



# Camp Springs Civic Association Community News

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

## CSCA Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

- Jan 8, 2014
- Mar 12, 2014
- May 14, 2014

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

## November 2013 Community Meeting

**CSCA CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR NOVEMBER  
COMMUNITY MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2013  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Thurgood Marshall Middle School  
4909 Brinkley Rd., Camp Springs, MD 20748

## FEATURE TOPIC: Group Homes, Citizen's Advisory Council, Still I Rise

If you have questions about group homes in our neighborhood, you don't want to miss the November 13 Community Meeting. We have invited two guests to speak on that subject: Maxine Curtis, Regional Director for Vesta, Inc; and Richard R. Carney, Program Monitor for the Department of Family Services Mental Health & Disabilities Administration. They will be able to speak to the laws and regulations related to group homes. We will also hear from Bill Manning, President of the Citizens Advisory Council for District V. Finally, a representative from the Clinton-based non-profit "Still I Rise" will inform the community of its services. "Still I Rise" serves women survivors of domestic violence and children who have been exposed to abuse.

## Victory for Camp Springs

We're ecstatic to report that Circuit Court Judge Cathy H. Serrette affirmed the Department of Environmental Resources authority to demolish the Pyle's Lumber Yard buildings at 6210 Allentown Rd. This decision moves us closer to ridding our community of this eyesore. The owner of Pyles can appeal the court's decision, so CSCA will continue to monitor the case. We applaud DER's Director Adam Ortiz, inspector Joseph R. Jones, and the county attorney Matthew Gordon for their diligence in pursuing this case. As always, we will keep the community informed of the progress.

## Men Make a Difference- Indeed

Crossland High and Thurgood Marshall Middle Schools opened their doors on Oct. 14 to the many men who attended "Men Making a Difference Day." Volunteers spent time in the classrooms participating in activities and teaching young men new skills.



*Volunteers at Thurgood Marshall Middle*

## Clean up Green up

The CSCA extends a huge thank you to all who came out for the Clean Up/Green Up. Westchester Estates did more than clean up; they planted flowers supplied by the county. Students from Thurgood Marshall Middle and Crossland High Schools volunteered by helping pick up trash and planting flowers. Thank you all for taking pride in our neighborhood.



Camp Springs Students

## Affordable Healthcare

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

<http://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov>

## New Laws in Maryland

### Cell Phone Law

Did you know that 30,000 drivers a year in Maryland are injured as a result of distracted driving? In an effort to change those statistics, Maryland recently passed a new cell phone law (TR 21-1124.2) that now prohibits a driver from using a cell phone while a motor vehicle is in motion. Police can now stop you solely for using a cell phone while driving and no other offense. The fines are \$75 for the 1st offense, \$125 for the 2nd offense and \$175 for the 3rd and subsequent offenses. Pull over to use your cell.

### Seat Belt Law

Buckle up –police can now stop you for not wearing a seat belt and no other reason. Maryland now has a primary seat belt law for front seat occupants and a secondary seat belt law for back seat occupants. Each person that is not buckled up (driver and passenger) may receive a ticket of up to \$50 for not wearing a seatbelt. If the driver is stopped and not wearing a seat belt and is carrying passengers under the age of 16 who are also not buckled up, the driver will receive a \$50 adult seat belt ticket for himself and a \$50 ticket for the passenger who is also not buckled.

The State reports that motorists are 75 percent less likely to be killed in a rollover crash if they are buckled up. Seat belts help save lives and wearing them sets a good example for youth.

### Fertilizer Law

Maryland has a new fertilizer law that could help keep the Chesapeake Bay free of some chemicals. The law

requires that homeowners follow University of Maryland recommendations when fertilizing lawns. The mandatory restrictions limit the amount of fertilizer application that can be applied to a lawn. For example, a single application may not exceed 0.9 pound total nitrogen per 1,000 square feet and 0.7 pound of soluble nitrogen per 1,000 square feet; Visit <http://www.hgic.umd.edu/> for recommendations. Other restrictions are as follows: do not apply fertilizer to sidewalks, driveways or other impervious surfaces; do not apply lawn fertilizer between Nov 15 and March 1 and when the ground is frozen; do not use fertilizers to de-ice walkways and driveways; and do not fertilize if heavy rain is predicted. For more restrictions, visit:<http://mda.maryland.gov/resourceresources/conservation/Documents/fertilizerwebpage.pdf>

