

# Calverton Current

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

We thought that this had been an easy winter and that it was all over at the end of February. But, March brought us the only snowstorm of the season. We were lucky because we only had a small amount of snow compared to some states north of us that got many more inches of snow. Winter seems to be over now and we can finally think of warm weather.

As spring and summer unfold, the Calverton community becomes filled with loud sound and noises of fun and work. We hear loud sounds and noises that come from parties, dogs barking, construction, lawn work, vehicle repair and many other things. These loud sounds and noises impact the peace and comfort of our quiet residential area. It is your health, your state of mind and your well-being that is impacted by these obnoxious nuisances. You need to call and report the problem to the county.

Prince George's County does not allow loud sounds during the "quiet hours" from 9pm to 7am every day of the week. The loud sound should not be heard more than 50 feet from the source. A fine not exceeding \$500.00 can be given for the first offense if you have been instructed by the police or other agency to stop the noise and you do not stop. The fine for every noise violation after that is \$1000.00 or 30 days in jail or both a fine and jail. To make any complaint between the "quiet hours" in PG you can call 311 between 8:00am and 4:00pm on weekdays. You can call the **non-emergency police number 301-352-1200 or the District VI police station 301-937-0910** if it is after hours (after 4:00pm or on weekends). If your complaint is a safety issue and needs an immediate response call 911.

Montgomery County restricts loud sounds and noises during the "quiet hours" from 9:00pm to 7:00am on weekdays and 9:00pm to 9:00am on weekends and holidays. The loud sounds and noises cannot be heard more than 50 feet from source. You can be fined \$500.00 for the first offense and \$750.00 on repeat offenses and maybe criminal sanctions. To report disturbances or violations during "quiet hours" call 240-777-6400 between 8:30am and 5:00pm weekdays. For noise disturbances related to ani-



mals you need to call animal control at 240-773-5960 from 8:30 am to 5:00pm on weekdays. To report any loud sound or noise disturbance after 5:00pm on weekdays or on weekends, please call the non-emergency police number **301-279-8000**. You can also call **District 3 police at 301-279-8000**. Again, for any safety issue complaint call 911 immediately.

Remember, it is your right as a Calverton resident to be able to enjoy the peace and quiet of your community. You should not to be disturbed by obnoxious behavior and activities that are detrimental to your happiness and safety. Keep calling to report any problems until you get action.

Be a nuisance to the county and the police so that they respond to your complaint. Your neighbor will not know

who called because all calls to both Montgomery County and Prince George's County are anonymous.

Let's enjoy the peace and quiet of spring and summer in Calverton. Let's be respectful of our neighbors when it comes to obnoxious sounds, noise and activity.

## CCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES—March 2, 2017

Meeting called to order 7:10 pm

Treasurer's Report: There were no expenses this month. CCA membership dues are still coming in from Block Captains. There should be a bill coming in for the newsletter.

Committees:

**Directory** – The 2017-2018 Calverton Directory should be going to the printer this week. There is just a little more to do with proofing information. The board would like to thank Carole Sippel for her work on the database of names for the directory. The board would also like to thank Frank Cockrell for his work with getting the ads for the directory.

**Membership** – The board wants to acknowledge the great work that Nina Harley has done for the committee and also in the delivery of the newsletter.

**Website** – the CCA board would like to see proposals of the two plans for the new server for the website before we vote. Our current server is overseas and we would like to change.

**CRC** – registration is ongoing for the spring soccer season. The season is hoping to start the beginning of April. The CRC is having a little trouble getting coaches. One board member mentioned that he saw some children playing soc-

cer and took some CRC soccer flyers out to them.

#### **New Business:**

**Burtonsville/Briggs Chaney Enterprise Zone** – Montgomery County is preparing to submit an application for the zoning designation to the State of Maryland. The application is due April 15. An Enterprise Zone will provide property owners and businesses with the economic incentives that may be needed to build the US29 BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) system and stations. It may also be needed to bring about the changes in Burtonsville for the Burtonsville Town Center and the changes needed at the Burtonsville Crossing Center where the old Giant is located. There is a public hearing on Thursday, March 16, 6:30 pm, Marilyn Praisner Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike.

**ECCAB (East County Citizens Advisory Board)** – Montgomery parks is looking for citizens input on parks. You can go to [http://www.montgomeryparks.org/projects/public-input/?pd\\_url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.peakdemocracy.com%2Fportals%2F260%2FIssue\\_4211%3Fcookies%3Ddetect#peak\\_democracy](http://www.montgomeryparks.org/projects/public-input/?pd_url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.peakdemocracy.com%2Fportals%2F260%2FIssue_4211%3Fcookies%3Ddetect#peak_democracy) to voice your views on parks. There is a public meeting on this Wednesday, March 15 from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Park and Planning Office on Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring.

