

What do you like LEAST about your neighborhood? – District 3

Calvert Hills

- We do not have a community building for community programs, classes, summer classes etc. It is unfortunate to have to go to Greenbelt (or onto UMD campus, though they cater to a different group for the most part) to have access to such programs!
- Flooding from sewers (both surface and backups into basement). Walking distance to food stores. Petty-thefts and vandalism.
- Crime (break-ins) and the lack of good restaurants.
- I do think some of the college rental houses could be kept up better—though it doesn't particularly bother me.
- Distance from basic shopping.
- Lack of good shopping, especially grocery.
- Lack of higher end retail, but doing so in a way that takes into account smart traffic management and parking.
- Too many trees have been cut down.
- There are no quality restaurants. Traffic on Rt. 1.
- Speeding and general disrespect for the rules of the road. Party noise and bad language/public urination.
- Diesel generators continuously running on trolley trail. Another one near unused elementary school.
- No sidewalks! Litter.
- Too expensive.... Property taxes are out of control and funding an unaccountable and ineffective bureaucracy. Please stop it!
- The tree canopy cover is on a steady decline in Calvert Hills since I moved in in 1991 as large trees die and are not replaced.
- No good restaurants for miles
- Rental property that owners are never seen or even want to know if there is a problem
- Noise from "party houses." Constant concern about whether the next house for sale will go to a student house. This possibility is due to resulting noise, overflow of cars, and consequent loss of quality of life and property value.
- Sidewalks are a problem, as you know. They stop, they start. They don't continue.
- Lack of shopping: groceries and restaurants (Whole Foods will help). Excessive overhead power lines and cable lines with the resulting devastation of the tree canopy through over trimming.
- Cars parking in front of my house.
- The speed hump right in front of my house!!!!
- That rental homes are not held to the same standard as home owners.
- Problem houses that impact quality of life; limited quality shopping options. This is improving- thank you- continue it!
- Would like to know even more neighbors
- I love it all mostly. But taxes are getting too high. This will push good people out. Also the Calvert Hill Park had some bad parties the last two years...trash, noise and bad behavior poured into the streets around the park. I saw drugs and nudity!!!
- Student behavior
- The cities curbside tree plantings/maintenance & the outside condition of some homes/yards on the street. (Amherst Road)
- Fear that next door neighbor has too many people going in and out of his house and driveway.
- Well, we can't wait for that Whole Foods, and the other new commercial properties being planned for the Cafritz Site. We can't wait for the hiker/biker trail to be completed through the Cafritz Site so we can walk down to the Riverdale Farmer's Market. We do wish we had sidewalks on more streets, and more ADA compliant curbs, especially in Old Town.
- Next door neighbor
- The occasional loud parties or groups of students late at night, trash in Old Town. The overabundance of pizza places, and lack of book store, retail, or coffee shop other than Starbucks (I love Starbucks, but we need a real college-town coffee shop).

