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# Calverton Current

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE....** Bruce Donaldson

At the February CCA Board of Directors' meeting, there was the good news that we are very close to finally getting the I-95 sound barriers that the CCA has been trying to have constructed for many years. It is unacceptable that we are the only community on I-95 between the Beltway and Baltimore without them. County Executive Wayne Curry has now found an adequate amount of money for our sound barriers, provided the state fully funds other sound barriers. We are hopeful that the state will accept this PG counter-offer, and that construction will begin this spring.

The Board heard two presentations at its February meeting. In the first, Jeff Hubbard presented his plans for developing his PG property on the north side of Briggs Chaney, slightly west of Dunnington. He intends to call this development "Jordan's Subdivision" in honor of the family from whom he purchased the land. The CCA would like the access road to be from the adjacent pending Cross Creek development, which would avoid still another exit onto Briggs Chaney Road, and more resulting traffic turning on Briggs Chaney. Hubbard said this did not suit the Cross Creek developers; however, the CCA intends to pursue this possibility.

In the second presentation, Jerry Rupert of Calverton reported on his landscaping company's plans for "softening" the appearance of the area between Calverton and the soon-to-come water tower. The good news is that after the tree plantings are completed along the Montgomery County part of Cherry Hill Road, Jerry expects there will be money left over for additional tree plantings in Calverton proper. We hopefully await such a result.

On the previous night, the prospective developers of the retirement "campus" on the Great Oaks property made a presentation at High Point High School to the community. Their development, which they intend to call "Gracefield Village," would be much like their other apparently successful retirement communities elsewhere. It sounded both very nice and a bit on the expensive side. The CCA's most direct concern with regard to the usage of this property is that we would like to see a four-lane road through that area, which would off-load Calverton Boulevard, particularly if the Food and Drug Administration with 3,000-6,000 employees A Block Captain is needed to serve Block 1, located on

moves into the former Naval Surface Weapons Center at White Oak. Such a road is planned on the Montgomery side, but not on the PG side. The developers said they are able to accommodate such a road, but they might place the road unacceptably close to the homes along Chapel View Drive. An invitation has been issued to the developers to meet with the Calverton residents at our April General Meeting.

As you can see, the CCA is being kept busy with all manner of development and zoning matters. With the ICC, the proposed West\*Farm "power" shopping center, etc., the community will be undergoing a lot of changes in the next decade. If you would like to become involved with any of these issues for either county, please contact any CCA officer or Board member.

Finally, the relevant committee of the Montgomery County Council has decided to water down the call for the closing of Site 2 that appears in the Fairland Master Plan in response to County Executive Duncan's opposition to it. Now the amended master plan will just suggest considering closing Site 2. We have been assured that the County Executive still favors closing Site 2, but he wants it to be an operational decision rather than a land use decision.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- ☞ **April 3**, Thursday - 8 p.m. CCA Board Meeting. Calverton Elementary teachers' lounge. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- ☞ **April 7**, Monday - 7:30 p.m. Calverton Recreation Council Board Meeting. Calverton Elementary teachers' lounge. All are welcome.
- ☞ **April 9**, Wednesday - 8 p.m. CCA General Meeting. Calverton Elementary multipurpose room. Let's have a great turnout.
- ☞ **April 10**, Thursday - Next Calverton *Current* Newsletter deadline.

## **DESPERATELY SEEKING BLOCK CAPTAIN**

Chapel View Drive from where it intersects Calverton

Boulevard on around the bend. This block has been unserved for several years. It would be preferable if someone from this block could do it, or someone from one of the neighboring blocks, but ANYONE can volunteer. Please call today, Charles Brannon, 572-4519.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF FEBRUARY CCA BOARD MEETING

*Proposed Jordan Subdivision*--Jeff Hubbard gave a presentation to the Board regarding a proposed subdivision near Dunnington and Briggs Chaney Roads near Calverton. He is proposing to subdivide the area into 10 lots, each totaling about 10,000 square feet. The houses would be about 2,000 square feet each and would cost from \$225,000 to \$250,000.

If the zoning is approved, he will contract with a builder to construct the houses, which will be similar to those proposed for Cross Creek. Prince Georges County officials currently are reviewing the plans. Action by PG officials is expected by mid-March 1997.

*Outreach to Other Citizens Associations*--CCA President Bruce Donaldson proposed that two Vice President positions--one for Montgomery and one for Prince Georges County--be created to build contacts with neighboring citizens associations. Bruce recommended that the individuals who are appointed try to take on the position for an extended time, since it takes time to build contacts. During the ensuing discussion, Board members noted that, historically, the CCA has kept outreach to neighboring associations to a minimum. The Board voted to appoint two individuals to perform outreach activities.

*Sound Barriers*--Charles Brannon reported that Prince Georges County officials have proposed \$500,000 for sound barrier construction along I-95 near Calverton.

*Tree Plantings*--Jerry Rupert, acting as a consultant for WSSC, reported on WSSC plans for extensive tree planting near Calverton. Plans call for planting trees along Cherry Hill Road and Calverton Boulevard. Evergreens also will be planted on the West\*Farm property and along the road by the National Guard Armory. If money is left over, trees will be planted in Calverton. Flowering trees will be planted in places with wires; shade trees in places without wires. Jerry will give a progress report at the March Board meeting.

*Site 2*--One of the chief obstacles to closing Site 2 is concern about the need to repay grant funds used to construct it. Some sources state there is no obligation to repay the funds. In addition, before Site 2 could close, there would need to be regional agreement to go

to another method of sludge disposal. Presently, there is more demand for sludge than supply. It is costing twice as much to compost sludge as land application. It costs about 4 million dollars more to compost than land application.

*Correspondence*--The CCA received a letter from Prince Georges County Councilman Walter Maloney inquiring if CCA approves of the Intercounty Connector process. The CCA received another letter from State Delegate Barbara Frush proposing the renaming of a ballfield in Calverton after CCA resident Chet Speiser. The Board voted to reply to Frush endorsing renaming of the field.

The Board voted to draft a letter to the appropriate State Delegates regarding needed improvements to Old Gunpowder and Powder Mill Roads. It voted to prepare a letter to Federal officials requesting infrastructure assistance if the Food and Drug Administration relocates to White Oak.

*West\*Farm Overlay*--Sid Kramer recently appeared before the Montgomery County Zoning Committee in opposition to the "power center" plans proposed at West\*Farm.

*Bryan Taxin Memorial*--The Board was saddened to hear of the recent death of Bryan Taxin, son of former CCA President Ed Taxin and Diana Taxin. Bryan died on January 27 at the Hospice of Southwest Florida. A memorial service was held locally on February 13 at Cedar Lane Unitarian Church. The Board approved a donation to the hospice in Bryan's memory. The Board extends its deepest sympathy to the family.

*Capital Improvement Projects*--CCA resident Jack Flood is on a committee pushing for completion of five projects. The Board endorsed completing the projects. They are: Fairland Regional Park, construction of the Northeast High School, straightening the Briggs Chaney Road S-curve, the Robey Road improvements, and the East Randolph Road widening

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Recently, the CCA Board approved the establishment of an Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC). The primary focus of the committee is to address issues that impact our local environment. At this time, committee staffing is in process. We are seeking environmental scientists and engineers or other persons who are deeply concerned about the environment to serve as committee members. If you are interested and would like to volunteer, please contact Dan Epps, Chairman, Environmental Concerns Committee, 572-4139/5421.

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