



CALVERT HOUSE NEWS



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In the Spirit of the Season

Thanksgiving Food Drive and Holiday Toys for Tots Collection—

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 the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. Beginning on Friday, November 13th, 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 21st 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.



Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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Where ART Thou?

If you can recognize this piece of art (right), name its location *and* be the first to contact the manager with the correct answer, you'll win a fabulous Calvert House tote 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.

Congratulations to the resident who quickly recognized this statue of Major General George B. McClellan. Sculpted by Frederick MacMonnies and erected in 1907, this newly restored statue can be



found in Dupont Circle at Florida and Connecticut Avenues.

With so many speedy and correct responses to the contest last issue, we are trying to make it a bit more difficult this month. Good luck!



Manager's Corner

Fall has been a season full of activity! The new Resident Business and Fitness Centers are nearly complete and will enhance the building, hopefully making your time with us more enjoyable. Also, the renovation of the first floor restrooms is a welcome addition. Winter will be busy too, with a food drive, Toys for Tots, the Calvert House holiday party and a holiday shopping bazaar. It's an exciting time to live at Calvert House!

Hopefully, shortly after this issue of the *Calvert House News* is out, the new Manager's Office and Leasing Center will be decorated and complete. We have improved the space of the Manager's Office (across from the laundry room) in

order to create a larger, more comfortable area to receive residents and prospective residents.

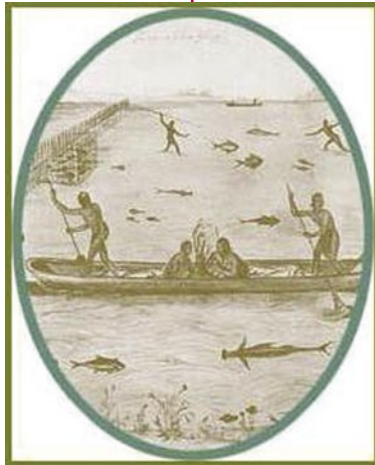
The Leasing Manager, Rosalind Faulkner, will be leaving her office near the front desk and moving to join me in this great new space. The concierge attendants will remain at the front desk to greet residents, take down maintenance requests and perform all of their normal duties and services. If you have a question for Ms. Faulkner or me, please phone and email as usual, or feel free to visit us in the new Leasing Office.

We look forward to seeing you!

Laura Berney

Looking Back: Woodley Park's Native Americans

November is American Indian Heritage Month so it seemed an appropriate time to remember the Native Americans who lived and hunted in what is now Woodley Park. The Nacotchtanks were Algonquian-speaking people who lived in a loose confederacy of small palisaded villages, as did most of the coastal Indians of the greater Piscataway Nation. These villages recognized and maintained sustaining hinterlands from which they hunted and foraged to survive. The beautiful wooded hills of Northwest Washington, filled with a natural bounty of deer, beaver and other game, were part of these lands which the Nacotchtanks depended on.



of Pocahontas. A steady encroachment on Indian lands also provided fuel for conflict and armed resistance. In 1623, the Nacotchtank ambushed a party of men from Jamestown, killing 20 and capturing others, in a location not 25 miles from current day Woodley Park.

The victory was short lived, however, and by the 1680's the Nacotchtanks were all but gone from this area, greatly depleted in population by European diseases from which they had no resistance. By the early 18th century, the Nacotchtanks, like most other coastal Indians, had been effectively eradicated, leading the way for the first European "trading villages" of Georgetown and Alexandria.

Captain John Smith, who landed with the Jamestown settlers in 1607, was the first European to visit the Nacotchtanks. The name Nacotchtank is said to be derived from the phrase "trading village," and John Smith documented a friendly and important village of over 300 people, including 80 fighting men, who traded local beaver pelts with other tribes as far away as the Iroquois of New York.

In the coming years, tensions between the settlers and the Nacotchtanks increased. Much of this was due to the English allying themselves with Nacotchtank rivals, the Powhatan Indians, famous as the tribe

Adams Morgan Heritage Trail

If you've explored Washington, D.C. at all, you will have noticed throughout the city illustrated signs full of pictures and information about each area. These signs are part of several self-guided walking tours throughout the city. We have one close by in Adams Morgan which highlights the history of this "vibrant community of immigrants, artists and entrepreneurs."

To learn more about this trail and the other neighborhood trails in Washington, check out www.culturaltourismdc.org.

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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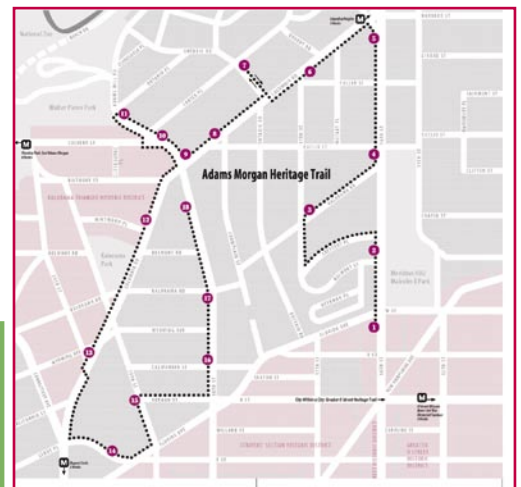
Office Hours

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

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www.culturaltourismdc.org. It's a great site to help you get to know more about the beautiful and historic city we live in. And remember, this is the perfect time of year to walk and enjoy the foliage.



