



# CALVERT HOUSE NEWS



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## Tis the Season for Giving

### Calvert House's Annual Charitable Donations



Once again, Calvert House will be collecting canned and bottled goods along with other non-perishable food items to donate to the National Capital Food Bank during this upcoming

Thanksgiving holiday. Beginning on Friday, November 11th, there will be a bin at the front desk area to collect any items you may wish to donate. A list of "most needed" items will be posted by the bin.

The drive will end on Saturday, November 19th, so that we may transport the goods where they are needed in time for Thanksgiving. Please take this time to go through your pantry or pick up some items for those in need.

During the December holidays, Calvert House will be working with the U.S. Marine Corp for their annual Toys for Tots drive. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to the bin provided at the front desk. Further information about this drive and the dates for the collection will be posted at a later date.

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## Manager's Corner

Thanks to everyone for their patience and assistance during the recent fall filter change. We were doing a bit more work this time and moving a bit slower than our normal schedule but your cooperation helped the project along. Come spring we should again be moving at our regular scheduled pace!

In the last newsletter I announced that we hoped the portico work would be done by late October. Sadly that will not be the case. So much of the material is custom molded and made that things are taking longer than expected to come in. The contractors still are not able to give me a finish date, but trust that

everything is being done to expedite this work so that we can have our front entrance open and looking better than ever!

The next few months will be full of hustle and bustle here at Calvert House. We have our two annual charity drives, which are always a huge success. Our big winter holiday social is scheduled for Monday, December 19th, so mark your calendars for that. And this nip of autumn in the air makes me think we deserve a sweet treat, so look for a fall pie tasting social to come in early November. Notices will be posted soon!

*Laura Berney*

## Where ART Thou?



If you can name this sculpture (above), the artist and name its location, you may win a fabulous Calvert House Tote, an Open City Gift Card and bragging rights. A drawing from all correct responses will determine the winner.

Please submit your answer in writing to the front desk or e-mail it to 2401.lberney@communityrealty.com by November 15th. Be sure to include your

name and apartment number with your response.

Last issue's painting, "Autumn" is by Winslow Homer (1836-1910). Homer is considered one of the foremost figures in 19th century American Art. While primarily recognized as an American Landscape Painter and celebrated for his marine paintings, Homer experimented in his art. His early career began as a printmaker and illustrator, he later



took up oil painting and eventually found fame as a watercolorist. This oil on canvas work of Homer's can be found in the National Gallery of Art's permanent collection.

## A City of Museums National Museum of the American Indian

November is Native American Heritage Month, so there's no better time to visit one of the city's newest museums.

Completed in September of 2004, the National Museum of the American Indian is the first national museum dedicated exclusively to Native Americans.



NMAI cares for over 800,000 objects gathered from tribes all over north and south America. The majority of the exhibits are filled with items from the Heye Foundation, which comprises 85% of the collection. George Gustave Heye

(1874-1957) spent 54 years of his life traveling the America's collecting from native peoples.

The museum is designed to represent the native American perspective with an emphasis on culture, language and living native people, rather than simply an historical overview.

A popular aspect of this, is the Mitsitam Native Foods Café, which features menus of traditional food from the areas of the Northern Woodlands, South America, The Northwest Coast, Meso-America and The Great Plains. Check out [nmai.si.edu](http://nmai.si.edu) and plan your visit.

## Local Spotlight: Lillie's Restaurant

There's a new local in the spot where Mrs. Simpson's held court for years and more recently was home restaurant Pesto. Lillie's Restaurant has opened at 2915 Connecticut Avenue, NW, just south of the zoo. If you're not familiar with this charming space from its previous occupants, it offers an indoor dining room, a charming patio space and a private dining room. Family owned and operated, Lillie's offers breakfast, lunch and dinner and has an eclectic menu designed to suit any appetite but with a focus on fresh ingredients and healthy options.

Lillie's offers lunch specials, happy hours and a Thursday to Saturday dinner,

wine & dessert for \$20 per person. Enjoy their extensive wine list on Tuesday nights when selected bottles of wine are half price. Breakfast is served Saturday and Sunday mornings, starting at 9 AM. Carry-out is available for all meals, including lunch specials. They also offer specially catered meals, in their private dining room or yours.

Visit [lilliesrestaurant.com](http://lilliesrestaurant.com) to view hours of operation and full menu options. As a special offer to the neighborhood, the owner's of Lillie's are offering 15% off meals to residents of Calvert House in November. Just clip this coupon, present it when you visit and enjoy your meal!



**Lillie's offers 15% off to residents of Calvert House in the month of November with this coupon**



## Details

If you are a new or prospective resident to Calvert House, we're glad you've visited and/or made your home with us. We know you have choices, and we thank you for making our home your home. Please contact the front desk and office staff with any questions you might have about the building, amenities, or policies. We are here to help you 24 hours a day.

### We're Online

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### Office Hours

Monday to Friday.....9 AM to 5:30 PM  
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## Election Day 2011

Tuesday, November 8, is election day. Residents of Calvert House vote at the Oyster School at 2801 Calvert Street NW. (Please use the gymnasium entrance around the corner on 27th Street.)

For further information on voting in the District of Columbia, or to register to vote, contact the District of Columbia Board of Election and Ethics at [www.dcboee.org](http://www.dcboee.org).