- Surveillance cameras. No dog park for the many people who own dogs.
- No legitimate grocery store.
- Noise from the college rentals. Litter in the yard from college parties (red cups, beer cans, pizza/fast food trash)
- We do not have school age children but we are uncertain about quality of schools. Hospital services also less reliable than in other counties but we have had good experience few times we have use them.
- The university and its development. We as a city are a slum of the university- waiting for liquidation by the chosen corrupt developers.
- Route 1 traffic is a challenge.
- Property taxes that are high when compared to similarly-priced houses in Montgo, sub-par public schools, lack of good shopping (but looking forward to Whole Foods opening!)
- The transient people that come through the woods at the end of Rhode Island Ave. The crime in the area.
- The incredibly inept College Park Government.
- It is in Prince George's County. City is not encouraging of redevelopment and hassles the potential developers as much as it hassles the residents who live here.
- Student rentals next door
- Poor quality of schools in Prince George's County unfortunately affects appeal of College Park for families as a place to live.
- No easy access to grocery store or convenience store.
- The vandalism and property crime.
- I do not like the condition of the sidewalks on the west side of the 6700 block of RI Avenue. I have been told twice that they would be repaired, but they haven't been.
- Students and rental housing
- We keep losing tree canopy. If a tree is cut down, even on private property, the city should enforce planting of a similar replacement.
- The uptight religious conservative transplants and the uptight grumpy and pedantic liberal old farts that don't like to have fun. And the people who want to make this into Takoma Park.
- Crime happens, probably by outsiders
- Lack of sidewalks, more group rental houses than is ideal.
- Changing due to increased construction. Lack of addressing traffic issues on rte 1
- I wish there were a grocery store within walking distance. Also the post office is a disgrace however there's probably not much college park can do about that.
- Lack of restaurants
- The crime. What good does it do to live close to the metro or to have a lovely tree canopy if you don't feel safe on the street and even in your own home? How many break-ins does the city administration think is "normal"?
- Crime and the appearance (and traffic) of US 1 (although it is beginning to look better).
- No grocery stores or health food stores within walking distance.
- Low end retail, hotels and restaurants--too many Pizza and fast food food joints
- Parking Enforcement. There is no need to give us parking tickets all the time. Stop doing that. Student/ Resident communication. We need people to work as liasons for them. The path for walking dogs is not accessible
- Useless speed humps, inefficient/unreliable halogen street lamps, seeming lack of conservation programs (e.g. mulching grass clippings on yard instead of bagging for city pick up, little visible push from the city to reduce amount of private/public impervious surfaces, and little redevelopment of vacant/rundown properties like the Calvert road school), low code requirements for rental properties, no cap on rent, little outreach to students in how to acclimate to neighborhood living (e.g. being good neighbors, properly sorting waste, reducing waste, services offered by the city and how to use them), and residents with driveways taking up road space by constantly parking on the street.
- Accommodating the needs and proclivities with the students can be difficult.
- 7-11 coming to the corner of Guilford and Rte 1 when trash on lawn and the dangerous elements that already exist are going to get so much worse. I think people will leave the neighborhood in the next 5 years because of the 7-11. I don't mind some student houses, but all seem to be filled with groups of undergraduate males which seems to be a recipe for loud and messy.

