

# Calverton Current

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

In response to the fact that the Calverton Recreation Council (CRC) has had to turn away children due to an insufficient number of playing fields, the CCA and the CRC decided to explore the possibility of temporarily using the park at the top of Shanandale Drive between Shanandale and McHenry Drives, until other fields became available sometime in the indefinite future. It was determined that there was sufficient space to make it possible to install two practice soccer fields there. The wall with the Calverton sign would not have been altered in any way. The only changes to the park would have been the regrading of the central portion to make it flat enough to be used as a playing field, along with the placing of chalk lines when the fields were to be used. No trees or bushes were to be disturbed. However, when the homeowners on McHenry and the adjacent parts of Shanandale were contacted for their support for the regrading, the majority were opposed. Therefore, the CCA and the CRC have decided not to pursue the matter.

The Senior Campus Living project proposed for the former Great Oaks property is still under discussion. CCA Vice Presidents have been attending zoning hearings held by both counties. The CCA is continuing to try to negotiate the best possible terms with regard to roads and traffic, offsets from the homes on Chapel View Drive, and development of the proposed park on the Prince Georges side of this development. We will keep you informed as developments occur.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

☞ **July**, CCA membership drive is ending. Block captains, please finish up and turn in your money and checks as soon as possible.

☞ **July 4**, Friday - all day. Picnic and celebration. Raindate July 5. See back page for details.

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

☞ **July 10**, Thursday - Next Calverton *Current* Newsletter deadline.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF JUNE CCA BOARD MEETING**

Vice President Don Praisner chaired the meeting.

*Site 2*--The closure of Site 2 is still a definite possibility. Montgomery County officials contacted the Environmental Protection Agency asking that the repayment of funds given to the county for construction of Site 2 be forgiven. When this requirement is waived, the closure of Site 2 will be much closer.

*Rec Council News*--Dave Cooley reported that the CRC is planning a community dance in November. The CCA Board approved the idea of a community dance. The Board suggested that the dance should be a break-even arrangement and that there should be plenty of publicity.

Dave also reported that Prince George's County is going to regrade the playground at Calverton Elementary School and install a retaining wall behind the school to prevent flooding into the school.

*Cross Creek Development*--Norman Rivera, attorney for Cross Creek, made a presentation at the Board meeting. This development will be a golf community. All the sand and gravel pits will be removed. They hope to begin construction in August or September 1997 and open in the fall of 1998. About 450 homes are planned, costing from \$250,000 to \$500,000. Mr. Rivera announced that his firm would like to be a corporate sponsor for the community dance.

*Developments*--Charles Brannon reported on the status of the Cross Creek and Konterra developments. CCA Board members who have visited Cross Creek reported that it is doing okay as far as environmental issues are concerned. Approvals of planned entrances to Cross Creek at Fairland and Briggs Chaney Roads are pending.

Konterra developers have made a commitment for an upscale shopping mall at I-95 and Van Dusen. Federal and State authorities have held it up pending approval of exits. The zoning permit for 120 to 140 stores has been received.

*Sound Barriers*--Funds for the construction of sound barriers along I-95 near Calverton are in the budget. Construction is scheduled to begin this fall.

*Speed Bumps*--Funds for speed bumps for the Montgomery County side of Calverton are not in the budget. CCA representatives will call county offices to check on the status of the funds. Prince George's officials could not find CCA's petitions requesting speed bumps. The bumps are expected to be installed on Bellevue Street between Greenmount Avenue and Beltsville.

*CCA Boundaries*--According to CCA bylaws, there are defined boundaries to Calverton. Some areas around Calverton have expressed an interest in joining CCA. We do not want to take members away from neighboring associations.

*West\*Farm Visitors*--Several West\*Farm residents attended the Board meeting. CCA has named delegates to visit other associations in the area. The West\*Farm residents said that chief among their concerns are plans for the former Great Oaks property, Site 2, and the InterCounty Connector. CCA is going to pass information to other West\*Farm Civic Association.

*Roughhousing*--A Calverton resident expressed concern about the use of small carts. He also reported seeing a middle school student get off a school bus and get knocked down by some other kids. He added that they were playing with a cigarette lighter. Anyone who sees any behavior that may be dangerous or illegal is urged to contact the local police.

The next regular CCA Board meeting is scheduled for September 4 at 8 p.m. at Calverton Elementary School.

## **CORRECTION ON ROAD A-287**

There was an error in last month's newsletter concerning the Senior Campus Living Center proposed for the former Great Oaks property. Montgomery has proposed putting a road (A-287) from Cherry Hill Road through the Great Oaks to Powder Mill Road. Prince George's officials oppose this route. When the Federal Drug Administration moves to the former White Oak Naval Weapons Center, Montgomery County has suggested that a road be built connecting the site with Cherry Hill Road. This will increase traffic on Cherry Hill Road, and much of it will probably use

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Calverton Boulevard. For this reason, the CCA Board has stated that we do NOT care where A-287 is built,

but something like it is required if we want to keep traffic off Calverton Boulevard. The issue has become a political football, and it is our intent to have public officials resolve the problem.

## **TREES, TREES, TREES**

When WSSC was granted permission to build a water tank at Site 2, they promised to plant a few hundred trees in the Montgomery County side of Calverton. That will be done sometime in the Fall. In the meantime, a landscape architect will be surveying existing trees that are planted along the road and identifying any that need cut down. The CCA hopes to have this done at no cost to the homeowner. We will pass on more information as it becomes available. Anyone having questions regarding this program can call Don Praisner at 301-572-4647.

## **LETTER TO THE POST OFFICE (ABRIDGED)**

I live in Calverton at xxxxx Pretoria Drive. Some people (probably kids) are removing mail from mailboxes in our community and placing it in other mailboxes. I had 23 pieces of mail but none for my family. I delivered all but the one piece of junk mail for Kathryn Road, as I do not know where this road is.

[Editor's note: This is a serious infraction; it is a felony to tamper with the U.S. Mail.]

## **ASIAN TIGER MOSQUITO**

This species rests in tall grass and shrubs. It bites anytime, day or night. It lays eggs in containers that catch and hold rain water, such as old tires, plastic covers and tarps, clogged rain gutters, neglected toys, wading pools, potted plant trays, old tires, and birdbaths. The best means of control is to eliminate egg-laying sites or change water often. Night-time spray operations are not very effective against Asian Tiger mosquitoes.

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