



# CALVERT HOUSE NEWS



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## Stand Up and Be Counted

The year 2010 is a decennial census year, and forms are being mailed out in March with a return due date of April 1, 2010. If you do not complete and return your form, if you fill it out incorrectly, or if you have recently moved and do not receive a form, a U.S. Census taker will contact you in person.

The U.S. decennial census was mandated by the U.S. Constitution in 1787. When it first began it was little more than a count of the population used to apportion seats in Congress to each state. Over the years it has come to include many more questions on demographics, and the data is used by many branches of government as well as the private sector. For example, legislatures use the information collected to help evaluate policies and allocate funds to social programs. But perhaps most importantly the census data and classifications have helped Americans conceptualize who they are as a people, from the rural Anglo Europeans of the late 17th Century to the immigration fueled, multi-cultural urban people of today.



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## Where ART Thou?

If you can name this piece of art (center) and name its location you may win a fabulous Calvert House tote, an Open City gift card and bragging rights.

Due to the popularity of this contest (and in all fairness) the winner will no longer be the first correct answer submitted. Instead a drawing will be held from all correct answers received by the 15th of March.

Please submit your answer in writing to the front desk or email it to 2401.



lberney@communityrealty.com. Be sure to include your name and apartment number with your response.

Last issues' challenge was Augustus Saint-Gaudens' memorial to Robert Gould Shaw and the Massachusetts Fifty-fourth Regiment (below), one of the first African American units of the Civil War. This



memorial is currently on display at the National Gallery of Art.

## Manager's Corner

We'll be remembering the winter of 2010 for many years to come, I think. I've heard from many of you how grateful you were to live at Calvert House during these blizzards and snow storms. How wonderful it was to have the working underground Metro just across the street, to have open shops and restaurants steps away and beautiful Rock Creek Park to walk in the snow or go sledding in. It made what could have been a challenging time just a bit more easy.

I'd like to recognize the tremendous efforts of our engineers Wayne Parker and Jose Peña, who worked tirelessly to keep our walkways clear of snow and ice, time and time again. While other managers worried about how to get their engineers to their properties in such weather, I was lucky to have two hard working men

living onsite. Thank you, Wayne and Jose!

Kudos should also be given to other members of our dedicated staff who braved the rough weather to keep the office open, the front desk manned, our trash rooms cleared and our lobby clean. Thanks for your tremendous efforts during this winter!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome Capitol Concierge to Calvert House. Capitol has taken over the management of the front desk personnel, and I'm very excited about all they can offer. They will soon be sending out a letter to the residents of Calvert House innumeration their services. I hope everyone will take advantage of these services to make their time at CH an even more comfortable and enjoyable experience.

Laura Berney



## A City of Museums National Museum of Women in the Arts (NMWA)

In the 1960's, when art historians were just beginning to take a second look at underrepresented groups of artists, Wilhelmina Cole Holladay and Wallace F. Holladay embraced the new revisionist approach to collection and began to focus exclusively on the works of women. In the following years they educated themselves about women artists and gathered an impressive body of work that became the core of the permanent collection of the NMWA, the first museum in the world "dedicated exclusively to the recognizing of women's contributions in the visual arts, and other disciplines, including music, literature, film, theater and dance."

In 1987 the NMWA opened their doors in an historic building on New York Avenue, which used to be a Masonic Temple, just blocks from the White House. The refurbishment of the building won numerous design awards. Rental of the facility (including a great hall & mezzanine, board rooms and a performance hall) helps to support the museum.

At last summer's exhibit "Mary McFadden: Goddesses," Ms. Holladay

joined the group and gave an impromptu tour of her favorite pieces and expressed her passion for the unique perspective of women artists. Mary McFadden is an Haute Couture designer whose collections were inspired by the art and architecture of ancient cultures. As Ms. Holladay led the group from 16th century oil paintings into rooms full of exquisite gowns, one could understand how the female artists' vision of her world could be realized in any medium.

