



CALVERT HOUSE NEWS



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Energy Saving Tips



Here are some easy ways to incorporate energy conservation into your everyday life:

- Turn off your lights when you are not at home.
- Keep windows shut while the A/C is on.
- Close blinds when you are gone during the day to reduce solar load.
- Do not place lamps or TV sets near your thermostat.
- Only run your dishwasher when it's full and use cold water to pre-rinse your dishes.
- Don't run water when shaving or brushing your teeth.
- Try to do laundry and run dishwashers in non-peak hours. Summer peak hours are 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Don't blow it.
Good planets are hard to find.
Quoted in *Time* magazine

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Manager's Corner

As summer comes to a close this year I'm sure everyone with a balcony is enjoying having their newly restored outdoor space back. I've noticed lots of new plants and furniture on the balconies, making the already improved look of the building even smarter. Let's hope the weather stays mild well into the autumn!

Speaking of outdoor space, I'm pleased to see that opening up the entrance to the back terrace has been a great success as well. The tables and grill have gotten tremendous use all summer. And while we installed the terrace entrance door to ease use of the terrace, many people have mentioned how nice it is to have this option for building entry; particularly those with apartments on the back wing and those with outdoor parking. With such great use we'll continue to make improvements to this amenity in the years to come.

Another new addition to living at Calvert House has been surprisingly

popular. Providing Notary Public services in the leasing office free to residents has been a hit. Both Belinda Gales and Rosalind Faulkner have been called on to provide notary services to residents on many occasions since we first offered the service two months ago. Don't forget to stop by the office if you find the need of a notary!

Not as surprising was the wonderful participation we received on our charity book drive. As has happened for all of our past drives (clothing drives, food drives, Toys for Tots) Calvert House residents responded overwhelmingly. We were not able to do an actual count of books, tapes and DVD's, but it was enough to fill our large collection bin three times over. Books for America, Salvation Army and those in our community that receive their services are grateful for the generosity of Calvert House residents.

Laura Berney

Where ART Thou?

If you can name this piece of art (below) and name its location, you many



win a fabulous Calvert House Tote, an Open City Gift Card and bragging rights. A drawing from all correct responses submitted by September 15th will determine the winner.

Please submit your answers in writing to the front desk or e-mail it to 2401. lberney@communityrealty.com. Be sure to include your name and apartment number with your response.

Last issues challenge was the sculpture Crouching Woman by Auguste Rodin, executed between 1880 and 1883 and acquired by Joseph H. Hirshorn in 1966. It can be found in the Sculpture Garden of the Hirshorn Museum on the mall.



Summer Social Success



Our second annual Beer and Bratwurst resident social was a great success! We had one of the mildest Saturday's this summer to enjoy the tasty spread from Peggy Surdyk Catering. Having the new equipment on the terrace really made our bratwursts a treat; preboiled in beer they cooked up crisp and juicy on the grill. They were so delicious, we went through over one hundred in just the first hour. We'll be sure to have plenty next year as we hope to see ever more residents join us for the Calvert House Summer Social!



DC Visitor Parking Passes Now Available

Recently the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) mailed out Visitor Parking Passes (VPP). These passes allow guests of residents who don't have DC licenses or the appropriate Residential Parking Permits (RPP) to park in unmetered spaces in the neighborhood that would normally require a RPP. If you are a new resident or did not receive this pass, please contact Damon Harvey at DDOT to request one. He can be reached at 202.671.0493 or by email at Damon.Harvey@dc.gov.

Baby Ducks at CH!

This summer Calvert House serves as home to at least two clutches of baby ducklings. If your apartment faces the back of the building (to the courtyard patio, back hillside or the ivy and pines over the terrace) you may have noticed the mother duck coming and going or even caught a glimpse of the very adorable clutch of baby ducklings running around.



I know of a few cats that followed these visitors with great interest!

Mother Mallard ducks typically move 100 or more yards away from water to nest. The preferred spot is away from other ducks in a quiet and secluded area. Mallards mate in the fall and the pair stays together until spring/summer when the male duck (with the striking green head and yellow beak) leaves after the eggs are laid. The female, a mottled orange and brown year round, is better suited for the camouflage needed to keep the nest hidden.

The clutch is comprised of 8 to 13 eggs which hatch in about 27-28 days time. The baby ducklings are precocious, which means they can swim and feed themselves right after hatching, though they stay close to the mother duck until they fledge, after about 50-60 days. Mallards are puddle, or dabbling, ducks which usually search for food on or near the water's surface. As omnivores they can also forage on land for small plants, seeds and insects,



which is what the ducklings at Calvert House have been doing. Mallards are the most abundant duck in the world

today with some 10 million in North America and millions more in Eurasia. They normally live between 7-9 years though up to half of ducklings will not

make it past 2 years.

If you happen to see the mother ducks or the fast walking clutch of baby ducklings moving as one, please let them be. They are perfectly able to take care of themselves in the

wild, and we want Calvert House to be a safe haven for them now and in years to come.

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.

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200th Anniversary of Oktoberfest!

