

Calverton Current

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.... Bruce Donaldson

I want to thank all those who attended the CCA general meeting January 8th and particular thanks to our hospitality chairwoman, Nancy Pierce, for providing the refreshments on short notice. We mostly reviewed the problems that are presently impacting, or soon will impact, our community. A persistent problem is the lack of ballfields for use by the Calverton Recreation Council (CRC). The focus now is on acquiring new fields and obtaining lighting for the old fields so that they can be used longer in the evening. The rising cost of using fields and gyms is adding to the financial burdens confronting the CRC. The fees the youngsters pay are already substantial.

The community is becoming increasingly surrounded by housing and business development problems that are on the horizon, or just over the horizon. As we anticipate the move of the FDA to the White Oak site, the building of the West*Farm "power" shopping center, the development of the senior assisted living center at the old Great Oaks site, the development of the Cross Creek golf community on our northeast border and another such community farther up Old Gunpowder, Charles Brannan and Don Praisner are carefully monitoring the attendant zoning concerns and issues that will strongly influence future traffic patterns in and around Calverton. Beyond the zoning questions such as the number of new entrances on Briggs Chaney Road, Stan Doore is forcibly keeping Calverton's traffic concerns and our suggested solutions before the appropriate state and county officials. At this time, Stan is wrestling with the problem of where to place exits and entrances for the segment of the Intercountry Connector between Route 29 and Route 1.

DATES TO REMEMBER

☞ **February 3**, Monday - 7:30 p.m. Calverton Recreation Council Board Meeting. Calverton Elementary teachers' lounge. Nominations will be held for officers. All are welcome.

☞ **February 6**, Thursday - 8 p.m. CCA Board Meeting. Calverton Elementary teachers' lounge. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Park and Planning Commission--Dave Cooley, representing the Calverton Rec Council (CRC), reported that the Prince Georges County government

☞ **February 6**, Thursday, and **February 11**, Tuesday 7-9 p.m. Registration for spring sports (baseball, soccer, and softball). Calverton Elementary multipurpose room.

☞ **February 10**, Monday - Next Calverton *Current* Newsletter deadline.

☞ **March 3**, Monday - Calverton Recreation Council General Meeting. Calverton Elementary teachers' lounge. Election of officers. Please participate.

☞ **April** - CCA General Meeting. Calverton Elementary multipurpose room.

HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER/JANUARY CCA BOARD MEETINGS

Treasurer's Report--Treasurer John Kristianson presented a proposed budget for 1997, and it was approved by the Board (see budget on page 3).

Site 2--Momentum seems to be building to close Site 2 (see separate article). If the land application of sludge disposal does not work, then Site 2 could be reopened. At the present time, only about 20 percent of unprocessed sludge from Blue Plains is handled at Site 2. The rest is disposed of through land application. There are some problems inherent in land application. Land to which sludge is applied can only hold so much.

The CCA Board strongly believes that State Delegate Barbara Frush and Montgomery County Council Member Marilyn Praisner deserve much of the credit for where we now stand in this latest round of Calverton versus Site 2.

Fairland Master Plan--Stan Doore reported that an impact study has been developed concerning the effects of the proposed consolidation of the Food and Drug Administration on the White Oak area and points north. One of the concerns is what roads besides Cherry Hill and Powder Mill Roads will bear increased traffic.

wants to move the Prince Georges part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission into the PG County government. The

Commission is now an independent agency. He added that the CRC strongly opposes such a move, as it has received excellent support from the Commission through the years. A resolution was passed to support the CRC in its opposition to the incorporation.

Intercounty Connector (ICC)--Planners have removed an Old Gunpowder Road egress onto the ICC from the plans. In general, the CCA is opposed to the construction of any entrances to the ICC between Route 29 and I-95.

Gypsy Moths and Mosquitoes --Nancy Peirce will try to obtain information about gypsy moth infestation in the Calverton area and the particulars about having the area sprayed for mosquitoes.

Calverton Website--Calverton resident Mark Doore is creating an Internet home page for Calverton on the World Wide Web. He plans to put the *Calverton Current* on it.

Dumping--Residents still are concerned about dumping in the Deer Park area. The county has indicated they will see that the trash is cleaned up.

Briggs Chaney Development--Plans for construction of 13 houses along Briggs Chaney Road have been withdrawn.

New Shopping Center--Charles Brannon reported on the proposed shopping center at Route 1 and Cherry Hill Road. It would include a large hardware store and large grocery store, among other businesses. There would be covered parking for 1,128 cars. Beltsville and College Park are favoring the shopping center. After discussion, the CCA Board approved a motion expressing support for the proposal with the condition that Cherry Hill Road be widened.

HAVE SHOVEL, THESE TEENS ARE PRAYING FOR SNOW

The following teens have notified the Editor that they are ready and willing to shovel **your** driveway after the next snowstorm. Call them to make arrangements and to inquire about rates.

