



Camp Springs Civic Association Community News

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

March 2015 Community Meeting

CSCA Meetings

2nd Wednesday

- May 13, 2015

Web Site: Campspringsca.org

HAPPY WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE MARCH COMMUNITY MEETING

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Thurgood Marshall Middle School
4909 Brinkley Rd., Camp Springs, MD 20748

Note: If Prince George's County Public Schools are closed for any reason, the meeting will be cancelled.

FEATURE TOPIC: Are you and your household prepared for possible: terrorism threat, natural disaster, major weather storm, environmental calamity, etc.? Would you know what to do in the midst of trouble? Please attend the March 11th Community Meeting and learn how to prepare yourself and family against these potential threats and get your questions answered.

Please arrive early for the meeting. We have a full agenda and will start the meeting promptly at 7 p.m.

Community Meeting

James Morrow, Volunteer Services Coordinator, Prince George's County Office of Homeland Security, will be the guest speaker for the March 11th Community Meeting. He will provide an overview on community emergency preparedness for possible environmental disasters and terrorist threats. He will cover basic instructions on: first aid planning, shelter in place, community emergency planning, etc. Mr. Morrow will also answer your questions on these important issues. Hope to see you on March 11th.

The revised CSCA By-Laws will be presented at the Community Meeting and voted on by the membership.

Election of Camp Springs Civic Association Officers

By Leon Turner

As required by the CSCA By-Laws, there will be an election of officers held at the May 13, 2015 membership meeting. Current CSCA members will be voting on the following positions: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers serve a term of two years and the President and Vice President are limited to two consecutive terms in the same office.

The Nominating Committee (Thomas Reed, James Randolph, and Leon Turner) is seeking

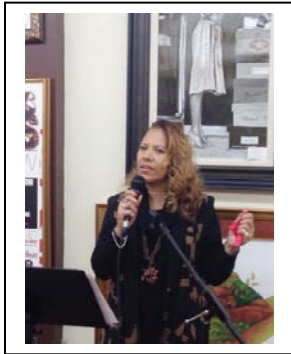
eligible, interested, and qualified nominees for these positions with an accompanying one page (or less) written statement in support of his/her candidacy.

To be eligible, nominees must: be a current CSCA member, reside in the Camp Springs area as defined by Article XI of the By-Laws, and accept the nomination and the position's responsibilities. The Nominating Committee will report the nominees at the March 2015 membership meeting. We will also take nominations from the floor at

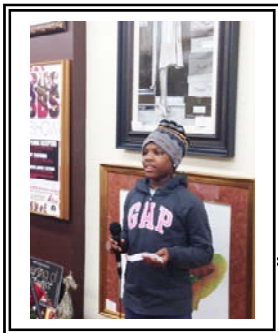
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Express Yourself

By Joy Alford



Sistah Joy at Annie's Art Gallery for Family Poetry Night Aaliyah Odom shared a Black History Fact at Family Poetry Night Danaiya Odom shared her artwork at Family Poetry. Miss Kiane, also a poet, holds up Danaiya's artwork. Betty Entzminger performed at Family Poetry Night.



Poetry Family & Friends,

One of our on-going objectives at **Annie's Art Gallery** is to become a community beacon that supports, encourages and promotes youth and teens (poets and non-poets) through our

free monthly Family-Friendly Poetry Open Mic Night. If you are, or know a youth or teen, who is part of a youth or teen group, we want to hear from you. Poets and non-poets are welcome to be heard at our "3rd Thursday Family Night". It's also ok to come and listen, but we want to know what's on your mind. What would you like to see happen in your community? What are you doing that the community – the world needs to know about? Are you ready to speak up on issues that are being addressed – or not being addressed, in your school or community? What are your thoughts about what's happening in the world of music, poetry, art, education, politics, faith or finance?

We at Annie's know that you have a voice and yours could add a positive and important message to the dialogue that's underway. You might be the one to add a whole new topic to the discussion that's been overlooked far too long. You might have ideas and answers to problems that other youth and teens face in your school or community. We'd like to hear from you. Whether you express your ideas through the arts or simply from the heart, your voice matters and deserves to be heard.

So let's get started! We welcome and challenge all who have been absent from the conversation to step up to the mic at 3rd Thursday Family Night at Annie's Art Gallery. We want you to know we care about you. As the powerful young sister poet, Queen Gyree (...who does amazing work with teens) often says "You've been silent for too long. Now it's time to let it out!" Group leaders and organizations for youth and teens are invited to bring their groups out. Poetically, Sistah Joy, Poet in Residence.

Annie's Art Gallery
www.anniesartgallery.net

Tax Savings

The following tax credit information for homeowners and renters is provided by the Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition: Homeowners who are income eligible based on a sliding scale up to \$60,000 in gross income can get a credit towards their property taxes. To get this credit you need to fill out an application every year by Sept 1. For income guidelines and application:

<http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/htc.html>

Veterans who are determined 100% disabled by the VA and the unmarried spouses of military members who were killed in the line of duty are eligible for a full property tax exemption.

