



Camp Springs Civic Association Community News

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

CSCA Meetings

2nd Wednesday

- November 12, 2014
- January 14, 2015
- March 11, 2015
- May 13, 2015

Web Site: Campspringsca.org

September 2014 Community Meeting

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY MEETING

Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2014
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Thurgood Marshall Middle School
 4909 Brinkley Rd., Camp Springs, MD 20748

FEATURE TOPIC: Stop Domestic Violence

Prince George's County State's Attorney Angela D. Alsobrooks will be guest speaker at the September 10th Community Meeting. Ms. Alsobrooks will discuss domestic violence and how her office can help individuals deal with various forms of abuse. Domestic violence and abuse can happen to anyone, yet the problem is often overlooked, excused or denied. If you have a domestic violence

emergency, dial **211**, the county's new emergency number for domestic violence. To hear about this topic and more, plan to attend the

already know, a Royal Farms will be built on the corner of Allentown Rd and Old Branch Ave.

We continue to battle a proliferation of trash in the commercial area of Camp Springs. Trash is repeatedly thrown onto the on and off ramps and along the curbs. Allentown Rd is the gateway to Camp Springs. As stewards of this community, we beseech the owners of the commercial buildings and the managers of the businesses to do a better job maintaining their properties. While they do not live in this community, they certainly profit from it. They can entice more customers with a clean, inviting and safe appearance. We suggest

meeting on Sept. 10, bring a friend and a neighbor or two.

sprucing up the structures with paint and landscaping, and asking employees to pick up the trash in front of and around the buildings every day. Camp Springs is where families can learn, worship, play and thrive in a clean, healthy and safe environment.

As we embark upon the 2014/2015 membership year, the CSCA will continue to keep you apprised of changes and events in the community. The community meetings are always informative and the meeting on Sept. 10 is especially timely given the recent tragic events.

People are suffering mentally and emotionally; unfortunately, desperate souls can see only violence or suicide as a way to rid the pain. It behooves each one of us to keep open our eyes, ears, and hearts to those in need. Seek help. On Sept. 10, we will ask Ms. Alsobrooks how her office can help before someone becomes a victim. We hope to see you at the meeting.

Tammy Jones, President

Hello Camp Springs Community

We hope everyone enjoyed their summer. The relatively mild temperatures are a blessing. We are witnessing positive developments in the community. Two of our biggest eyesores – the Pyles Lumber and the Howco buildings on Old Branch Ave – are now history. The CSCA Board is to be commended for its diligence in getting those structures demolished. We hope to see new construction soon. At the printing of this publication, we do not yet know what will replace the Howco building. As many of you

National Night Out, A Roaring Success

By Leon Turner

The 31st annual National Night Out (NNO) was held Tuesday, Aug 5. The CSCA held its event at Thurgood Marshall Middle School (its adopted school); it was another big success and the weather cooperated. NNO is "America's Night Out Against Crime" whereby community organizations throughout the nation partner with local police to raise awareness about crime prevention and ways to make communities safer.

Major Douglas Garrett, Prince George's County Dist IV Police Commander, attended the CSCA NNO and stated, "The partnership between citizens of Camp Springs and the police department is crucial in order to reduce crime and increase the quality of life within our community. The successful NNO event held annually by the CSCA continually displays their commitment to public safety. As the Commander of Dist IV, I am honored and privileged to have such valuable partners."

The CSCA NNO Planning Committee, led by Claudia Poole, would like to recognize the numerous volunteers who helped to make our event possible: Kyisha Jones, Christina Johnson, Patricia Spradlin, Line Dancers, Police Explorers, Police Canine Unit, Boy Scouts, Neighborhood Watch Groups, and various county agencies (Fire Dept., Park Police, Family Servs, Health Dept,

Senior Citizen Center, FDIC, and Parks & Recreation). We want to extend a special thank you to Thurgood Marshall School and its staff for hosting us.

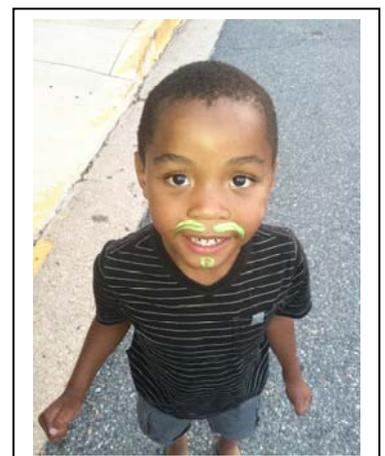
We also want to thank our sponsors: Roy's Car Wash, Red Nelson Trophy World, Topolinos, G.S. Proctor & Associates, Giant Foods, Norgetown Cleaners, Auto Zone, Arel Architects, Midas, McDonald's, Primerica Financial Servs, and Solid State Systems.

