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The Pools Next Door



Want to stay cool and refreshed this summer? The Omni Shoreham and the Marriott Wardman Park sell pool memberships to help you beat the heat.

An individual membership at the Omni costs \$999 for a season pass, which runs from April to September. The Marriott pool season runs Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend and cost \$650 for an individual membership. The Marriott also offers day passes for \$10.

Couple and family memberships are also available at both hotels.

For more information, please contact the individual properties at:

Omni Shoreham: 202.234.0700

Marriott: 202.328.2000

Happy Swimming!

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Where ART Thou?

In each issue of *Calvert House News*, beginning with this issue, we will post a photo of a piece of public art in the city. It may be a statue, a sculpture, a painting, a mural or an artistic piece of a building. If you can recognize this piece of art (below), name it's location *and* be the first to contact the manager with the correct answer, you'll win a fabulous Calvert House gift and bragging rights.

Write your answer on a note and give it to the front desk *or* e-mail it to 2401.lberney@communityrealty.com. Be sure to include your name and apartment number on your entry form.

A description of the winning piece of art and the location of that artwork will be printed in the next newsletter. Keep your eyes open and enjoy the city.



Win ZooFari Tickets

Enter to win two tickets to the National Zoo's *ZooFari 2009* on Thursday, May 14 from 6:30-10 p.m.

At this year's event, you'll find all the ingredients for an unforgettable evening. Help celebrate elephantine appetites and the National Zoo's commitment to Asian elephants at *ZooFari 2009*. This enchanted evening will bring together an oasis of culinary delights from the



Manager's Corner

Dear Residents:

Summer is coming, which means it's time to keep cool!

Here are a few things you can do to help. If your apartment gets a lot of sun, close your blinds when you are not home to keep your apartment cooler and to keep the building more energy efficient. Please keep your windows and balcony doors closed when your A/C is running; this prevents the units from overloading and decreases the humidity level in your apartment. Also, make sure to check the floor around your convector for moisture periodically. Condensate drains can clog and pipes can sweat; catching them early is key to preventing damage to your floors or belongings. If you do see moisture near your convector floor, contact the front desk for maintenance right away.

Thank you for following these easy tips to keeping cool. I hope everyone has a great summer!

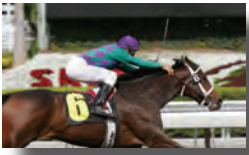
Laura Berney

Community Manager

city's master chefs, fabulous wine, live entertainment, and a spectacular auction, featuring fantastic pieces of art, weekend getaways, fine wine, tickets to sporting events, and much more. *ZooFari* tickets are valued at \$125 each.

Complete an entry form at the front desk by May 7th for your chance to win these two amazing tickets. Don't miss your opportunity to go on *ZooFari*!

The 136th Running of the Preakness



On May 16th, the 136th Preakness Stakes will take place at Baltimore's Pimlico Racetrack.

The Preakness is the second jewel in thoroughbred racing's prestigious Triple Crown, which includes The Kentucky Derby and The Belmont Stakes.

The race is run the third Saturday in May and has a history two years longer than the Kentucky Derby. Run on an oval dirt track at a length of 1 and 3/16 miles, the purse for the Preakness is \$1 million this year.

Tune in on TV or visit Pimlico to watch history being made and support Maryland racing!



Local Spotlight: CHIPOTLE

In honor of Cinco de Mayo, Calvert House spotlights local favorite...Chipotle restaurant.

Chipotle Mexican Grill (NYSE: CMG) is a chain of restaurants specializing in burritos and tacos. Founded by Steve Ells in 1993 and based in Denver, Colorado, the restaurant is known for its chunky guacamole, large burritos, and made-to-order assembly line production. Chipotle is one of the first chains in the relatively new category of fast-casual dining establishments. In the past, McDonald's Corporation owned a majority interest in Chipotle. McDonald's has since sold their entire stake in Chipotle.

As of March 2009, 830 restaurants have opened throughout the United States and Canada. All are company-owned, rather than franchised. Founder

Celebrate with a Black Eyed Susan

Just as the Kentucky Derby wouldn't be the same without sipping a Mint Julep, the Preakness is best enjoyed while drinking a Black Eyed Susan cocktail!

Just mix all parts and pour into a highball glassball glass filled with ice. Garnish with an orange slice and a cherry, and you're set to watch the race in style. Cheers!

Black Eyed Susan

- 2 parts whiskey
- 1 part citrus vodka
- 3 parts sweet & sour mix
- 1 part orange juice



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 hour a day.

Office Hours

Monday to Friday.....9 AM to 5:30 PM
 Saturday.....10 AM to 5 PM
 Sunday.....By appointment

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Cinco de Mayo



Cinco de Mayo, the fifth day of May, is celebrated in many areas of the United States with rowdy and colorful parties. But do you

know the history behind the holiday?

Frequently confused with Mexico's Independence Day (September 16th), it's actually a celebration of the Mexican victory over the French in the Battle of Puebla on May 5th, 1862. An underdog Mexican force, led by Gen. Ignacio Zaragoza defeated the well-trained forces of Napoleon III's French Army. The victory symbolized Mexico's resistance to foreign occupation, its patriotism and unity.