The first Oktoberfest was held on October 18th, 1810 in Munich, Bavaria as a wedding celebration for Crown Prince Ludwig (later King Ludwig I) and Princess Therese of Sax-Hildburghausen. It was held, then as now, in a fairground in Munich called Theresienwiese, (Therese's meadow) named in honor of the Princess.



The original event was a shorter and smaller celebration than today's and its highlight was a horse race in the meadow. Over time the event grew to the modern length of 16 or 17 days and came to include many activities such as craft booths, games of chance and skill, dancing, music, parades and traditional fair rides, like Ferris wheels and carousels.

In order to ensure better weather for the revelers, the Oktoberfest start date was changed to the 3rd weekend in September and always ends the first Sunday in

October. This year's Oktoberfest in Bavaria begins on September 17 and ends on Sunday, October 3rd. It's the largest fair in the world today attracting over six million people and bringing 450 million Euros into Germany annually.

Modern Oktoberfests begin each year with a 12 gun salute and the tapping of the first keg at noon by the Mayor of Munich along the loud cry of "O'zapftis!" (It's tapped!) Of course the beer tents are a major attraction of the festival and

Oktoberfest beer is a bottom brewed lager, darker and stronger than the usual Bavarian beers. Often merry makers over consume and Bavarians call these fair goers "Bierleichen" or beer corpses.

Hearty German food is another big draw of the Oktoberfest. Traditional roast meats like Hendl (chicken) and Schweinsbraten (roast pork) and charcoal grilled Weiss worst (white sausage) and Steckerlfisch (skewered fish) are enjoyed along with Reiberdatschi (potato pancakes), Blaukraut (red cabbage) and Brezel (pretzel).

Though 2010 marks the 200th anniversary of the first Oktoberfest, this year's fest is just the 177th. Over the years the festival was



canceled many times, first due to the Napoleonic wars, next to cholera and other epidemics and then to World Wars I and II. But

festivities will be celebrated in style this year to highlight the anniversary with the first horse race since 1960 and a crowd expected to top the record of 6.2 million visitors. If you can't travel to Bavaria, make your own plans. Pull out your Lederhosen and Dirndl's, practice your polkas and get ready to celebrate to the sounds of an Oompah band!

Oktoberfest at Fort Meade

September 22, 2010. Fort Meade Pavilion, Llewellyn Ave. Fort Meade, Maryland. Celebrate the German Harvest with a carnival and midway, culinary demonstrations, German and international food, travel bureau, live German bands, and more. Admission is free.

Das Best Oktoberfest at National Harbor

September 25-26, 2010, noon to 8 p.m. The outdoor festival will include over 100 unique beers, German wines and schnapps, German foods and other festival goodies, Oompah bands, live music, contests and much more. Admission: \$25, Children ages 12 and under are free.

Germantown Oktoberfest

October 2, 2010, 11 a.m. to dark. Ridge Road Park, Germantown, Maryland. The festival includes live music, kid's games, German foods, Biergarten and family fun.



**"Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower."
Albert Camus**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September Events			1 Rent is due	2	3	4
5 Rent is late Late fees due	6 Labor Day Office Closed	7 New Moon	8 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	9 Rosh Hashanah	10 (Eid) al Fitr	11
12	13	14	15 Breakfast To Go!	16 Mexican Independence Day	17 Yom Kippur begins at sundown	18 Yom Kippur
19	20	21	22 Full Moon	23 Autumn begins	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

September/October Festivals and Events

- **Opera in the Outfield**— On Sunday, September 19th at 2 PM, Washington National Opera will simulcast a live showing of the season opening of Giuseppe Verdi’s *A Masked Ball (Un Ballo in Maschera)*, featuring special events, kids activities, prizes and more at Nationals Park. Call 202-572-3057 or visit OperaintheOutfield.org for details.
- **Grapes with the Apes**—Thursday, September 23rd from 6 to 9 PM, the National Zoo toasts wildlife conservation. Come sample wines from a variety of wineries, listen to live music and enjoy hanging out with the Zoo’s great apes. Proceeds support animal care, conservation science, education and sustainability at the Zoo. For ticket prices, go to nationalzoo.si.edu.
- **Mount Vernon Wine Fest and Sunset Tour**—Join the festivities on October 1st through 3rd from 6 to 9

PM as they celebrate the history of the Virginia wine industry, including George Washington’s own successes and failures with his wine endeavours. Visit the rarely-opened basement cellar vaults where he stored wine, and purchase a case of Virginia’s finest wine. The cost of the event is \$30 per person. Go to mountvernon.org for more information.

- **Turkish Festival at Freedom Plaza**—Come to Freedom Plaza (Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, between 13th and 14th Streets) on Sunday, October 3rd from 10 AM to 6 PM for the Annual Turkish Festival, a family-friendly event celebrating authentic Turkish art and culture. The day will feature a rich variety of live musical and folk dance performances as well as hands-on activities for the kids, art demonstrations, guest speakers, arts and crafts vendors and Turkish cuisine. Visit turkishfestival.org for details.



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