

# Calverton Current

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

The CCA officers and directors wish to thank all the block captains who have completed CCA dues collection or who are still out on their blocks contacting their neighbors and collecting dues. We hope you can finish the task before summer comes and residents begin going on vacation.

When your block captain knocks on your door, please remember that since member dues are by far the largest source of CCA income, they are vital to all the things the CCA does that cost money. For instance, we need to pay for the printing of this newsletter, guaranteeing our telephone directory, maintaining the Shanandale Park and Calverton Boulevard areas, mosquito spraying, and so forth. We need money for our Fourth of July picnic that we hope you will attend in a couple of months. We also need to continue to build a community protection fund to pay for those (hopefully) very infrequent occasions when we need legal assistance to help ward off something like Site 2.

Therefore, on behalf of the block captains, we again extend our thanks to all those neighbors who have paid, or will soon pay, their CCA dues.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

☞ **June**, CCA membership drive is winding down. Block captains, please complete dues collection this month. Dues remain at \$10 per household, a real bargain.

☞ **June 2**, Monday - 7:30 p.m. Calverton Recreation Council Board Meeting. Calverton Elementary teachers' lounge. All are welcome.

☞ **June 10**, Tuesday - Next Calverton *Current* Newsletter deadline.

☞ **June 12**, Thursday - 8 p.m. CCA Board Meeting. Calverton Elementary teachers' lounge. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF MAY CCA BOARD MEETING**

*Unauthorized Vehicles*--Board members reported sighting 18-wheel trucks going to or from Home Depot on Galway Drive and Calverton Boulevard. The Board

*Senior Campus Living (SCL) Center*--Prince Georges County officials have approved this facility which is proposed for the former Great Oaks property. Montgomery County officials have some doubts and the scheduled April meeting to decide on it has been postponed until August. The CCA Board passed a motion requesting five changes in the SCL plans: 1) the size of the facility should be reduced from its current capacity of 2600 residents; 2) there should be more than one entrance into the facility; 3) the height of the two 7-story buildings should be reduced; 4) Road A-287, planned from Powder Mill Road to Cherry Hill Road, should not be built; and 5) a park should be developed in a 25-acre parcel, as called for when the Great Oaks property was sold to the current developers. CCA representatives plan to attend a May 14 meeting to testify in favor of the facility with the five modifications listed above.

Road A-287, which would run from Powder Mill Road to Cherry Hill Road was planned to alleviate traffic from the expected concentration of FDA workers in and out of the White Oak property. The Board has decided to endorse an expanded Powder Mill Road instead.

Dave Cooley, representing the Calverton Recreation Council, advised the Board that the chances for construction of a park in the former Great Oaks property do not look good. County Executive Wayne Curry is proposing that monies for parks be deferred and used for schools.

*July 4th Celebration*--Plans for Calverton's July 4th celebration are moving forward. Don Praisner will be in charge of arrangements for food and drinks; Dave Cooley will be in charge of other arrangements.

*I-95 Sound Barriers*--The Board received a letter from John Porcari, Deputy Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation which stated that the Department has approved sound barrier construction near Calverton, pending a \$1.2 million contribution from Prince Georges County.

*Speed Bumps*--Board members voiced concern about when the promised speed bumps in Calverton would be installed. The Board plans to contact traffic officials.

is going to send a letter to Home Depot corporate headquarters reminding them of their promise, made as a condition of CCA's endorsement of their plans to build nearby, that their trucks would not use Calverton

streets going to or from the store.

*Unlawful Residential Businesses*--Several Board members complained about the number of businesses operating out of residences in Calverton and the excess parked cars and traffic they generate. It was disclosed that only doctors, lawyers, and architects are permitted to operate home offices. If you believe there is a possible violation of the law near you, contact your local elected official.

*Shanandale Play Area*--The Board discussed the possibility of using the open area by the Calverton sign on Shanandale Drive for playing fields. If plans move forward, the Board would need to contact the National-Capital Park and Planning Commission, who owns the land. Board members noted that, as it stands now, the field is too sloped to be used as a soccer field.

*Diversity Festival*--Dan Epps has agreed to chair a committee to investigate the possibility of having a Diversity Festival to celebrate the many ethnic groups that enrich Calverton. Discussion included the idea of having a "Taste of Calverton," similar to the Adams-Morgan festival, with exhibits featuring food, music, and other activities showcasing Calverton's various ethnic groups.

*ICC Approval*--Stan Doore discussed the status of the InterCounty Connector (ICC). June 23 is the cutoff date for public comment on the five alternatives. After the final recommendation is made, the final decision will be made by the Federal Government with the approval of the Governor of Maryland. The CCA Board voted to support the construction of the ICC as long as the route chosen is environmentally sensitive.

*Advertising Rates*--The Board voted to increase the cost of a classified ad over 25 words to 25 cents a word.

*Summer Recess*--The Board will not hold regular meetings in July and August.

**MEETING WITH WAYNE CURRY**

The civic associations in our area, including the CCA, pong tables, and three sand volleyball courts. Summer activities include women's, men's, and coed volleyball leagues; swim and dive teams; swim lessons; and family, adult, teen, and preteen social events. Purchase price is \$500. To purchase a membership or

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have arranged a community meeting with Prince Georges County Executive Wayne Curry, the Maryland 21st Legislative Delegation, and State and PG County transportation officials to discuss the proposed growth and its impact on the roads in our area. The meeting will be held at Martin Luther King, Jr., Middle School, 4545 Amendale Road, on Thursday, June 5 at 7 p.m. (The CCA Board meeting is postponed to June 12.) PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

**I-95 SOUND BARRIERS ARE COMING**

The CCA is pleased that our longstanding effort to have a sound barrier installed adjacent to I-95 to reduce its noise impact on Calverton and the townhomes has been approved by the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration and Prince Georges County. Installation should begin in the fall according to present plans. Much of the credit for this accomplishment goes to our elected legislators from District 21, particularly to Delegate Barbara Frush and Senator Arthur Dorman.

**1996-97 CALVERTON DIRECTORY**

Homeowners who paid their CCA membership dues (\$10) for 1996 should have received the new telephone directory in November 1996. If you did not receive a copy, please contact your block captain or the membership captains: Jane Doore, 301-572-4939 (Montgomery County) or Charles Brannan, 301-572-4519 (PG County). It is important to remember that the advertising fees pay for the publication of this useful document. Therefore, we urge you to support these businesses when their goods or services are needed.

for more information, call 301-572-4203.

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