This is my wish for you: peace of mind, prosperity through the year, happiness that multiplies, health for you and yours, fun around every corner, energy to chase your dreams, joy to fill your holidays!

D.M. Dellinger

In the Know

- **Fitness Center:** Just a reminder, when the new Resident Fitness Center opens, residents will need to sign a fitness center agreement in order to use the room. If you are not able to visit during business hours, please contact the office to make other arrangements. Once this agreement is signed, your key will be programmed to work the fitness room door, and you can start working off the holiday goodies!
- **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 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 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.
- **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.
- **Bulk Trash:** If you have boxes or large trash items, please do not leave them in the trash rooms, but take items to the bulk trash area in the lower garage. Boxes should be broken down, and all items should be placed inside the fenced area. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Great Eats by the Fire

In Jack London's famous Man vs. Nature short story, *To Build a Fire*, a man unaccustomed to the outdoors faces death in the Yukon if he cannot build a fire to keep himself warm against the freezing cold. As his condition becomes more dangerous, certain phrases like "fifty degrees below zero" and "build a fire" are repeated over and over to emphasize the narrowing focus of his mind. When he finally realizes it's a matter of life and death and cold takes over his body, seeking warmth becomes his only goal.

Likewise, when the chill creeps into the air today and Jack Frost nips



at our noses, Washingtonians seek out the warmth and comfort of fire. Below is a selection of some area restaurants and bars that offer you the sights and sounds of a fireplace. So enjoy the coming of winter with a trip to one of these spots, smell the burning oak and ash, listen to the crackling wood and feel your cheeks flush as the flames dance in ever changing colors.

Maybe, if you can get a seat close enough to the fire, you can follow in 'ole Abe's footsteps and read by the firelight. There's a great short story by Jack London that will make you appreciate where you are.

Murphy's Irish Pub

Located right across the street from Calvert House, Murphy's has a crackling wood fire in the rear of the restaurant, making the pub a cozy place for casual fare on a cold winter's night.
2609 24th Street, Washington DC, 20008, 202-462-7172

La Chaumiere

This Georgetown restaurant has long been a favorite of fire seekers, offering fine French cuisine in a cozy yet elegant atmosphere with a large open wood fireplace.
2813 M Street NW, Washington DC 20007, 202-338-1784
www.lachaumieredc.com

Oya

The Asian French fusion cuisine of Chinatown's Oya is set off in style by the modern décor that includes a whole wall of glass enclosed gas fires.
777 9th Street NW, Washington DC 20001, 202-393-1400, www.oyadc.com

Tabard Inn

Just blocks from the White House, the Tabard Inn offers New American cuisine in one of DC's most romantic fire placed settings.
1739 N Street NW, Washington DC 200036, 202-331-8528
www.tabardinn.com

Sonoma Restaurant and Wine Bar

Walk upstairs to the lounge at Sonoma and enjoy Italian influenced Mid Atlantic cuisine or just sip on great wine on a sofa by the fire.
223 Pennsylvania Avenue SE
Washington DC, 202-544-8088
www.sonomadc.com

**"On a cold day
there is nothing
better than a seat
against a warm
stove."**

*From the book
"A Pattern Language"*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day Daylight Savings Ends Rent is due	2 All Souls Day Day of the Dead Full Moon	3 Election Day	4	5 Guy Fawkes Day	6 Rent is late Late fees due	7
8	9 20th Anniversary of the collapse of the Berlin Wall	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	27 Office Closed Eid al-Adha	28
29 First Sunday of Advent	30				November Events	

November/December Festivals and Events

- **Metropolitan Entertainment and Cooking Show**—Washington Convention Center hosts more than 200 exhibitors and some of the biggest names in food on Saturday and Sunday, November 7th and 8th. Visit www.metrocooking.com
- **Veteran’s Day is Monday, November 11th**—Honor a fallen hero at a local wreath-laying ceremonies: The WWII Memorial will hold their ceremony at 8 AM; at Arlington National Cemetery, fallen soldiers will be memorialized at 11 AM; the ceremonies begin at 1 PM at both the Navy Memorial and the Vietnam Memorial.
- **75th Anniversary of The National Archives Building**—See it before it goes...the special year-long exhibit, that is. Come see “Big!” in the Lawrence F. O’Brien Gallery, featuring

treasures as the 13-foot scroll of the Articles of Confederation (the first constitution of the United States), the size 22 sneakers of basketball legend Shaquille O’Neal, and one of only 25 surviving copies of the first printing of the Declaration of Independence.

- **20th Anniversary of the Washington Jewish Film Festival**—December 3rd through 13th marks this exhibition of international cinema from Israel and around the world. Go to www.wjff.org.
- **Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of Lights**—The parade begins at Alexandria’s waterfront on December 4th and culminates at Washington Harbour in Georgetown, when dozens of festively decorated pleasure boats will light up the sky. Santa will arrive to visit with children at the gazebo and will be available for photos.



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