NNO is an excellent opportunity for the public to show its support of the CSCA by joining our organization. We had 25 new members enroll on Aug 5. We raffled off prizes to new members and others in attendance and we provided free refreshments and fun activities for all ages. Christopher Keays, longtime Camp Springs' resident and CSCA supporter, was our special grand prize winner (\$50 gift certificate) provided by James Randolph.

We look forward to seeing you next year and, most importantly, we look forward to your continued support of the CSCA. We hope to see you at the Sept 10 CSCA community meeting.



Leon Turner, former CSCA president & Major Garrett



Your Civic Association at Work

The CSCA holds community meetings on the 2nd Wednesday every other month starting in September. Our goals are to help create better living conditions for the community and to keep you informed of issues and changes in the County. You will receive information through community meetings, newsletters and the website. The community meeting consists of guest speakers who discuss a variety of topics such as crime, transportation, economic development, public safety and more. We collect dues to support these activities and more. All are welcome to attend the community meetings which are held at Thurgood Marshall Middle School. The first newsletter is hand-delivered to houses in Camp Springs. We try to reach everyone, but in case we don't, please share this information with your neighbors.

The CSCA membership drive is now underway. The membership year is from Sept. 1, 2014 through Aug. 31, 2015. The dues are \$10 per year per household. Be a concerned citizen, protect your investment and join the Camp Springs Civic Association. We need your support to help keep your community a place you will always be proud to call home. The CSCA welcomes the new businesses that have opened in our community and ask that as a business owner, you join the civic association. We are here to work with you as well. Please feel free to contact any of the Board members for information or concerns.

Council Wants Longer Term Limits

In 2014, the Prince George's County Council voted unanimously to refer another anti-term limits amendment to the November ballot. This measure would lengthen term limits for the County Council and County Executive from 8 years in one seat to 12. This is a controversial topic that is being opposed by some in the County. This is the website of the opposition: <https://termlimits.org/pgc/>



Central Baptist Church Community Day

No to Walmart in Oxon

A Prince George's County Zoning Authority denied Walmart's request to build a supercenter in Oxon Hill. They concluded that the project would adversely impact residents/workers in the area and be detrimental to the use of adjacent properties. John Hanson Montessori and Oxon Hill High School are in the vicinity of the proposed Walmart. The site is adjacent to Clarion Hotel on Oxon Hill Rd.



Mom-n-em Line Dancing



Camp Springs Civic Assoc. Annual Shred Day - Another date to be announced soon.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 12, 10 am – 2 pm – The annual Senior Fun & Fitness Day. To register, call 311 between 7 am & 7 pm. Registrations started on Aug 15 and ends on Sept 5. The event is free for residents 60 and older.

Sept. 27, 10 am – 3 pm – The Annual 8th District Health Fair sponsored by Councilman Obie Patterson will be held at the Southern Regional Technology & Recreational Complex, 7007 Bock Rd, Ft Washington, MD.

Oct. 18, 8 am – Community Clean Up Green Up – meet us in the parking lot of the Village Thrift Store, 6307 Allentown Rd. For additional information, contact Arlene Wilson at 301-899-3903.



CSCA Serving the Community



Did You Know?

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

The Camp Springs Community Welcomes Mr. DeMarco Clark, The new principal at Thurgood Marshall Middle School.

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Police Non-Emergency **301-352-1200**
Bulky Items **301-952-7600**
Community Standards **301-883-6100**
Leaf Collection **301-499-8576**
Refuse Collection **301-952-7630**
Animal Control/Management **301-780-7200**
Property Standards **301-883-6100**
District IV Police Station **301-749-4900**
(Non-Emergency # --Eastover)
District V Police Station **301-856-3130**
Potholes **301-499-8520**
WSSC Emergency **301-206-4002**

CSCA Board Update

We've made two new changes on our Board of Directors. Kennard Jones was appointed chair of the Education Committee. Mr. Jones, an astute businessman and community activist, will focus on issues related to public education and work on our relationship with our adopted school, Thurgood Marshall Middle. James Randolph was appointed Sergeant -at-Arms. Mr. Randolph, a former board member, organizer of Neighborhood Watch groups, and entrepreneur, is also known for moving our community meetings in a timely and organized manner. We appreciate all of the volunteers who work tirelessly to make our community better in every way, every day.

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