The NMWA hosts special exhibits throughout the year as well as having a permanent collection of over 3,000 works from the 16th century to the present. Additionally, the museum supports educational programs, outreach programs and has a research center. See it all at [www.NMWA.org](http://www.NMWA.org).

Celebrate Women's History Month by visiting this unique museum. Admission is \$10.00 or come to the First Sunday of the Month Brunch, where \$25.00 includes admission to the museum. The NMWA is located at 1250 New York Avenue, or take the red line to Metro Center.

## 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 feel free to 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 On Line

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### Office Hours

Monday to Friday.....9 AM to 5:30 PM  
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## Cinema on the Potomac

Washington has been making its mark the last 10 years as great place to showcase films. The continuing expansion of and growing attendance at local film festivals, has attracted a number of film producers, directors and distributors to DC. A reputation as an educated, discerning and multi cultural cinema town has afforded Washingtonians the opportunity to see an ever growing array of films. Check out these upcoming festivals and support film in DC.



### DC Environmental Film Fest:

The annual film showcase for the environmentally aware is in it's 18th year in the District. From March 16 to March 28 and showcasing 155 films at 56 venues throughout the area, come out and show your support for Green Filmmaking. Check out [www.DCenvironmentalfilmfest.org](http://www.DCenvironmentalfilmfest.org) for more information.

### DC International Film Festival:

One of Washington's biggest and most prestigious Film Fests, this year marks

**"May you live as long as you want,  
And never want as long as you live."  
~Irish Blessing**

the 11th annual DC International Film Festival. Films from over 30 countries will be shown at venues throughout the city between April 15 and April 25. Look for special opening and closing events, director discussions and embassy receptions at venues throughout the city. This year highlights films from Eastern Europe and Japanese Cinema. A full schedule will be available March 30 at [www.filmfestdc.org](http://www.filmfestdc.org).

## In the Know

- **Bulletin Boards:** Bulletin boards are soon to be installed in all our trash rooms! Please check this board when you take out your trash for informal news from the office and postings by your neighbors. All residents are encouraged to post material on this board; please date all postings as they will be cleared periodically.
- **Deliveries:** If you are expecting a large delivery, such as furniture, please remember to check with the front desk to see if the freight elevator is available. While we try to accommodate quick deliveries even when the freight elevator is reserved, it's important that we know in advance that a delivery is coming. Thank you!
- **Rent:** Please remember when you pay your rent on the first to include your apartment number and parking space number on your check. We ask that you use an ink pen rather than a marker or pencil. Using ink will help us process your check more efficiently. *Remember* that you also have the option to pay your rent online instead. Sign up with [paylease.com](http://paylease.com) and have your rent debited from your check card or credit card each month.



## In It To End It

Please support members of Community Realty Company's DC management team as they do the AVON 2-day 39-mile walk for Breast Cancer May 1 & 2. Tax deductible donations can be made online at [www.avonwalk.org](http://www.avonwalk.org). Select Washington DC Walk, click on "Donate" and search for Team "D.C. Rack Pack." You can also contact the Management Office for a mail in coupon to donate. Thanks for your support!

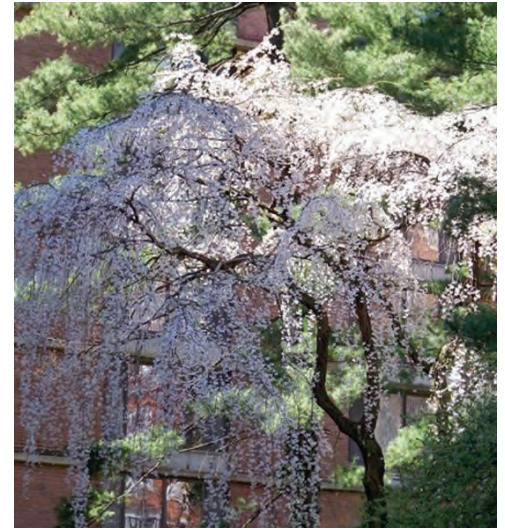
## April is National Poetry Month

### Loveliest of Trees

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now  
Is hung with bloom along the bough,  
And stands about the woodland ride  
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now of my threescore years and ten,  
Twenty will not come again,  
And take from seventy springs a score,  
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom  
Fifty springs are little room,  
About the woodlands I will go  
To see the cherry hung with snow.  
A. E. Houseman