**Calverton "Thank you" to police and fire** – one board member delivered cookies to MC Police District 3 Station, PG District VI Station, Burtonsville Fire Station, Calverton Fire Station and Beltsville Fire Station to thank everyone for all that they do for Calverton.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** – will be Tuesday, July 4. The parks division will not be arranging for a port-a-john this year. Calverton will need to arrange and pay for one, if we want one.

**Global International Market** – opens March 9 at the Briggs Chaney Shopping Center. It is located in the old Safeway store.

**Beltsville Tea with District VI Police** – one board member was wondering if it could alternate between Riderwood and the police substation in the Calverton Shopping Center. We will check with District VI to see if this is possible. He also went to the Senior Coffee in Laurel. Police were talking about big parties that occur in the county. The police need us to help stop these large parties. When we hear about them we need to call the police as soon as possible. These large parties can impact communities because they can get out of hand with parking violations and possible illegal activity. These parties may also lead to underage drinking.

**Breaking and entering – on Red Lion Lane.** The person or people broke into house through the siding door around 3:00 pm and got away with computers.

**National Night Out (NNO)** – PG District VI is starting to plan for the event. Montgomery will start planning soon for NNO. Residents should keep in mind that NNO is on Tuesday, August 1. Both PG District VI and Montgomery District 3 need volunteers to help with these events.

**Newsletter** – One board member brought up the fact that when the newsletter is late there are dates of events listed that are no longer current, they are in the past. Can we remove dates that will be in the past when the newsletter comes out to residents?

#### **Old Business:**

**Email blast** – Great job Mark. Mark Doore has been doing a great job getting out all the dates and info in the CCA email blasts.

**BRT open houses** – there is a flyer on the website. The State of Maryland is no longer involved in the BRT project on US29. Montgomery County will be building the US29 BRT. Montgomery County will also pursue working with Howard County to connect the BRT with Howard County.

**Willow Manor at Fairland** – The senior development at Briggs Chaney is going forward. There may be a hearing on June 29, 2017. The Plan Number with the Montgomery County Planning Board for this development is 820170050.

**Calverton General Membership meeting** is Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 pm at Calverton Elementary in the All-Purpose Room/Cafeteria. The board is considering having tables for vendors to give out info regarding their business. The meeting will also be a celebration meeting.

**Montgomery County** – one board member wants to thank the county for the quick response to a pothole complaint at Cherry Hill Road and O'Fallon. Montgomery County repaired the pothole very quickly.

**Calverton Swim Club** – one board member is working with the pool board to get the bulkhead rebuilt. The bulkhead is used to mark the end or act as a turnaround wall for the swimming lanes during swim meets.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Next CCA Board meeting is April 6. The CCA General meeting is April 12.

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## **CRIME REPORT**

March 2 – Theft, 11700 Block Beltsville Drive

March 9 – Theft, 11700 Block Beltsville Drive

March 9 – Stolen Vehicle, 11900 Block Twinlakes Drive

March 19 – Forgery/Identity Theft, 3000 Block Gazebo Court

There have been safety tips from PG Police in the newsletter. Here are some tips from Montgomery County Police District 3.

**The Third District is seeing an increase in theft from autos. Often these thefts occur from unlocked vehicles.**

**Please remember to keep your vehicles locked at all times. Please also remember to not leave any valuables in your vehicle. Often these thefts go unreported, please report all thefts from vehicles via the police non-emergency number at 301-279-8000, this will assist us in apprehending the perpetrators. Do not try to stop the thief or thieves if you see them in action. Call 911 immediately.**

**Again, always remember the tips below.**

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

2. 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.
3. Remember, thieves look for easy ways to get into a house. An easy way to get into your house is through an open window or door. Do not leave windows and doors open during the night even if it a beautiful warm night. You are giving someone that easy opportunity to get into your house.

