



# Camp Springs Civic Association Community News

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

## May 2015 Community Meeting

### CSCA Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

- Sept 9, 2015

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

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE MAY COMMUNITY MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday May 13, 2015  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Thurgood Marshall Middle School  
4909 Brinkley Road, Camp Springs, MD 20748

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

**FEATURE TOPIC:** Legislative Wrap-Up. Our representatives in the Maryland General Assembly: State Senator C. Anthony Muse and the Legislative District 26 Delegation (Jay Walker, Kris Valderrama, Tony Knotts) will update us on the bills they have worked on this legislative session. Councilman Obie Patterson (D-8) will be present and briefly cover current developments. We will also hold the election of CSCA Officers at this meeting. Please plan now to attend this important community meeting and bring a friend/neighbor.

### Camp Springs on the Move

It has been a busy year for the Camp Springs community. The CSCA general body approved revised Bylaws in March. The Bylaws enable the CSCA to expand its boundaries. Camp Springs residents on the east side of Branch Ave were represented by the Villages of Camp Springs Civic Association, which is no longer active. We are pleased that the former leaders of that civic association are joining ours to unite for "One Camp Springs." For the last 20 years, both civic associations were in different legislative districts. However, the recent redistricting combined Camp Springs and we now share the same representation. This gives our communities a bigger voice to address our common issues. We welcome all Camp Springs residents to attend our next meeting so that together, we can

build a better community.

Our civic association year begins in September and runs through May. Even though we take a break from community meetings in the summer, the Board continues to work on important community issues. Looking at the past year, we were honored to have as our first speaker for the year, State's Attorney Angela Alsobrooks, who addressed domestic violence and other legal issues in the county. Throughout the year, we welcomed representatives from the Dept. of Environment, Dept. of Permits, Inspections & Enforcement, Pepco and the Office of Homeland Security. Our COPs officers attended every meeting to keep us informed of the declining crime trends in our area. I think we owe some credit to good police work as well as community partners

such as Neighborhood Watch (NW) organizations. NW members are the eyes and ears of neighborhoods. If there is anything that even seems nefarious, they are on it and in contact with our COPs team. The NW organizations in Camp Springs as well as Pine Plains and Temple Hills have a cohesive working relationship. That's important because when crime hits one community, it's just a matter of time before it spills over to the next. We're all better, when we work together.

Volunteers are helping keep the community clean. Under the leadership of

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## 2015 General Assembly

*Contributed by Senator Muse*

On the final day of the 435th legislative session, lawmakers passed a \$40.7 billion budget to fund public schools, public safety, the health care system and much more. \$280+ million for school construction \$437 million for higher education \$54 million for community colleges \$4.1 billion for road repairs and construction, and capital improvements to libraries and hospitals. This is a summary of some of the legislation that Senator C. Anthony Muse either sponsored or co-sponsored and that passed.

### Bond Bills

\$75,000.00 for a mobile computer lab for Crossland High School; \$100,000.00 for the Susan D. Mona Community Center in Temple Hills, which will be open to the community and provide programs such as feeding and nutrition, healthcare clinic and free legal services, and; \$15,000.00 for the New Beginnings Community Development Computer Lab Project and after-school program in Fort Washington that will be open to the community.

### SB 651: Expungement - Conviction of a Crime That Is No Longer a Crime

The bill expands the eligibility for expungements to persons convicted of a crime that is no longer classified as a crime in Maryland.

### SB 652: Expungement of Records

Current law only allows for the expungement of cases that do not result in a conviction after a person satisfies a three-year waiting period or sooner under certain circumstances. Current law also prohibits the expungement of

a non-conviction for people subsequently convicted of any crime, no matter how minor or how old the conviction. SB 652 repeals the rule prohibiting expungement of eligible non-convictions if a person is subsequently convicted of an offense, regardless of how minor the subsequent conviction is.

### SB 649: Real Property - Contract for Sale of New Home (Cross-filed with Delegate Tony Knotts)

As amended, requires a sales contract for a new home to include a provision specifying the time period for the purchaser to obtain a written commitment for a loan. If the buyer fails to obtain a written commitment for a loan in accordance with the terms of the sales contract, the parties may declare the contract void and the seller must return any deposit paid under the contract to the buyer.

### SB 654: Criminal Procedure, Immunity, Alcohol or Drug-Related Medical Emergencies

Extends the "Good Samaritan" protection to ensure that individuals who call 911 to report an overdose are

not arrested or charged with drug or alcohol offenses. The bill also adds a controlled paraphernalia statute to the list of covered offenses. The purpose of this bill is to encourage people to call 911 to save a life, instead of having a loved one die of an overdose.

### SB 763: Tax Amnesty Program

Establishes a tax amnesty program from Sept 1 - Oct 31, 2015 for delinquent taxpayers. It will remove all civil penalties and half of the interest resulting from nonpayment, non-reporting or under-reporting. This bill also authorizes the Comptroller to enter into a repayment agreement with the taxpayer.