**Calvert House's beautiful weeping cherry in bloom last year over the back terrace**

## The National Cherry Blossom Festival

This year marks the 98th year since the first cherry tree was planted in Washington DC. In 1912 First Lady, Helen Taft and Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese ambassador, planted the inaugural trees around the Tidal Basin. These trees were part of a gift sent by the mayor of Tokyo to the city of Washington as a gesture of friendship. In 1915 the gesture was reciprocated by a gift of flowering dogwood to the people of Tokyo. The two original trees can still be seen by the statue of John Paul Jones at the end of 17th Street.

Festivities surrounding the trees have expanded over the years. From a humble 3-day festival with school children reenacting the first plantings to the two-week event of today which attracts over 700,000 tourists to DC, each year has brought change. Additions include the 1954 gift from Japan of a 300-year-old granite lantern to commemorate the 1854 Treaty of Yokohama signed by Commodore Matthew Perry and the inclusion of an annual ceremonial

lighting of this lantern.

In 1965 a further gift of 3,800 trees was accepted by Lady Bird Johnson to replenish some losses and expand the planting area. While the original gift of trees included 12 varieties of cherry, these trees were mainly Somei-Yoshino Cherry Blossoms, which bloom first and are white to palest pink in color. In 1981 the U.S. was able to offer Japanese horticulturalist access to samples from these trees to replenish the stock in Tokyo where a flood had destroyed many of the original trees.

This year's National Cherry Blossom Festival takes place from March 27th to April 11th and includes many different social and cultural events, including an opening ceremony and concert, the Lantern Lighting Ceremony and the Cherry Blossom 10-mile run. This year will also include exhibits on ceramics from Southern Japan and contemporary Japanese fashion. See details at [www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org) and enjoy a well deserved spring in Washington.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Rent is due	2	3	4	5	6 Rent is late Late fees due
7 Academy Awards	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins	15 New Moon	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 First Day of Spring
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Cherry Blossom Festival Begins
28 Palm Sunday	29 Passover Begins at Sundown	30 Passover & Full Moon	31	 <h2 style="color: green; margin: 0;">March Events</h2>		

## March/April Festivals and Events



**Calvert House**  
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- **Adventures in Travel Expo**—  
 On March 6th and 7th, visitors learn about exciting travel destinations at the nation's largest active and adventure travel show at the Washington Convention Center. The event features travel packages and tours, educational seminars by renowned National Geographic editors, photographers and travel writers. Try scuba diving lessons, rock climbing, aerial zip lines, kayaking and cultural performances. Go to [www.adventureexpo.com](http://www.adventureexpo.com).
- **St. Patrick's Day Parade and National Shamrock Festival**—  
 Come to RFK Stadium on March 13th from 1 to 9 PM for Shamrock Fest, the largest Saint Paddy's festival in the Mid-Atlantic Region, featuring more than 40 live bands and DJ's and endless party zones & activities. Enjoy a day-long festival of Rock, Irish, Blues, Retro and Folk music, as well as food, drinks

and dozens of outrageous activities. [www.shamrockfest.com/2010](http://www.shamrockfest.com/2010).

- **DC Design House Tour**— DC Design House is an annual project that brings together the area's top interior designers to transform and showcase a house using the best in today's home renovation and design ideas. The 2010 DC Design House will be completed and open to be public from April 10th through May 9th. [www.dcdesignhouse.com](http://www.dcdesignhouse.com).
- **Smithsonian Kite Festival**—  
 Kite enthusiasts show off their stunt skills and compete for awards in over 36 categories including aerodynamics, beauty, box, and funniest. See what it's all about on Saturday, March 27th from 10 AM to 4 PM (Raindate: March 28th) on the National Mall between 4th & 7th Streets, N.W.