



Camp Springs Civic Association Community News

P. O. Box 1071, Camp Springs, MD 20757

CSCA Meetings

2nd Wednesday

- January 14, 2015
- March 11, 2015
- May 13, 2015

Web Site: Campspringsca.org

November 2014 Community Meeting

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NOVEMBER COMMUNITY MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2014
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Thurgood Marshall Middle School
4909 Brinkley Rd., Camp Springs, MD 20748

FEATURE TOPIC: Environmental Issues

Adam Ortiz, Director of Prince George's County Department of Environment (DOE), will be the guest speaker at the Nov 12 Community Meeting. He will give a brief overview of the DOE and its major services. He will also talk about sink-holes and septic tanks and their impact on the environment.

Tami Watkins, Pepco Maryland Affairs Manager, will also be present and give a presentation on the Exelon merger. Please plan to attend the Nov 12 meeting to learn more about these important issues. Tell others who might be interested.



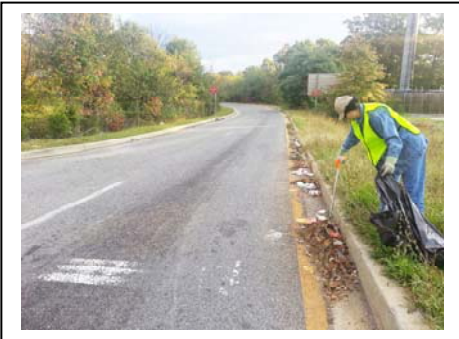
Update on the Community

- Dunkin Donuts is getting a facelift
- Construction has started on Royal Farms at Allentown Rd and Old Branch Ave.
- McDonalds on Allentown Rd and Temple Hills Rd caught fire. Plans are to construct a modern McDonalds in that location.



Center Drive and Middleton Lane recently hosted Neighborhood Walks. Thank you all for the work that you do in the neighborhoods.

Clean Up



Arlene Wilson

The CSCA extends a special thanks all who participated in the Clean Up Green Up on Oct. 18. Camp Springs residents Joseph Johnson, Barry Turner and Marty Wilson; and CSCA Board members, Carolyn Fleming, Beverly Taylor, Arlene Wilson and Leon Turner are commended for taking time out of their schedules to pick up trash in the common areas of Camp Springs.

Upcoming Event

SHRED DAY Spread the Word

The next CSCA Shred Day will be held on Saturday, **Nov. 8**, 10 am to 2, at CenterPoint Baptist Church (also First Baptist Church of Camp Springs), 6936 Allentown Rd, Camp Springs, MD.

The event is free to the public.

CSCA members marched in Crossland High School's homecoming parade on Oct. 25. Pictured on the right: Claudia Poole, Kennard Jones, Tony Knotts, & Beverly Taylor.

Green Up



Marty & Arlene Wilson, Carolyn Fleming, Leon Turner and Tommy Thompson

Another huge thank you to the Board members and residents who volunteered to plant Crape Myrtle trees we received from the County. The trees were planted at the corner of Allentown Rd and the Branch Ave exit, across from where Royal Farms is being built. Volunteers included: Marty Wilson, Arlene Wilson, Carolyn Fleming, Leon Turner, and Tommy Thompson.

We appreciate all of the work that Arlene Wilson did to coordinate both events.

We also want to thank the Board members who continue to remove signs that are stapled or taped to the poles in Camp Springs. The signs are blight and illegal to post.

Community in the Courthouse

The new session of Community in the Courthouse, sponsored by the State's Attorney is underway. The meetings are held at the Prince George's County Courthouse located on Main Street in Upper Marlboro at 8:30 a.m. in room 0421M (ground floor), 301-952-3500. The schedule follows:

November 21, 2014 - State's Attorney Legislative Dialog with the Community

December 19, 2014 - Community Leaders Appreciation and Holiday Social

January 22, 2015 - Crime Status Report with the State's Attorney and County Executive

February 27, 2015 - Topic TBD

March 27, 2015 - Vacant and Abandoned Property Resolution Session

April 24, 2015 - Jury Duty: The Citizen's role and Responsibility

May 22, 2015 - Topic TBD



New Maryland Laws – Effective October 1, 2014

Money Matters

Prince Georges' and Montgomery County employees will receive a new minimum wage, now \$8.40 an hour.

Maryland consumers who shop online at Amazon.com will start paying a 6% sales tax.

If you are talking on your cell phone while driving in Maryland, the penalty will go up to \$75; police will be able to pull you over and ticket you as a primary offense.

