building, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road.
- ♦ Thursday, April 6 – Senior Tea, Laure/Beltsville Senior Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel. The topic has not been announced at this time.
- ♦ Thursday, April 6 – CCA Board meeting, 7:00 pm, Calverton Elementary School, Media Center.
- ♦ Tuesday, April 11 – Beltsville Tea Time, 1:00 pm, Riderwood in the Celebrations Room. The topic has not been announced at this time.
- ♦ Wednesday, April 12 – Calverton General Membership Meeting, 7:00 pm, Calverton Elementary School, Cafeteria/All Purpose Room. Look for more details soon.
- ♦ Sunday, April 16 – Deadline to enter the Calverton Beautification Contest. All entries must be received today.

## CCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 2, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

**Treasurer's report:** Membership dues is still coming in, but the amount of money that has been collected for dues is way down. Only 45-50% of residents have joined the CCA.

The board discussed the need of getting more and younger people involved with the citizens' association. We need to get younger people on the board. The board is now in the process of searching for a younger president of the CCA. Most of the CCA board members are between 70-80 years old.

WSSC pipe project in Calverton is under way. It seems that they are making every effort to make sure that the residents of Calverton are not adversely impacted from the project.

**Committee Reports:**

**Directory:** Is almost put together and ready to send to printer. It should be at printer by mid-February.

**Website:** The CCA is exploring another server to host the CCA website.

**CRC:** Flyers and advertisements are going out for spring soccer to begin mid-March or early April.

**ECCAB (East County Citizens Advisory Board):** There was an update about the White Oak Science Gateway in the Hillandale area. The plan includes refurbishing the Hillandale Shopping Center with the Safeway. There is also a plan to build a Hilton Hotel and shopping district along Elton Road. The new plan also includes new multiuse apartments for low income and older residents to be constructed across from the Hillandale Shopping Center. There was just a little talk about the BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) on Route 29. The reworking of intersection of Tech Road, Prosperity Drive and Route 29 that will include apartments and/or condos and grocery store. There will be widening of some roads and changing some intersections. For more information, go to the WOSG website: [https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dir/dev\\_review/development\\_review.html](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dir/dev_review/development_review.html)

The CCA board wants to thank **Donna Riley, MC Membership Chair**, for all the work that she has done over the years with not only the membership committee but also with the distribution of the Calverton newsletters.  
Thank you, Donna.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next CCA Board Meeting is March 2 at 7:00 pm

## CRIME REPORT

- January 26 – Burglary, 12100 Block of Lemar Court
- February 6 – Vehicle Burglary, 3100 Block of Gracefield Road
- February 7 – Theft from Auto, 3400 Block of Beltsville Road
- February 13 – Burglary, 3000 Block of Fallston Avenue
- February 16 – Vehicle Burglary, 12400 Block of Pretoria Drive
- February 17 – Vandalism, 2700 Block of Shanandale Drive
- February 21 – Theft, Galway Elementary
- March 1 – Burglary, 2900 Block of Red Lion Lane
- March 3 – Arrest (Narcotics) – 12600 Block of McAdoo Court

Do not leave your vehicle warming up while you are in the house.

Do not leave your car unlocked, even if you are going back into the house for a few minutes. Make sure you keep clicking your car fab until the horn honks. Then you will know that your car is locked.

Do not leave anything of value in your car. Take your garage door opener out of your car, GPS, phone, and computer out of your car.

## BLOCK CAPTAIN VACANCY REPORT

The CCA wants to thank a new Block Captain.

**Jesoni Vitusagavulu** will be the new Block Captain for Block 63a – O'Fallon Street

There are still Block Captain vacancies in Calverton:

**Montgomery County.** Need 4 Block Captains. For more info, please call Donna Riley, MC Membership Chair at 301-572-5186.

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

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

Block S-42, on Castleleigh Place, 22 homes

Block S-50a on Kilkenny Street, 7 homes

**Prince George's County.** Needs 2 Block Captains. For more info, please call Nina Harley, PG Membership Chair at 301-572-7455.

Block B-18, Greenmount Avenue, 21 homes

Block 38, Wellford Street, 26 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 can deliver the newsletter and the other person collect dues, or you could alternate months of delivering or collecting the dues. Or, even better, have fun talking together by doing all duties together.

Please, please volunteer to serve your community as a Block Captain! The residents on these blocks may not be receiving this newsletter, paying their CCA dues or receiving the Calverton Directory. We need your help.

## PEPCO PROVIDING 1,150 FREE TREES

Pepco is providing 1,150 free trees to its residential customers through the Energy-Saving Trees program, which helps conserve energy and reduce household energy bills through strategic tree planting. Customers can reserve one free tree per household by calling 1-855.670.2771 or visiting [www.arborday.org/pepco](http://www.arborday.org/pepco) with their Pepco account number. The one-gallon, four-foot potted tree will be delivered directly to customers while supplies last. Available tree species include: eastern redbud, northern red oak, crape myrtle, river birch and red maple.

Montgomery is seeking resident input about parks in the county. Please click on the link below to answer questions on a survey. **Create parks and recreation of the future. Take this survey!**

[http://www.montgomeryparks.org/projects/public-input/?pd\\_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.peakdemocracy.com%2Fportals%2F260%2FIssue\\_4211%3Fcookies%3Ddetect#peak\\_democracy](http://www.montgomeryparks.org/projects/public-input/?pd_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.peakdemocracy.com%2Fportals%2F260%2FIssue_4211%3Fcookies%3Ddetect#peak_democracy)





NORTHERN OAK

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RED MAPLE

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RIVER BIRCH

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EASTERN BUD

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CRAPE MYRTLE

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