- Too many student rental houses owned by irresponsible out-of-town landlords. These houses allow trash and newspapers, red cups, beer cans bottles to accumulate in the yards and blow into nearby neighbors' yards on windy days. City permits too many motor scooters/bikes to park on grass in front yards of student rentals as well as their overflow cars to routinely use the street visitor spaces of neighboring homes.
- Aging utilities.
- Red cups, noise from parties
- Since I have lived here, the green space is slowly being turned into commercial hotels and shops. I think too many of them are here now and the students are slowly taking over the area. Why do we have to have so many students in the neighborhood renting single family houses when now we have a multitude of hotels and motels with more coming soon? The family is slowly being eradicated from College Park!! Our end of the neighborhood has less children then ten years ago.
- Noise from student parties, but even worse - frequent noise from helicopters
- The college age tenants who have no respect for ANYONE, walking and shouting at all hours of the night, usually drunk, vandalizing cars and homes. Absentee Landlords who do not screen their tenants, and/or care for their property, or how their tenants impact quality of life for the permanent residents. Also, the over zealous parking enforcement. It really doesn't affect us so much, we have permits, and a driveway, but our guests, and guests of other residents don't need that level of harassment. Also, it would be nice if parking permits covered more than one zone. It's ridiculous that a tax paying resident can't park anywhere in the city without fear of being ticketed; ALSO, those residents, WHO PAY CITY TAXES, and live on streets that opted out of permits, CANNOT get a permit for their neighborhood. That needs to change. We visit friends and neighbors on permit streets; we use the metro; WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE A PERMIT, even if our block opted out. Not everyone on the block signed the petition!! Yet everyone is penalized. We all pay taxes. We should all be entitled to EVERY city service, including parking permits for our zone.
- Occasional noise and occasional crime
- Undergraduates
- College student party house rentals. The problem houses are problems year after year, so the property owners need to bear the consequences not just students living in the rental for 9-12 months then moving elsewhere.
- Rental houses with inconsiderate neighbors (though not a real issue in my immediate neighborhood), Cafritz monstrosity reminding me each day that money and political connections trumps all in Prince Georges County
- No good shopping or restaurants
- The litter on the streets, around student housing and in shopping areas, is DISGRACEFUL. It shouldn't be the responsibility of the city to clean downtown or student houses....but, the city should enforce laws very firmly. It should not be permissible to leave litter in front of a house. Not only for aesthetic reasons but for reasons of hygiene as well.
- Too much noise from traffic, students, and new construction. High traffic and poor access in and out of College Park shows huge mistakes on the behalf of CP officials. Lastly, more shops that cater to non students would make life better. Perhaps an art district like historic Frederick would work much better. fewer and fewer green space is a major turn off. A local park with fountains and landscaped plants with year round interest could greatly help.
- Not enough appealing stores/restaurants/theaters in walking distance. Unattractiveness of adjacent Route One
- Shopping, trying to drive along route one, lack of synchronized stop light on route one
- Use of Calvert Park by large groups. Parties and noise by student renters.
- Drunk college students, many break-ins
- The middle school
- Not enough restaurant and retail variety downtown. Lack of connections out of the neighborhood (Calvert Hills).
- There is extremely limited access to shopping. At minimum, I have to drive 3-5 miles to get to a grocery store which, with traffic, can take 15 minutes in each direction and tends to be crowded once I arrive, making the whole experience a 1 to 1.5 hour trip at the shortest. Many of my friends in adjoining jurisdictions (especially in other Maryland counties) can accomplish the same task in under an hour.
- At the moment, there have been break-ins, which leads to insecurity when leaving our home for trips or even for the day at times. This same problem with crime doesn't allow for passage from the Metro to home late night in the dark, which is sometimes necessary after metroing home from National Airport.

- Too far from downtown DC
- There is no grocery store, and whole foods will be too expensive to go there regularly
- Blocked and noncontinuous sidewalks
- Noise from Rt 1.
- Noise of railroad. Several traffic signals do not register the presence of bicyclists; generally poor bike infrastructure which is not supported in winter (plowing). Too high percentage of paved/impervious surfaces. Swamp-like conditions when it rains; poor road drainage. Constant discrimination against student renters, graduate students, and cooperative housing. Poor quality of housing stock (structural, water problems, lack of insulation), and all for very high rent. Nonexistent/ineffective programs to improve quality of housing stock and develop a carbon emission mitigation plan for the city. Zoning that precludes tiny houses or modular homes
- Noise nuisance due to students being obnoxious
- Noise and trash (especially beer cans) from houses rented by students.
- Rowdy students. Amount of trash on the streets. Strangers walking thru the neighborhood, most likely going to and from the Metro. Ugly telephone poles and power lines. Previous neighborhood they were underground. Snow and ice in the winter.
- Quality of schools
- Threatened by activity just outside neighborhood
- Occasional spillover of undergrad partying
- College students walking through in the middle of the night leaving garbage, knocking on doors, urinating.
- Level of crime--robberies and negative interactions with inebriated and rude college students
- Congestion on US 1
- Apartments around the metro that don't fit the aesthetic of the neighborhood and crime.
- Not great school options
- Lack of tree canopy. I am constantly jealous of UP's trees.
- There are 3 vacant houses on my street and many in the neighborhood. Owners have died in many cases and heirs are not selling and frequently not attending to property concerns. Fortunately we don't have many student renters, but most of those properties north of Calvert Road and south of Paint Branch Parkway are pretty sad.
- Insufficient walkability, no grocery, cranky neighbors
- Abandoned Calvert Road school, dilapidated rentals and ugly landscaping, trash on weekend mornings after parties
- We live in a town and gown environ. The "gowners" do not behave with enough regard for the rights of the "towners".
- Numerous cars in one rental home... too many unrelated folks living in one house.
- Nuisance barking, off the books commercial activities being run out of residential homes
- Lack of good grocery store (I know, Whole foods is coming); No dog park in Calvert hills; Too many businesses cater to college undergrad kids. We need better commercial businesses for grad students/phd students/young professionals in the area. For instance, where can I grab a drink where I won't get molested by a 19 year old?; Better compost pickup, like they do in seattle (<http://www.seattle.gov/Util/MyServices/FoodYard/index.htm>)
- Lack of quality middle and high schools. This is the reason our family will have to leave College Park.
- There are no dining and entertainment options to walk to (unless I want to pick up my tray of food at the counter, then there are a zillion options)
- Fraternity satellite houses, noise, vandalism resulting from parties, trash
- No dog park on this side of the city. nearest one is over 2 miles away.

