



Camp Springs Civic Association Community News

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

January 2015 Community Meeting

CSCA Meetings

2nd Wednesday

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

Web Site: Campspringsca.org

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE JANUARY COMMUNITY MEETING

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2015
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Thurgood Marshall Middle School
4909 Brinkley Rd., Camp Springs, MD 20748

FEATURE TOPIC: Do you have questions about your neighbor's boat, abandoned homes and other issues involving the properties in your neighborhood? If so, get answers at the Jan. 14 Community Meeting. You will have an opportunity to hear about our county's property standards and compliance issues.

Community Meeting

Susan Hubbard, Public Information Officer, Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections & Enforcement (DPIE) will be the guest speaker at the January 14 Community Meeting. She will provide an overview of DPIE and its major services including: property standards, abandoned properties, parked vehicles (including boats) on properties, number of people living in single family homes, sign ordinance/permits, etc. She will also answer your questions. Be sure to attend this important meeting and tell others!

Looking Ahead

You may be familiar with the saying "the devil is busy." Indeed – hearing stories about airplanes disappearing with hundreds of people onboard, students kidnapped from their classrooms, suicide

bombers decimating entire families, police brutality, senseless murders and a deep-rooted unfair justice system – there is reason for despair. There have been horrific occurrences close to home as well with the murder of a Crossland High School student.

It's all enough to beat you down - mind, body and spirit. But we must not be defeated, we must stay in prayer and press on. Continue to do what you can do in your own way, whether it is joining a protest, picking up trash, writing a letter to a politician, or mentoring a young person. It all seems so hopeless sometimes but your commitment will make a difference. It takes a collective effort to bring about change.

Looking ahead, the CSCA will present revised By-Laws at the

January meeting, so please be present to vote on the changes. We are proposing to expand our membership area to include the east side of Camp Springs. The expansion will encompass the area that extends to the Branch Ave metro station. We are making this change because Camp Springs is now represented by one legislative and one councilmanic district as opposed to two separate districts.

This is election year for the CSCA. Information about the election is on page 2. We look forward to seeing you in 2015.

Tammy Jones
President

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 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.

Congratulations to Crossland High School Scholar Kaloni Alston



Congratulations to Kaloni Alston, a senior at Crossland High School. Kaloni's cumulative GPA is 4.10. She is in the International Baccalaureate Program seeking an IB Diploma. She has also taken AP Government and Spanish 3. Kaloni is a member of the National Honor Society and the Prince George's County Emerging Leadership Program. She is the captain of the schools band dance line and pom pom team. Kaloni has applied to Bethune Cookman, Ohio State, Purdue, Drexel, University of Delaware, and

her first choice, Cornell University. She plans to study mathematics and mechanical engineering. Kaloni is CPR certified and was the recipient of the Jesse J. Warr Award last school year. She tutors at Crossland and volunteers at Patuxent River Park. She has maintained honor roll throughout high school. We wish her well. Go Kaloni!

Thomas Reed (email: treed30144@verizon.net)
James Randolph (email: jfrandolph@msn.com)
Leon Turner (rileylt@comcast.net)



Community Forum

"Moving Beyond the Michael Brown and Eric Garner Court Decisions"

Project Bright Future Mentoring Program is sponsoring a community forum to discuss the following topics: Racial disparities with law enforcement and the justice system, learning your rights, and community involvement and solution sharing. The forum will be held at St. Stephen Baptist Church, 5757 Temple Hills Rd, Temple Hills, MD, Friday, January 16, 7 pm – 9 pm. For more information, contact: Kennard Jones, 301-785-0150 or jones.kennard@gmail.com; and/or Anthony Graham, 240-565-9515 or grahamanthony24@gmail.com.

Meet the New Governor



Marylanders welcomed 2015 with new leadership at the helm, Governor Larry Hogan and Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford are the newly elected Republican administration. Hogan is the founder, President, and CEO of The Hogan Companies. He served as a State Cabinet Secretary from 2003 to 2007. His wife, Yumi, is an artist, teacher, and first-generation Korean-American. They live in Edgewater, MD and have three daughters.

Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford is an attorney. He has served as Associate Administrator for the U.S. General Services Administration, Assistant Secretary for Administration for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and as the Secretary of the Maryland Department of General Services under Governor Bob Ehrlich. He lives in Columbia, MD with his wife, Monica. They have three adult children.

Gov. Hogan said that he plans to cut more than \$1.75 billion in waste, fraud, and abuse from state government, roll back taxes without cutting government priorities, and to change Maryland's reputation as a state that is unfriendly to job creators.

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Governor Larry Hogan and Lieutenant Gov. Boyd Rutherford and their wives.

Energy Assistance Program for Families in Need this Winter Season

Mary's Center reopened their Energy Assistance Program to Prince George's County residents on December 5, 2014. To be eligible for the Energy Assistance Program, individuals/families must reside in Prince George's County, meet income requirements, be at risk for disconnection, and provide proof of inability to pay. For more information call 202-545-2024.

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Feb 1 is the deadline to dispose of your live Christmas trees with other yard waste collection. Place live, undecorated and unbagged trees at the curbside by 6:30 am on the regularly scheduled yard waste collection day. Residents may also bring trees, free of charge, to the following locations for recycling: Brown Station Road Public Convenience Center, 3501 Brown Station Rd, Upper Marlboro, Mon – Sat, 7 am – 6 pm; and Prince George's County Yard Waste Composting Facility, 6601 Southeast Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, Mon – Fri, 7:30 am – 3:30 pm.

Move, Jump, Twist to a New Start for 2015 - Zumba

Regardless of the challenges you may have faced in 2014, believe that 2015 will be better! Believe it, speak it, and do something about it! Consider joining Ky's Zumba class at one of these locations:

Potomac Landing Community Center, 12500 Fort Washington Rd, Ft Washington, MD; (301) 292-9191; Saturdays, 10 - 11 am & Tue's 7:30 - 8:30 pm. \$30 - 1 day a week for 8 weeks (for County residents, \$36 for non-residents) Drop-ins \$6.00.

The New Macedonia Baptist Church, 4115 Alabama Ave, SE, Washington DC 20019; (202) 583-5555; Thu's 7 - 8 pm & Sat's 8 - 9 am; \$20 - 2 days a week for 6 weeks. Drop-ins \$5.00.

Stolen Mail Alert

Thieves are stealing mail from residential mailboxes to obtain financial information. You are advised not to place your outgoing mail in your mailbox. If you put checks in your outgoing mail, do not put the flag up on the mailbox.

WSSC Proposes an Increase

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has proposed an increase to its account maintenance fee. The increase would add about \$4.20 to the average bill. The formal budget document will be available on Jan. 15 on WSSC's website at <http://www.wsscwater.com/budget>. A public hearing will be held on Feb. 5 at 7:30 pm at the RMS Building – Room 308, 1400 McCormick Dr., Largo, MD.



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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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 |
| <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 | |