## The Thanksgiving Feast



Thanksgiving Day means many things to many people. For some it's a time to travel and gather with family. Others think of it as the start of the greater holiday season that finishes with New Year's Day. There are those that focus on charitable giving or religious services. For more than a few, the day means football and parades. But one thing that is constant is the food. Nearly everyone finds a way to share a special meal on this day.

The feast on Thanksgiving is traditional, dating back to the first colonist in America, where the harvest from

this new land helped sustain life over the long, hard winters. Turkey, potatoes, sweet potatoes, cranberry, sweet corn, beans, squash, pumpkin, pecans...all these foods are native to the Americas and would have been new to these European settlers to the new world. And while feasts today include many more options and regional variations, almost all make use of these truly American foods.

If this year your Thanksgiving does not include a day of cooking or gathering in someone's else's kitchen, you don't need to forsake the feast. Washington has many restaurants that are offering their own version of this meal for you. The below restaurants are just a few of those that are planning

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**“Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.”**

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**W.T. Purkiser**

something special in the hopes that you'll spend part of your Thanksgiving with them!

## Where to Find Your Feast

**Art and Soul**—This southern style restaurant in the shadow of the capitol dome is offering a three course family style Thanksgiving dinner for \$65 per person. They'll even throw in a 'leftover' turkey sandwich and trimmings to take home with you! [artandsoul.com](http://artandsoul.com).

**Morrison Clark Inn**—Enjoy your meal in this beautiful historic inn north of Chinatown. This elegant five course feast is \$60 per person. [morrisonclark.com](http://morrisonclark.com).

**Willard Room**—Just steps from the White House in the Willard Hotel, this restaurant offers a Thanksgiving buffet filled with the bounty of the autumn harvest for \$65 per person. [washington.intercontinental.com](http://washington.intercontinental.com).

**Clydes**—Both the Georgetown and Gallery Place locations are offering a traditional holiday dinner for just \$25.95. [clydes.com](http://clydes.com).

**Ardeo**—Down the Avenue in Cleveland Park, Ardeo is offering a three-course Thanksgiving meal for \$45 per person. [ardeo.com](http://ardeo.com).

## Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day



This December 7th will mark the 70th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. A surprise attack, the shock and tragedy of this “day that will live in infamy,” brought the isolationist United States into both the European and Pacific Theaters of the second world war. Stirring great emotion, the attack jump started the nation to mobilize for war in a way so comprehensive, it's hard to imagine now. At a time when each passing year finds fewer Americans with living memories of this day, it falls to those younger generations to reflect on what Pearl Harbor meant to our parents and grandparents.

Living in a city like Washington makes it easy to remember and to honor. Arlington National Cemetery, just across Memorial Bridge, is a moving place to visit while recalling the sacrifices that come with war. Though only a few years old, the World War II Memorial, in the center of the national mall, is already a popular site for visitors and a beautiful tribute to the challenges faced by “the greatest generation.” Right in the city center, on Pennsylvania Avenue between 7th and 9th Streets, the Naval Memorial offers passersby a chance to reflect on the heroism and the loss the Navy experienced, December 7th, 1941. All these sites and more will have events to commemorate this anniversary.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All Saints Day Rent is due	2 Day of the Dead All Souls Day	3	4	5 Guy Fawkes Day
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends Rent is Late; Late Fees Due	7 (Eid) Al Adha	8 Election Day	9 Breakfast to Go!	10 Full Moon	11 Veteran's Day Food Drive Starts	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Food Drive Ends
20 Universal Children's Day	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed	25 New Moon Office Closed Black Friday	26
27 First Sunday of Advent	28	29	30	<b>November Events</b>		

## November/December Festivals and Events

- **FotoWeek DC**— Change the way you see your world! The Fourth Annual FotoWeek DC photography festival will take place November 5th through



12th and will feature regional and international photographers. Located in the heart of downtown Washington at 18th & L Streets, NW, all events are open to the public and many events are FREE (registration required). Go to [fotoweekdc.org](http://fotoweekdc.org) for details.

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- **Help the Homeless Walk**—On November 19th, be part of the 3,000+ people who walk for the homeless. The walk happens rain or shine, with registration taking place near the Smithsonian Metro stop from 7 to 8:30 AM. The walk begins at 9 AM. To skip the registration line, visit

[helpthehomelessdc.org](http://helpthehomelessdc.org). You can host a mini-walk (or a mini-basketball game, mini-yoga session) to raise awareness of homelessness and still ensure funds benefit our many housing programs across the region. Call (202) 772-4331 to set up your mini-walk.

- **Downtown DC Holiday Market**— December 2nd through 22nd marks the dates of this sidewalk fair on F Street between 7th and 9th in front of the National Portrait Gallery. The hours are noon to 8 PM. Enjoy a unique seasonal shopping marketplace in the Penn Quarter neighborhood of Washington, DC. Find gift items by more than 180 exhibitors and artisans including fine art, crafts, jewelry, pottery, photography, clothing, prepared food and more. A wide range of live, local musicians and bands will entertain shoppers. jazz, swing, blues, reggae, bluegrass, klezmer, a cappella, brass and more create a fun, energetic atmosphere.