College Park Estates

- There are no sidewalks, but that happens pretty much in every suburb around the area.
- No sidewalks. Not in easy walking distance of Metro or shopping.
- No Sidewalks.

- Lack of sidewalks. Lack of a playground or even a place to put it (maybe behind one of the homes on Sweetbriar?) Lack of a feeling of community like they have in Calvert Hills; and how long it takes to drive over to Calvert Hills.
- Several rental (?) properties are a mess and affect overall appearance of neighborhood. Deer population is out of control. Finding lots of deer ticks. Mosquitos are a summer nuisance. No central notification of crime activities in area.
- Lack of high quality super markets and restaurants.
- Neighbors not taking care of property, starting to see more break ins.
- Nothing
- The right hand turning ability off Kenilworth Ave onto Old Calvert Road. Too many aggressive drivers cutting thru the park speeding to Paint Branch. I now notice more trash on the sides of the street. After work that park is full of families and disc golf people. The cut thru traffic will someday soon injure someone.
- There are no sidewalks, and with a toddler it would really be nice to have a place to let him walk without being in the street. Also it is a 45 minute walk to the nearest playground (near the frisbee golf course) and it is VERY run down.
- Condition of property in adjoining Berwyn Heights neighborhood and Beltway Plaza. Increasing traffic noise filtering from Kenilworth Ave/ RT 201 Lack of sidewalks on Edmonston Rd
- Not as friendly as Calvert Hills- don't know anything about the civic association etc.
- Not enough shopping in the community.
- Neighbor's dog left outside in fenced yard that barks furiously at every passing pedestrian/dog

Lord Calvert Manor

- There are no responses.

Old Town

- Noise from occasional parties in certain blocks
- Noise of some houses
- Too much traffic on Rt 1, occasional trash and noise problem, no grocery store
- Noise, litter, badly maintained yards, too many students
- Crime
- Garbage, noise, and a city council that trys to fight against (rather than adapt to) market demands with new laws, codes and restrictions while not doing a good job of enforcing the ones already in place.
- Code enforcement and parking harassment, feel like I'm in a police state.
- Extremely loud noise and parties. Inadequate code enforcement of noise. No landscaping around rental houses.
- Increase in crime.
- How strict Code enforcement is.
- Satellite frat houses
- The litter and the noise.
- The historic district designation which prohibits us from making upgrades to our homes but provides free money to people who have been "restoring" their houses for 30 plus years. Traffic going the wrong way on my one-way street. The rising level of crime.
- Corrupt police behavior regarding personal use of County vehicles and unlawful parking, daily. University of Maryland employees joyriding through our neighborhood, daily.
- Trash, noise
- Our block is just over 50% rentals and the particular individuals/groups that reside in the rentals range from pleasant and considerate people to reckless and violently inconsiderate people. There are so many parties and general noise (moving trash bins at 230AM, shouting in the street EVERY night, car alarms, slamming doors,

