



# Camp Springs Civic Association Community News

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

## CSCA Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

- Mar 12, 2014
- May 14, 2014

New Web Site: [Campspringsca.org](http://Campspringsca.org)

## January 2014 Community Meeting

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE JANUARY COMMUNITY MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, January 8, 2013  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Thurgood Marshall Middle School  
4909 Brinkley Rd., Camp Springs, MD 20748

## FEATURE TOPIC: What's WSSC doing in my Neighborhood?

Residents of Camp Springs may have noticed plastic pipes running along the curbs of our streets and across our driveways. The work is being done by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC). Kevin Woolbright, WSSC Consumer Advocate, will be our guest speaker at the January 8 meeting to discuss what WSSC is doing and what residents should expect when the work has been completed. Please join us on Wednesday, Jan. 8 and invite a neighbor or two. *(If public schools close due to inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled).*

## Growth in 2014

Dear Camp Springs Community:

As tradition goes the start of a New Year is both a time for reflection and a time for new beginnings. I hope that when you reflect on 2013, you are able to smile about special moments or accomplishments that come to mind, and you're able to learn from those things that brought distress. The magical thing about life is that we are still here and this year, 2014, we can start anew.

As I reflect on the Camp Springs Community, the photo on this page brings a smile to my face. The Pyles Lumber building is finally down. In its day, it served the community well, but after the fire it sat as an eyesore for more than 10 years. We thank all of you who kept up the fight. There is still much work to do and I ask that you stick with us and you will see this community transform. We truly appreciate your involvement by attending the Community meetings and paying your membership dues. We appreciate the



*Pyles Lumber Demolition*

businesses in Camp Springs that have been supportive of our activities and that respect the community by keeping their establishments clean. Let's look forward to growth in 2014. View what distressed you in 2013 as a lesson, and grow from it. Our

community will grow in many ways. You will hear more about that in the coming months. I look forward to seeing you on January 8.

Tammy Jones, President

## Shred Day a Success

By: John Bailey



John Bailey & Carolyn Fleming at shred day.



Crossland High and Thurgood Marshall Middle School students volunteer at Camp Springs Shred Day.



Crossland High student and James Randolph participate at Shred Day.

The Camp Springs community came together for our First Annual Shred Day on November 2, 2013. This event was heavily attended by Camp Springs residents as well as our neighboring communities. The event started at 10 am with

residents already in line. There were volunteers from the Camp Springs Civic Association, Crossland High School, Thurgood Marshall Middle School, and Her Story Mentoring program. The volunteers assisted residents with unloading bags and boxes of shred materials. The materials were then taken to the on-site shred truck where residents were able to witness their items being shredded. Various community partners assisted in making the day a success. CenterPoint Church graciously allowed us to host the event at their location; All Thingz Creative provided a beautiful banner and fliers detailing the event and Infuse Restaurant provided a generous lunch for all of the volunteers. Due to the overwhelming response from our community, several requests have been made for another shred day event to be hosted again earlier in the year.

## Report Blighted Properties

Take a look around. Do you see eyesores in your neighborhood – abandoned, foreclosed or blighted properties? If you do, we want to hear from you. We are working with the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) to identify abandoned and unkept properties. With the help of the civic and homeowners associations, DPIE will be able to ensure that abandoned, blighted or foreclosed properties and those scheduled for demolition are secured and maintained properly. To report a potential abandoned property, please email [hahijazi@co.pg.md.us](mailto:hahijazi@co.pg.md.us) or [sdhubbard1@co.pg.md.us](mailto:sdhubbard1@co.pg.md.us). You can also call 311 or go online to CountyClick. You may also email the Civic Association at [Campspringsca@gmail.com](mailto:Campspringsca@gmail.com)

## MGM Selected to Build Casino at National Harbor

The Maryland Video Lottery Facility Location Commission voted 5 to 2 to award Maryland's sixth and final casino license to MGM Resorts International to develop a multi-million dollar casino complex at National Harbor in Prince George's County.