Happy Cinco de Mayo to all residents who are celebrating this year.

In the Know

Please make note of these important items of information for residents of Calvert House...

- **Calvert House Website:** Our website has gone live. Check it out at www.calverthousedc.com. If you have family or friends who may be interested in moving to our community, this is a great way to introduce Calvert House.
- **Rent:** Please remember when you pay your rent on the first to include your apartment number and parking space number on your check. Also we ask that you use an ink pen rather than a marker or pencil. Our new check scanner doesn't process pencil or marker well. 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 and have your rent debited from your check card or paid by credit card each month.



- **Zipcars:** A car at hand just when you need one! They save time and money and you only pay for the time you use it. A zipcar is available in our Calvert House visitors lot and right across 24th Street. Sign up today at www.zipcar.com and take advantage of this convenience.
- **New Vending Area:** Vending machines are located on the first floor just before the door leading to the laundry room and rear parking exit. Find a great selection of refreshments and newspapers.

- **Carts:** Small folding carts are available at the front desk for your use to carry packages and groceries from the lobby to your apartment. Larger luggage carts are also available at the rear entrance to the building by the laundry room. All carts should be signed out at the front desk.
- **Sunroom/Sundeck:** Please enjoy these great public spaces, but remember: no glass bottles or cups, no candles, no private parties and no music without headphones. Thanks for helping us to ensure these spaces remain safe and comfortable for all who would like to use them.
- **Pest Control:** Remember that our pest control company visits every Thursday. You can place yourself on this list to have your apartment treated as needed or on a seasonal preventative basis. Just contact the front desk for service.
- **E-mail contact:** Laura Berney can be reached at 2401.lberney@communityrealty.com. Rosalind Faulkner can be reached at 2401.rfaulkner@communityrealty.com.

Wine & Cheese Party

Join us for a Calvert House Wine & Cheese Mixer on Thursday, May 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the lobby of the building.



Our Wine & Cheese parties are your chance meet your neighbors and the management of the building while learning about what the neighborhood has to offer. We hope to see you all there.

Mother's Day Around the World



Mother's Day in the United States is traditionally celebrated with greeting cards, chocolates, bouquets of flowers or eating out at fancy restaurants. But in other countries, the tradition is much different. If you're familiar with your mom's familial heritage, perhaps you can incorporate a few of the customs that are traditional in her ancestral home country into this year's annual celebration honoring mom.

Australia: Moms receive gifts of perfume and tea, while children wear a colored carnation if their *mom* is still alive or a white carnation if she has passed on.

Mexico: On May 10th, the public plans special masses and celebrations for *madres*. The children are expected to be home on the eve of Mother's Day to share a special meal and wake the next morning to sing her a song.

France: Family members plan a dinner to honor their *mères* and traditionally make a cake in the shape of a flower bouquet. The celebrate on the last Sunday in May.

Finland: The father leaves the *alti* to sleep in, while taking the children for an early walk. The family gathers new spring flowers for a bouquet they deliver while serving breakfast in bed.

Britain: Early celebrations of Mother's Day date back to the 1600s. On "Mothering Sunday," the British shower their *mom* with flower bouquets. Britains often serve a special almond cake, called "simnel" cake, as dessert after family gatherings.

Whether you call her *mom*, *majka* or *mater*, she deserves at least one day a year in her honor. Take some time to make it special.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| May Events |  | May Day occurs on May 1 and may be best known for its tradition of dancing the Maypole and crowning of the Queen of the May. | | | 1 Rent is due May Day | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 Cinco de Mayo | 6 Rent is late Late fees due | 7 ZooFari Entries Due Today! | 8 ZooFari Tickets Drawing | 9 Full Moon |
| 10 Mother's Day | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 136th Running of the Preakness Stakes |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 31 | 25 Memorial Day Office Closed | 26 | 27 | 28 CH Wine & Cheese, 5:30 to 7: 30 PM in the lobby | 29 | 30 |

June City Festivals and Events



- Artomatic** (May 29-July 5)—The one-of-a-kind art extravaganza features regional artists and performances, including painting, sculpture, photography, music, theater, poetry, dance and workshops. Check it out at www.artomatic.org.
- Duke Ellington Jazz Festival** (June 5-15)—Enjoy more than 100 jazz performances at concert venues and clubs throughout the city, plus three days of concerts on the National Mall. Details can be found at www.dejazzfest.org.
- Food & Wine Festival @ National Harbor** (June 6 & 7)—The upscale waterfront festival features food and wine pairing, artisanal and organic products, lectures on culinary and wine trends and more. Go to www.foodandwinenh.com.
- Dupont-Kalorama Museum Walk** (June 6 & 7)—Visit eight museums near Dupont Circle featuring free admission and special activities for all ages. Visit www.dkmuseums.com.
- Tour de Cure Bicycling Event for the American Diabetes Association** (June 14)—Help raise funds and awareness about diabetes by participating in this annual event. All experience levels are welcome. Get details at tour.diabetes.org.
- Smithsonian Folklife Festival** (June 24-June 28 & July 1-5)—Celebrate cultural traditions from around the world, including music and dance performances, crafts and cooking demonstrations, storytelling and discussions of cultural issues. For information about the events, visit their website at www.folklife.si.edu.

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