honking to alert friends, etc.) that it's almost inconceivable to stay living in Old Town. On average, most renters are fine neighbors, but the bad apples, so to speak, are unspeakably bad. When looking at the cost that landlords charge (\$4800+/month for a 4-BR house), it's no wonder that renters regularly (always?) violate the 5-person max rule. When up to 8 renters live in a 4-BR house, individuals are more likely to act out and cause problems for others outside their houses. When you add in that some landlords appear to make phenomenal profits off their houses, it's no wonder that they fight regulations (e.g. noise control, rent control, trash control, parking control, etc.) that might impede on their ability to make money. It creates a situation where permanent residents are caught between landlords fighting the city to keep their bucks and renters acting out in every possible way. The perennial biggest losers are the permanent residents, who are the most likely to obey the basic rules which create a standard of living. It's a losing situation in parts of Old Town and it feels like it's just a matter of time before the landlords grab every last property and turn it into entirely overcrowded rentals where the rule of law (e.g. disturbing the peace, trespassing, public urination) goes right out the window. And the City/Public Safety stands by, being straight-armed by the landlords out to make their dollar.

- Combination of the lighting, safety, and management of noise and party situations.
- No grocery store! I can't wait until Whole Foods opens.
- Constant noise from parties and roaming bands of students during day and night (especially on weekends and in Spring and Fall), lack of safety for pedestrians after dark
- Change in traffic flow caused by the garage and fencing on the route 1 median. The half walked access in front of the comic shop--basically my front stoop--is now an after hour hangout
- City government seems to block development. Embarrassing lack of restaurants and grocery stores given large student population.
- No supermarkets within walking distance from UMD or downtown College Park; a big handicap for those who don't drive.
- Sometimes the students trash the area and get loud when partying. I don't mind a party - but running till 2am is a bit much when rowdy.
- Loud noise, drunken parties, poor yard upkeep, trash strewn in streets, sidewalks and other peoples yards as well, uneven enforcement of code violations
- Dilapidated and noisy student houses.
- Noise, public drunkenness, public urination, littering, vandalism, groups roaming the streets at all hours screaming profanities. Mostly happening with impunity.
- The loud noise, trash and vandalism which occurs when students walk home from the bars at night
- Taxes
- Student parties, deadbeat and irresponsible landlords.
- The absence of any sense that the noise and other conduct problems here are going to change. We'd already have left if we hadn't bought at the height of the market. This combined with poor schools makes it very hard to feel optimistic about Old Town. I hate feeling so upset, and so reluctant to engage anymore which collectively with the other people who have given up - also isn't good for the neighborhood or the city.
- Lack of amenities, poor sidewalks and bike lanes
- Lack of noise, party and trash enforcement by landlords and code enforcement for the rental properties.
- The fact that the city doesn't put into place stricter ordinances for throwing parties with more than 40 people. Really all it would take to put the kabash on the outrageous parties that gather HUNDREDS of students is to force them to get permits to have parties of more than 40 people. Make them provide toilet facilities by way of portajons and in getting the permits making it clear what constitutes a violation of ordinance. Raise the fines for such violations and make them heftier than they are currently.
- Lack of retail shopping and a small market like trader joes. We have no place to buy a card or a gift besides CVS.
- We need clothing stores and retail gift shops and stores.
- Noise, trash and poorly maintained rental properties

Yarrow

- Rental properties decrease my home value; very limited restaurant options
- Lack of sidewalks.
- Some of my neighbors are the worst. The city allowed a completely inappropriate-looking house to be built next to mine, which has caused me to have a swamp for a back yard, especially since the city also allowed them to cut down every last one of their trees (after the house was built and they were living there) for no reason other than they (the neighbors) are crazy. I also least like the fact that many people are parking on the street instead of in their driveways. The last least-liked item is that we have no decent shopping places or restaurants (except Plato's and Silver Diner). My daughter moved to Bowie last year and she has everything there within 10 minutes of her place. We have to drive to Bowie or Montgomery County to find many of these stores. It is really frustrating.
- At times, the traffic noise from Kenilworth Avenue.
- Too many rental properties
- I live near Edmonston Road and I wish people wouldn't throw trash out on the street!