MGM waged a long and costly campaign at the tune of about \$40 million to win the chance to build a \$925 million casino near the Potomac River.

## Affordable Healthcare

The state has set up the Maryland Health Connection, a website that allows people to browse more than 45 plans based on income, needs and situation. If you have problems with the site, call 240-773-8250.

<http://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov/>

## Clean up Green up



Students who volunteered for Clean up Green up

## Crossland High Needs You

Crossland High School is seeking sponsors for a special event. The Crossland High School Dance Company's 9th Annual 2014 Cotillion Scholarship Banquet will be held at Martin's Camelot, 13905 Central Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 8:00pm. For additional information, please contact Mrs. Norceia Daughtridge, Crossland High School PTSA President, at [norceia@cs.com](mailto:norceia@cs.com) or Crossland High School at 301-449-4800.

## New Minimum Wage

Prince George's County Council voted on November 27, 2013 to raise the minimum wage for workers in the county to \$11.50 per hour by 2017. Wages will increase more than a dollar a year over the next four years. The current minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour (about \$15,000 per year) has not changed since 2009.

## Change in Leadership

The Prince George's County Council starts the New Year with a new Chair and Vice Chair. Council Member Mel Franklin (District 9) was elected Chair and Council Member Will Campos (District 2) vice chair on December 3, 2013. They replace outgoing members Andrea Harrison (District 5) as former Chair and District 8's Council Member Obie Patterson as Vice Chair.

## Going Green

Prince George's County has a program to help communities "turn

green" with trees. The ReLeaf Grant Program provides landscape funding to community organizations and municipalities for planting projects in public spaces. For more information, go to the Department of Environmental Resources website: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov>

## Snow Emergency Parking Restrictions

During a snow emergency, parking is prohibited along all designated snow emergency routes. It is permitted only in driveways or on the even-numbered side of the street. Failure to comply with designated snow emergency routes can result in a fine up to \$50 and/or towing.

Also note that you must remove snow and ice from sidewalks along your property within 48 hours after precipitation has stopped. Failure to clear snow and ice from sidewalks can result in a \$100 fine.

## Hold up: don't put those leaves in plastic bags

Effective January 1, 2014, residential curbside yard waste collection will no longer be accepted in plastic bags. The Department of Environmental Resources has banned plastic bags for yard waste collection and advises residents to use trash cans or large yard waste paper bags (Note: 5 yard waste paper bags can be bought at home improvement stores for less than \$2.00).

- Here are source reduction tips from DER: use a mulching mower to finely shred your

mowed grass and leave it on the lawn. Start a backyard compost pile.

- Mark your calendar for the next community-wide Clean-Up Green-Up scheduled for April 26, 2014.

## New Bus Service

Southern Prince George's County has a new bus route that extends from the Clinton Fringe Park & Ride to the MD-5/US-301 corridor to Brandywine Crossing Shopping Center. The bus then connects with Charles County's bus service at the Pinefield Shopping Center. The bus is Route 36.



*Kevin Hicks, President of the Prince George's County chapter of Concerned Black Men, and Terrel Talbert, Thurgood Marshall Middle School student share a few words at the CSCA Community meeting in November.*



## 24 Hour Emergency Maintenance

**Camp Springs residents please be advised that WSSC has a 24 Hour Emergency Maintenance number related to water leaks or sewer backups. It's 301-206-4002 or you can go to the web:**

[wsscwater.com](http://wsscwater.com)

### CAMP SPRINGS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KNOW

Prince George's County Police Non-Emergency	<b>301-333-4000</b>
Bulky Items	<b>301-952-7600</b>
Community Standards	<b>301-883-6100</b>
Leaf Collection	<b>301-499-8576</b>
Refuse Collection	<b>301-952-7630</b>
Animal Control/Management	<b>301-780-7200</b>
Property Standards	<b>301-883-6100</b>
District IV Police Station (Non-Emergency # --Eastover)	<b>301-749-4900</b>
District V Police Station	<b>301-856-3130</b>
Potholes	<b>301-499-8520</b>

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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, 2013 – August 31, 2014

**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):

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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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