Marijuana Decriminalization

Possession of 10 grams of pot or less will be a civil offense rather than a criminal. Civil penalties include \$100 for the first offense, \$250 for a second offense and \$500 for a third offense. The law requires teen offenders to be evaluated for treatment.

Transgender Discrimination

Transgender residents will have protection against discrimination on matters relating to housing, employment, credit and use of public accommodations. The law defines gender identity as the gender-related identity, appearance, expression or behavior of a person, regardless of the person's assigned sex at birth.

Domestic Violence

People who commit domestic violence in front of a child could face an added penalty of up to five years in prison. The standard of evidence for obtaining a final

protective order will be reduced from "clear and convincing" to "a preponderance of the evidence." Maryland had been the only state in the nation that used the higher standard of proof for final protective orders. Also, second-degree assault will be added to crimes for which a person can obtain a final protective order.

Corrections

Several new laws address prison security after 44 people, including 27 corrections officers, were indicted in a contraband and drug-smuggling scheme involving a gang inside the Baltimore Detention Center. One law raises the maximum penalty for smuggling in a cellphone to five years imprisonment and a \$3000 fine. Another law lets prison authorities immediately suspend guards without pay, if they are caught smuggling in certain contraband, including cellphones, weapons or drugs.

Other laws apply to new staff members. The state will now have the right to require lie detector tests for job applicants.

On the Road

Drivers will be required to move into an open lane away from tow trucks attending to roadside emergencies, or to slow down, just as they are required to do when approaching police and other emergency vehicles stopped on the road side.

A separate law creates added penalties for drivers who cause accidents resulting in death or serious injury while texting or talking on cell phones. Offenders will face penalties of up to a year in jail and a fine of \$5000.

Tough new drunk driving laws are also on the books. Anyone who gets a DUI while children are in their car will have a mandatory ignition lock device installed in their car.

Camp Springs Civic Association & Centerpoint Church are proud to sponsor



Camp Springs
FREE SHRED DAY
SAT 10am-2pm
11/08/14

Centerpoint Baptist Church
(1st Baptist Church of Camp Springs)
6936 Allentown Rd, Camp Springs MD

Safely dispose of your personal documents and help save the earth....

- Cancelled and voided checks
- Pay stubs
- Credit card and bank statements
- Credit reports and histories
- Tax forms
- Used airline tickets
- Medical and dental records
- Anything with a social security number on it.

building a better community



Camp Springs Civic Association, Inc.

Special Thanks to Our Volunteers
Croeland H.S. & Thurgood Marshall Students
District IV & District V C.O.P.S. Officers
Neighborhood Watch Organizations

Contributions made by:
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For more info: 240-427-5415 | csca.jb@gmail.com | www.campspringsca.org

In Partnership with District 8 Councilman Obie Patterson



One Warm Coat Drive is underway
www.onewarmcoat.org or contact:
Corp. Mercer at:
jrmercer1@co.pg.md.us

Check out the Camp Springs Website for updates on county news and community events
www.Campspringsca.org

The CSCA Board of Directors will present revised Bylaws at the January 2015 Community Meeting.

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Police Non-Emergency 301-352-1200
District IV Police Station 301-749-4900
District V Police Station 301-856-3130
WSSC Emergency 301-206-4002

"Residents, please be respectful of your neighbors and clean up after your dog. It's the right thing to do."



County Click 311

If you need service from a County department or have questions, just dial 311. County Click 311 was created as a one stop call center. If you are outside of the County, call 301-883-4748. County Click 311 operates Monday through Friday from 7 am to 7 pm. You can also go online at http://countyclick.princegeorgescountymd.gov/

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MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL

Please complete the following membership form and send it along with your check payable to the Camp Springs Civic Association, Inc. Attention Membership Chair, P.O. Box 1071, Camp Springs, Maryland 20757.

Membership Period: September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015

Membership Dues: \$10.00 (per residential household)

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Camp Springs, MD Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

If you would prefer an electronic version of the newsletter (improving our eco-friendly efforts) please check the yes box.

Yes [] No []

I am already a member but would like to volunteer for one of the committees: Yes ___ No ___

I am interested in volunteering for one or more of the standing committees or activities listed below (check all that apply):

- Education Public Works/Transportation Public Safety Membership
County Svcs Senior Citizen Concerns Zoning Environment
Adopt-A-Road Newsletter/Communications Distribution of Flyers IT/Social Media
Neighborhood Watch Local Business/Economic Neighborhood Watch