Carolyn French, 12½, 12200 block Cherry Hill Rd. More important is the issue of the County paying back to the Department of Environmental Protection the funds used to build Site 2. This could amount to as much as \$30 million. Some officials contend that the facility has been open for over 15 years and that the County--in good faith--has tried to make it work. The County Executive's staff, the County Council staff, and WSSC have been charged with doing a study to determine exactly what the cost will be. They have

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572-5782
Paul Medina, 14, 4100 block Briggs Chaney Road,
937-3654
Andy Mills, 15, 3100 block Castleleigh Road,

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572-5541 WILL SITE 2 BE CLOSED?

While no final decision has been made, we are probably closer now to closure than ever before. The Montgomery County Executive favors closure, probably a majority of the County Council supports such a move, and the Governor has indicated that he will work with the County to achieve that goal. Two possible obstacles remain.

All local jurisdictions use land application to dispose of most of their sludge. Except for the small percentage of sludge processed at Site 2, Montgomery County also uses land application. Councilmember Nancy Decek, who represents upper Montgomery County, has raised some concerns over the long-term use of land application. She is concerned that if at some future time the process is terminated or reduced, the sludge would be disposed of by burning in the incinerator, which is in her district and unwanted by her residents.

She has stated that she believes land application is the sensible process but wants assurances that the process will be used for years to come. There are some opponents of the process, and some jurisdictions which now allow that methodology are taking second looks.

The Council has asked the Blue Plains Regional Authority to study the issue.

been told that sweeping generalizations of the cost are not allowed; only hard, cold facts and numbers are to be included. This study was scheduled for release sometime in January. The conclusions of these two studies will play a major role in deciding the future of Site 2. Keep in mind that officials have said they "favor" closing Site 2. No one has said, "Close Site 2."

THE CALVERTON PENGUIN ADVISES.....

When snow is predicted, highway safety experts recommend getting all vehicles off the street so that a snowplow can plow both sides of the street up to the curb. Bringing vehicles up on the driveway is advantageous because the vehicle does not get plowed in or run into by the snowplow or another vehicle. Besides, if vehicles are on the driveway, there is less snow to shovel! Also, if you shovel your driveway apron before the plow comes through, the penguin advises to **always shovel to the right, facing the street.**

CALVERTON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Budget for 1997

INCOME

Membership	\$11,800
Newsletter	1,000
Interest	1,000

Total	\$13,800

EXPENSES

Lawn care	\$5,000
Newsletter	3,500
July 4th celeb	1,800
Donations	400
Mosquito spray	350
Zoning expenses	250
Awards	100
P.O. box	60
Bank charges	50
Miscellaneous	200
Contingency	2,000

Total	\$13,710

Proposed income '97	\$13,800
Proposed expenses	13,710

Reserve for legal fees	\$ 90

OBITUARY

A. Beecher Thornton, long-time resident of Cordoba Street, died of pneumonia December 23 at age 76. Beecher and his wife Onna were the social connection

for much of Cordoba Street and Tampico Way. Luckily, their Calverton roots have been extended another generation as one of their four daughters lives with her husband in Calverton. Beecher and Onna were active in contract bridge circles in Calverton and elsewhere.

After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Beecher, a graduate of George Washington University School of Law, joined the National Security Agency, and worked there until his retirement in 1980. Beecher was a member of the Takoma Park Lions Club and Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

FUTURE OF GREAT OAKS

Several community representatives met recently with the new owners of Great Oaks. As they move through the various zoning steps, the owners wanted to present to us their current thinking on how Great Oaks will be used. They are proposing an assisted living facility for about 2,500 residents. Most of these will be physically and mentally able to care for themselves, but there will be facilities for those who are too ill or frail. The average age will be about 75 years old, and about 75 percent will be widowed women. They will be housed in townhouses and apartments, some as high as seven stories, all connected with enclosed halls. The facility will employ 750-1,000 persons, with most being high school students who will work in the dining rooms. The area will be completely fenced in and have 24-hour security. The only proposed entrance will be off Gracefield Road. They will begin construction in Spring 1998 and will begin occupying the facility the following year. Based on an assumption of selling 20 units per month, it will take 7-10 years before the project is completed.

On February 5 at 7:30 p.m. at High Point High School, county officials and the developer will brief the public on the proposed facility. If you are interested in knowing more about the project or have some concerns, you are most welcome to attend.

CHESS ANYONE?

The Galway PTA is looking for a volunteer or two who would like to assist students with their Chess Club at recess. The club will meet once a week. You do not have to be a parent/guardian of a Galway student, just someone who would enjoy introducing and guiding students in the exciting and challenging world of chess.

Please call Linda Kuhn, 890-3511, or Laurie Robey, 890-7729.

Please call the SLUDGE HOTLINE for odors

699-4177

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