### SB 592: Income Tax - Military Retirement Income

The state will double Maryland's subtraction modification for military retirement income from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for all veterans over the age of 65.

### Crossland High School Dancers perform at District 26 Night in Annapolis.



Photo Credit: Maurice G. Fitzgerald

## County to End Plastic Bag Recycling

As of July 1, 2015, plastic shopping bags will no longer be accepted for recycling. The County will urge residents to return disposable plastic bags to stores to encourage stores to recycle them. Residents may also choose to reuse them as wastebasket liners or for other purposes before throwing them out. In addition to plastic shopping bags, the ban also includes "film plastic," such as plastic wrapping on food, plastic sandwich bags and dry cleaning bags. This is being done because loose plastic bags in recycling bins often get caught by the wind, and end up creating more pollution. Prince George's County leads the state in keeping trash out of the landfill - due in large part to turning food scraps into compost and turning a profit.



CSCA Board Member Claudia Poole in a march to end domestic violence.

## Upcoming Events:

\* Congresswoman Donna Edwards sponsors "**VETS Count Day of Service**" **On the Spot Interviews** with agencies that are hiring Veterans. The event is **May 7, 10 am to 1 pm.** at Harmony Hall Regional Center in Ft. Washington. Info. available on changes in the VA system, Vets Choice Program, claims, benefits

& VA home loans. Registration starts at 9 with a free continental breakfast. Call 301-516-7601 to pre-register.

\* Join County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, and Dr. Kevin Maxwell, for An Education Conversation: Investing in Our Schools. **May 13, 7-9 pm,** at Tayac Elementary School, 8600 Allentown Rd., Ft. Washington.

\* Delegate Jay Walker's District 26<sup>th</sup> **Community Family Fun Day** will be held on **June 13, 2- 5 pm** at Tucker Road Park in Ft. Washington. For information, call 301-858-3581. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the free food.

\* **City-Wide Revival 2015** **May 19 – May 22: 7:30 pm** Central Baptist Church of Camp Springs, Rev. Lincoln M. Burruss, Jr., Host Pastor. For more information call Rev. Patrick J. Walker, President 202-583-5555 or visit the web site:

[www.baptistconventiondcvicinity.com](http://www.baptistconventiondcvicinity.com)

\* Central Baptist Church of Camp Spring's annual **Community Day/Cook-Out** will be held on **June 13, 10 am – 3 pm.** at 5600 Old Branch Ave, Camp Springs. Face Painting, Moon Bounce, Skating, Mime Performers, Muppets, Clothes Give Away, Food, Vendors and More!!! **Contact:** Dr. Earlene Hooker, 301-943-0073 or email:

hookereh@verizon.net or Carl Linton, 703-339-5871 or email: cablinton@cox.net

<http://www.centralbaptistchurchcs.org/>

\* Join the CSCA for National Night Out School on **Aug. 4 at 6:30 pm.** at Thurgood Marshall Middle. Free fun & food, and an opportunity to meet your neighbors, organizations and leaders.

## Announcements:

\* Camp Springs Civic Association Board recently appointed Monique C. Taylor of Camp Springs to serve as Chair of the Membership Committee.

Monique will keep our membership list in order and help us increase participation in the CSCA. Please join us in congratulating Monique for taking on this crucial volunteer position.

\* The CSCS would like to thank Pfc. Jenkins, District IV Community Oriented Policing (COPs) officer, for serving our community. After seven years on the force, Officer Jenkins is resigning to pursue other opportunities.

\* Temple Hills Swim Club is **hiring** lifeguards and pool operators for its private outdoor pool facility. Summer employment is **May 23-Sept. 7.** If interested, call 301-894-1875 to leave your name and number.

## Camp Springs on the Move

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CSCA VP John Bailey, we now have Sign Removal Task Force. That team hits the Allentown Road area regularly to remove sign clutter that clandestinely and persistently shows up along that roadway. We participated in several Clean-Up events and sponsored another popular Shred Day so that residents could securely dispose of sensitive documents.

We look forward to a spectacular National Night Out on August 4<sup>th</sup>. It's a night to show that we're standing against crime and to say we appreciate our community. We could not make that happen without the support of the local businesses, so please support them. The Board works tirelessly on these projects and more. We gained three new Board members this year to help us accomplish our goals. We look forward to seeing you at Thurgood Marshall on May 13. Enjoy your summer.

*Tammy Jones, President*



Zumba with Ky at Potomac Landing Community Center, 12500 Fort Washington Rd. Fort Washington, MD on Saturday's from 10 – 11 AM. MD residence \$30 every 6 wks with a 1 week break between sessions or \$5 for drop-ins. Barcode: 1631875 To register call: 301-203-9206

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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

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

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 [ ] 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):

- Education Public Works/Transportation Public Safety Membership
County Svcs Senior Citizen Concerns Zoning Environment
Adopt-A-Road Newsletter/Communications Distribution of Flyers IT/Social Media
Neighborhood Watch Local Business/Economic Neighborhood Watch