### 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.

### County Listening Sessions

As the 2014 legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly approaches, County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III is holding public meetings to provide residents with an opportunity to share their ideas on

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## Listening Sessions

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issues that impact their lives or community. Members from the County's House and Senate delegations, the Prince George's County Council, school board representatives and a host of other important community leaders will also be present to hear the issues. The information gathered during these sessions will be used to develop the county's priorities for the upcoming session of the Maryland General Assembly, which starts in January 2014. The final two sessions are Nov. 6, 7-9 pm at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Nov. 13, 7-9 pm at Potomac High School.



## Regional Medical Center

Maryland and the University of Maryland Medical System are making plans for the county's new regional medical center. Plans are to break ground on the new 249-bed hospital in spring 2015 and open in December 2017. It would be located near the Largo Metro station. The non-profit organization Dimensions Health Care System is the proposed operator of the facility. Dimensions has applied for a Certificate of Need from the Maryland Health Care Commission. It has operated the Cheverly, Laurel Regional Hospital and the Bowie Health Campus since 1982. Prince George's County is in dire need of medical facility considering that as many as 23,000 residents leave the County every year for hospital stays in the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia.

## Note to Residents

It is against county regulations to host a commercial event on residential property. The county prohibits gatherings, parties or picnics that involve an admission fee, cover charge, ticket sales or food and beverage sales. Also, please be mindful of your neighbors and remember that litter and excessive noise from parties or picnics also affect your neighbors.

## A Free Event for the Community

The Ebenezer AME Church Poetry Ministry is hosting a 2013 Holiday Celebration on Nov. 15, 6 pm to 9 pm at Ebenezer AME Church. They will celebrate the upcoming holiday season through poetry, music, song, African drumming and Christian fellowship. Light refreshments will be served. For additional information, contact the Poetry Ministry's 24-hour Hotline on [301.265.8254](tel:301.265.8254). Groups of 10 or more should call to request group seating.

## One Warm Coat

The Prince George's County Police Department is partnering with the One Warm Coat Organization to collect coats for those in need. They are accepting clean, gently used coats and jackets of all sizes and colors. Collection boxes are set up at locations throughout the county including at six PGPD district stations. Refer to the One Warm Coat website: [www.onewarmcoat.org](http://www.onewarmcoat.org) or contact Corporal Jessica Mercer at [jrmerc1@co.pg.md.us](mailto:jrmerc1@co.pg.md.us).

## Career Day



FAA Air Traffic Controller Timothy Boyette speaking at Career Day at Crossland H.S.

## New Yard Waste Rules

Effective January 1, 2014, yard waste will no longer be accepted in plastic bags. Weekly curbside collection of yard waste is year round. This includes grass clippings, leaves, small branches, brush and Christmas trees.

- Yard waste must be placed in heavy-duty paper bags or trash cans with handles and a secure lid.
- Cardboard boxes are not acceptable containers.
- Limbs collected curbside must not exceed 4 ft. in length and 3 in. in diameter and must be securely tied in bundles.
- Bundles of limbs and bags of dry grass and leaves must weigh less than 60 lbs.
- Wet grass and leaves must weigh less than 25 pounds.
- For more information, dial 311.



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**New Tanger Outlets to Open Soon**

Tanger Outlets at National Harbor on Oxon Hill Rd is scheduled to open on Black Friday, Nov. 29 - the day after Thanksgiving. The stores will open at 9 a.m. with sales throughout the weekend. There will be fireworks and music to celebrate the grand opening. More than 85 new retail stores are slated for Tanger Outlets.



**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>

**Condolences**

The CSCA offers condolences to the Battle family for the loss of Mr. Walter Battle. Mr. Battle and Mrs. Nona Battle have been long-time members of the CSCA. We will miss seeing Mr. Battle at community meetings.

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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	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

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     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Road       | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Communications   | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution of Flyers | <input type="checkbox"/> IT/Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Business/Economic     | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch     |  |