

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....Bruce Donaldson

I hope everybody had a wonderful summer. I occasionally hear the question: what has the CCA done for me lately? Besides the usual things such as providing a telephone directory and community news in the Calverton *Current*, maintaining the Shanandale Park and the Calverton Boulevard common areas, staging the July 4th picnic (thanks again to Don Praisner, who organized it, and all those who volunteered to assist), sponsoring the mosquito spraying programs, fighting to close Site 2, and so forth, the biggest job the CCA does for the Calverton community is to respond as best we can to the various plans for development in areas around Calverton.

For example, the CCA leadership has spent considerable time and effort lately dealing with issues relating to the planned senior-assisted living facility--now called Silver Oaks--on the former Great Oaks property. Charles Brannan, Stan Doore, Don Praisner, and I have been attending lengthy zoning hearings in both Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties. While we welcome this particular land use concept, we remain quite concerned about minimizing the impact of traffic generated by Silver Oaks residents, visitors, and their employees, on Calverton Boulevard during the morning and evening rush hours.

The Silver Oaks developers planned to retain the same single entrance to their facility off Gracefield Road opposite Plum Orchard Road that serviced Great Oaks.

Roads are expensive and this entrance road is fully compatible with Montgomery County's Fairland Master Plan approved road, A287. The CCA's concern was that traffic coming from I-95 or from the east would find it most convenient to travel across Calverton Boulevard to get to the Gracefield Road entrance. Over the past months, we have proposed several modifications to this entrance plan in meetings with the developers. However, only by vigorously opposing the entire Silver Oaks project at recent county hearings were we able to obtain their one concession to place a second entrance from the facility. This would largely eliminate the need for anyone going to or leaving Silver Oaks to drive on Calverton Boulevard.

As it stands now, the developers have agreed to upgrade the planned one-way, right-turn-only exit from Beltsville Drive opposite the McDonalds parking lot to a fully staffed two-way entrance and exit. Until Prince Georges County can rebuild the Beltsville Drive and

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Powder Mill Road intersection to allow for left hand turns into the new entrance, the new entrance will accommodate only right turns from Beltsville Drive. It is only a small victory for less traffic on community streets, obtained at the cost of a lot of CCA volunteer hours, but that is the nature of working with developers.

We still face the problem of making the 25 acres set aside as parkland into a usable park for the Calverton Recreation Council.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Charles Brannan and Don Praisner for filling in for me while I was away for the summer.

DATES TO REMEMBER

☞ **October 2, Thursday - 7 p.m. (NOTE NEW TIME)**
CCA Board meeting. Calverton Elementary teachers' lounge. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

☞ **October 6, Monday - 7:30 p.m.** Calverton Recreation Council Board Meeting. Calverton Elementary teachers' lounge. All are welcome.

☞ **October 10, Friday - Next Calverton Current** Newsletter deadline.

HIGHLIGHTS OF SEPTEMBER CCA BOARD MEETING

Speed Humps--Prince Georges County officials will move as quickly as possible to install humps on the lower end of Bellevue Street. Montgomery County has put a moratorium on speed humps except where they had already been approved. They will do more studies on our streets.

Nominating Committee--The Nominating Committee for the CCA officers and Board members has been formed with Nancy Peirce as chair. Elections will be held in November.

Proposed Changes in CCA Bylaws--President Bruce Donaldson proposed two changes to the bylaws: 1) to make the President of the Calverton Recreation Council a CCA Board member, and 2) to make any Calverton resident who is a member of the Maryland State Legislature an *ex officio* CCA Board member.

presented his report. The biggest expenditures so far

in 1997 were the July 4th picnic and lawn maintenance. The Board approved the movement of some funds into a time deposit.

*West*Farm Update*--Tom Fleury, representing West*Farm, attended the meeting and gave a status report on the planned power center there. Agreement has been reached with Target. They will soon close with Kohl's and are still negotiating with Super Fresh and some other businesses. The grand opening is July 4, 1998. West*Farm wants an exception for a McDonald's sign. Although not originally in the plans, the merchants want a filling station to be added to the center. Fleury wanted to inform the Board of this and ask for its support. The filling station would be canopied and heavily landscaped, would have a food mart, would sell gas only, and would not provide any services such as maintenance or repairs. There would be no access to Cherry Hill Road to the filling station. They estimate that 70 percent of the gas sold will originate from customers in the center. Fleury will return in October with a landscaped plan for the filling station. The Board gave him tentative approval.

Silver Oaks--The Board of Appeals was scheduled to consider the Silver Oaks project, the senior-assisted living center proposed for the former Great Oaks property, on September 9. See the President's Message for a discussion of this meeting. Plans call for 2000 units for elderly persons to be served by 800 employees. There will be several buildings four to seven stories high.

Site 2--Keep calling if you smell odors. Keep the politicians aware that we still want this public nuisance closed.

I-95 Sound Barriers--Construction is scheduled to begin on "our" barriers in October and be completed in January 1998.

Calverton Shopping Center--The Exxon will close its service bays and set up a Tiger Mart. Another fast food chain is planned for the area north of Wendy's.

The Board received a note of acknowledgment from the family of Bryan Taxin.

BLOCK CAPTAIN NEWS

Block captains are urgently needed for two blocks: Block 1, on Chapel View Drive around Craiglawn Road and Calverton Boulevard; and Block 35, on Chase Terrace near Flint Rock Drive. It is preferable to have someone in the block to be block captain, but it is not mandatory. So if you live in another part of Calverton and could pass out the newsletters once a month and collect dues once a year, please call Charles Brannan,

301-572-4519.

To all block captains, thank you for an outstanding job during the preceding year, especially during the 1997 membership drive. Your efforts made it possible to increase the number of paid memberships at a time of significant turnover. The following block captains obtained 100 percent paid members in their block (shown in parentheses):

PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY

Earl and Joan Keller (4)

Winnie Scrom (27)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Rich Cramer (45)

Jack Flood (64)

Jim Hill (73)

All homes should have been approached by their block captain, either in person or with a note left at the door.

Should anyone still wish to join the CCA, please call your block captain, Jane Doore (301-572-4939), or Charles Brannan.

HUMPS WIN REGULAR SEASON; UNIVERSAL SALES SWEEPS TOURNAMENT

The Humps finished first in the Calverton Men's Slow Pitch League regular season with a 11-3 record by edging out last year's champion, Universal Sales. It appears that the balance of power has shifted the past couple of years as both the Humps and Universal Sales teams have moved to the top of the league. The Swingers finished third, followed by Brentwood Builders, Olympus Gym, Rough Riders, Costal Telecommunications, and Old Timers.

The Universal Sales team, coached by Chet Speiser, won the Calverton Men's Slow Pitch tournament by beating Costal Telecommunications 13-9, Swingers in 10 innings, 9-8, Humps 15-13, and finally Olympus Gym 17-11. Universal Sales came from behind in all four games to sweep the season-ending tournament. Universal Sales is made up of mostly current and former Calverton residents.

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