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## 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.
- ♦ Beginning on February 1st through December 1st, 2017, the Prince George's County Animal Management Division (AMD) will provide free spay/neuter services for pets belonging to low-income individuals and families residing in the county. This service comes from a grant provided by the Maryland Department of Agriculture. For more information on the free spay and neutering program or to learn how you may qualify, contact Catherine Hernandez at 301-780-7252. Spay-A-Day Keeps the Litter Away, will keep away the population of feral (wild) animals.
- ♦ Tuesday, April 11 – Tea with Police, 1:00 pm, Riderwood in the Celebrations Room. The guest speaker will be Michael Betz, US Postal Inspector.
- ♦ Wednesday, April 12 – Calverton General Membership Meeting, 6:30 pm, Calverton Elementary School, Cafeteria/All Purpose Room. A night of celebrations for recognize people who have supported our community. We will start the celebration sharply at 7:00 pm because the honorees have busy schedules. You can visit the information tables from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm and again after the celebration is over. There will be information available from Montgomery County, PG County and some businesses in the area. The Calverton Citizens Association does not recommend or endorse these businesses. We are only offering you information. You will need to check references, Better Business Bureau or whatever you want to do in order to pick a company.
- ♦ Saturday, April 15 – African American Health Program is sponsoring a Community Day from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the East County Community Center, 3310 Briggs Chaney Road.
- ♦ Sunday, April 16 – Deadline to enter the Calverton Beautification Contest. All entries must be received today.
- ♦ Tuesday, April 18 – Hearing on the US29 BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) Plan. The hearing will take place at 7:30 pm in the Third Floor Hearing Room, the Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville. For more info to <http://getonboardbrt.com/> FYI – the name that has been selected for the US29 BRT is FLASH.
- ♦ Thursday, April 20 – Community Access Day, 6:30 pm, Silver Spring Civic Building, Veterans Plaza, 1 Veterans Place, Silver Spring. Contact: Eric Rasch via email Attn: Eric Rasch [silverspringcivicbuilding@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:silverspringcivicbuilding@montgomerycountymd.gov) or call 240-777-5308 for more information.
- ♦ Join us for our second "Coffee With a Cop" at McDonalds, Friday April 21st, 9 am – 11 am, 8407 Colesville Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (Colesville Rd/2nd Ave) Meet officers from the Montgomery County Police, Silver Spring District.  
This informal gathering is a great opportunity to discuss community concerns or just chat! Officers will be available to answer any questions during this open dialogue over a cup of coffee sponsored by McDonalds
- ♦ Wednesday, May 3 – East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB), 7:00 pm, East County Regional Building, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road.
- ♦ Thursday, May 4 – CCA Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Calverton Elementary School, 3400 Beltsville Drive.
- ♦ Saturday, May 6 – Weed Warriors, 10:00 am, Maydale Nature Center, 1638 Maydale Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20905. Contact Ellen Mann at [elandonmann@verizon.net](mailto:elandonmann@verizon.net).
- ♦ Saturday, May 6 – Job Search Strategies, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Marilyn Praisner Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, 240-773-9460. Register on line at: [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library).

## CLASE DE INGLES COMO SEGUNDA LENGUA ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES

La iglesia Bautista de Calverton invita a la comunidad de Calverton a participar en clase de inglés como segunda lengua (ESL). La clase se llevará a cabo en la iglesia los miércoles entre las 6 pm y 8 pm de la noche empezando el 19 de Abril del 2017. La Iglesia está localizada en la esquina de la calle Fairland y Galway Drive donde el letrero de la Comunidad de Calverton está localizado. Aquellas personas interesadas en participar en esta clase pueden llamar a la iglesia al numero 301-572-5553.

**Elegibilidad:** Abierto para todos aquellos extranjeros que deseen mejorar el ingles oral y escrito. **Costo:** Gratis. **Localización:** Iglesia Bautista de Calverton, 301-572-5553.

**Programa:** El Programa seguirá el horario escolar del condado de Prince George

**Día y Tiempo:** Miércoles de 6 pm a 8 pm

**Fecha de inicio:** Miércoles 19 de April del 2017

**Requisito:** Se requiere que cada estudiante compre el texto recomendado - ESL

Immediate Advanced Grammar (English as a second language series) Bilingual Edition. El libro se puede conseguir en Amazon.com.

Calverton Baptist Church invites the Calverton Community to participate in a class in English as A Second Language" (ESL). The class will be held at the church on Wednesday nights 6PM-8PM. The ESL Class will start on Wednesday, April 19, 2017. The church is located at the corner of Fairland Road and Galway Drive where the Calverton Community sign is located. Those interested in participating are asked to call the church on 301 572-5553."

**Eligibility:** Open to all foreign-born persons who want to improve both their oral and written English communication skills. **Fee:** Free.

**Venue:** Calverton Baptist Church, 301-572-5553.

**Schedule:** The Program will follow Prince Georges County School System Schedule

**Days and Time:** Wednesdays at 6PM - 8PM

**Start Date:** Wednesday April 19, 2017

Requirements: Each student will be required to purchase the recommended text shown below,

ESL immediate Advanced Grammar (English as a second language series) Bilingual Edition. Available on Amazon.



### MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE



Join us for our second coffee

**Friday April 21, 2017, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

**at the McDonalds on  
8507 Colesville Road,  
(Colesville Rd/2nd Ave)  
Silver Spring, MD 20910**

Meet officers from the  
Montgomery County Police,  
Silver Spring District.

This informal gathering is a great  
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Officers will be available to answer  
any questions during this  
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