<http://veterans.maryland.gov/maryland-tax-benefits/>

Individuals who have permanent impairment of both eyes as determined by a medical doctor are eligible for a \$15,000 reduction in the assessment of the property.

<http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html#htcrctc>

Renters who are income eligible may receive a credit based on their income and the amount paid in rent. This program is based on a sliding scale. To get this credit, you must apply every year by Sept 1.

<http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/rtc.html>

Prince George's County is looking for businesses to host youths for summer jobs. Sponsor a teen between 15-17 at \$7.25/hour; or 18-19 at \$10/hour for six weeks. Email the Summer Youth Enrichment Program at SYEP@co.pg.md.us

Snow Reminders

When it snows, residents should park on the even-numbered side of residential streets or in their driveways. Residents are also asked to shovel their driveways after plowing has occurred to remove snow/ice from the sidewalks abutting their homes and businesses. Please wait 12 hours until after the precipitation has stopped to report road conditions. To make a report, contact either CountyClick 311, the Snow Information Center at 301-350-0500, or fill out the snow request form on the County's website at

www.princegeorgescountymd.gov

New in the County and Camp Springs

The Ritchie Station Marketplace Shopping Center in Capitol Heights will be home to the first Dave and Buster's in the County. Other retail stores there now, or slated to come include: Big Lots, Ashley Furniture, Modell's, TJ Maxx, BJ's, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Dollar Tree and Dunkin Donuts. This shopping center is next to the new Pohanka Honda, off the Beltway, Exit 13 towards Capitol Heights.

The new Royal Farms on Allentown Rd and Old Branch Ave. will open in late April.

Let's support Prince George's County businesses.

For your information:

The District IV Coffee Club meets on the 4th Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Clarion Hotel on Oxon Hill Road. All are welcome to hear about issues involving District IV neighborhoods.



It's cold outside, but do not be tempted to leave your car running unattended, even in your driveway.



Job Training Opportunity:

Project Jump Start is a 14 week pre-apprenticeship construction training program. The classes are two days a week. You will learn math, construction, electrical, plumbing and carpentry skills. You also have the potential to earn \$25 per class and get assistance with job placement upon completion. The program is for Prince George's residents with a high school diploma or GED, and physically able to work in construction. Contact MENDING Families Inc at 301-221-7292.

Enterprise Zones Expanded and Renewed

The Prince George's County Enterprise Zone has been expanded by about 190 acres, and the Focus Areas have been amended and re-designated. The Zone expansion areas include Andrews Federal Campus and Branch Avenue/Woodyard Road. Enterprise Zones enable jurisdictions to provide businesses located within the zones with income tax and property tax credits to help create and retain jobs. Businesses located in the State's 28 Enterprise Zones have contributed to \$2.7 billion in capital investment in Maryland so far in FY 2015.

Construction Employment:

MGM at National Harbor is hiring construction workers. Visit one of the following job centers to register: 1) Whiting-Turner Community Resource Center, Clarion Hotel, 6400 Oxon Hill Rd.,

Oxon Hill, Mon, Wed, Fri from 8 am to 2 pm, Tues, Thu from 4 pm to 7 pm and the 2nd Sat 8 am to 12 pm; 2) Laurel Regional Workforce Center, 312 Marshall Ave, Suite 604, Laurel, 301-362-9708; and 3) Prince George's One Stop Career Center, 1801 McCormick Dr., Largo, 301-618-8425. Call the last two Centers for hours. What to bring with you: Proof of citizenship, residency, social security number and selective service if you are a male born after 1/1/60. For proof of selective service, register online at www.sss.gov.

Healthcare Meeting:

The Maryland National Park and Planning Commission will hold a meeting on primary healthcare and the new Regional Medical Center on Saturday, March 7, from 9 am to 1 pm at Prince George's Community College, Largo Student Center, 301 Largo Rd. Register at www.pgplanning.org/PHCSP.htm, or call 301-952-4487, TTY: 301-952-4633. *Come listen, learn and share.*

CSCA Elections

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that meeting. Nominations from the floor will not be accepted at the May meeting.

If you are an eligible candidate and interested in running for an office; or if you would like to nominate an eligible person (who has accepted the nomination), please contact any member of the Nominating Committee at the email address below. If you would like more details on the positions, please see the CSCA By-Laws or contact the Nominating Committee.



Check out the Camp Springs Website for updates on county news and community events:
<http://www.Campspringsca.org>

To volunteer, send an email to:

Campspringsca@gmail.com

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KNOW

Prince George's County
 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works/Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Svcs | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen Concerns | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment |
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