

DATES TO REMEMBER

☞ **September 4**, Thursday - 8 p.m. CCA Board Meeting. Calverton Elementary teachers' lounge. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

☞ **September 8**, Monday - 7:30 p.m. Calverton Recreation Council Board Meeting. Calverton Elementary teachers' lounge. All are welcome.

☞ **September 10**, Wednesday - Next Calverton *Current* Newsletter deadline.

SINCERE THANKS **Chester W. Speiser**

I want to thank my many Calverton friends for the baseball field dedication ceremony on July 4. My heartfelt thanks also go out to State Delegates Barbara Frush and James Rosapepe, State Senator Arthur Dorman, and Montgomery County Council President Marilyn Praisner. I know it took much time and work to have the name of the Beltsville Road ballfield changed to the Chester W. Speiser field. This great honor overwhelmed me.

I also want to thank Calverton Recreation Council President Dave Cooley and CCA President Bruce Donaldson for their part in this special dedication. Thanks, too, to my wife Helen, my children, grandchildren, and all who attended this special occasion. I have enjoyed the 30 years that I have coached and worked with the youth and adults of Calverton.

DECEPTIVE TOMATO PLANT PROBLEM

For 2 years, we have lost our tomato plants to what tomato specialists have called Fusarium wilt - a disease characterized by the yellowing and browning of leaves - that cannot be controlled by the average homeowner.

My neighbor said he would never put in tomato plants again. The other day, I uncovered my microscope, pinched off some leaves, and found the culprit to be "spider mites." The chemicals for their control are easily purchased and applied. Hope you can experience renewed hope! If you would like to discuss this problem, please call me, George Kafig, Ph.D., at 301-572-4353.

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

This golf tournament will benefit the Centers for the Handicapped on New Hampshire Avenue. It will be held Saturday, October 18 at the White Oak Golf Course (New Hampshire Avenue). The \$50 per-person fee includes golf, breakfast, lunch, and prizes. Two person scramble (Captain's Choice); 18 holes (walk). For more information, call 301-572-4647.

VINES ARE VICIOUS

Vines growing up the side of a house or up a tree trunk can cause major damage to house siding and masonry surfaces and tree bark. The vines' "feet" dig into these surfaces. Vines growing up trees suffocate their bark and do not allow the tree to breathe. The English and American ivies are especially prone to causing damage.

FOX SIGHTINGS!

A fox has been sighted several times around the lower end of Shanandale Drive. If you should see a fox, do not try to lure it away or spray it with water. Instead, call Animal Control at 301-279-1823 (Montgomery County) or 301-499-8300 (Prince Georges County) as soon as possible.

COMPOSTING

Composting is a natural process that turns your leaves, grass clippings, and other yard trimmings into a dark, rich, and crumbly substance called humus, which is an excellent soil supplement. You do not need a bin to compost. If you want to enclose your compost pile, you can construct a simple enclosure with wire or wood or purchase one of the many styles of bins available at garden stores. Compost bins are also available for \$5 at the East County (Montgomery) Services Center at the Colesville Shopping Center.

To build a compost pile, make a good base by placing 6-8 inches of twigs or brush on level ground or at the bottom of your compost bin. Add leaves, grass clippings, chopped brush, and other yard trimmings. Make an indentation to funnel rainwater into the pile. Compost decomposes faster if you occasionally stir, or aerate, the pile. The compost should be ready to use within 6-12 months. Spread the finished compost into the soil when planting annuals, or use as an organic mulch for trees, shrubs, and garden beds.

WASTE PREVENTION TIP

Buy only as much paint as you will use and donate unused paints to a charity group or take them to a hazardous waste site. **Don't** put paint or empty paint cans in your recycling bin or household trash can. **Never** pour paint, paint thinners, or solvents down the drain or toilet or in the sewer.

NEW RATES! Rates for ads are \$4.00 for first 25 words and **25** cents for each additional word. Yearly advertisers note that newsletter runs 11 issues per year (no January issue). Make checks payable to CCA and send to: **CCA NEWSLETTER ADS, P.O. Box 21, Beltsville, MD 20704-0021.**

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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

for more information, call 301-572-4203.

Please call the SLUDGE HOTLINE for odors

699-4177

Please report all CRIME INCIDENTS to Nancy Peirce, 572-4030 (Prince Georges County), or Don Praisner, 572-4647 (Montgomery County).