



Camp Springs Civic Association Community News

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

CSCA Meetings

2nd Wednesday

- Nov 11 meeting is rescheduled for Nov 18, 2015
- Jan 13, 2016
- Mar 9, 2016
- May 11, 2016

Web Site: Campspringsca.org

November 2015 Community Meeting

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NOVEMBER COMMUNITY MEETING

Date: Wednesday November 18, 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:

Are your home value and county tax bill mysteries to you? If so, don't miss the Nov. 18 Community Meeting. Home assessments and the County tax bill will be the topics for our next meeting. Dan Puma, Supervisor of Prince George's County Assessment Office, will discuss how home assessments are determined, home market values, notification, appeals, etc. Linda Allen, Chief of Treasury for Prince George's County Office of Finance, will talk about Prince George's County tax bill and county rates, specific taxes/fees, tax bill calendar, and tax relief programs, etc. They will answer your questions and have important handouts. Don't miss this important meeting and encourage your friends and neighbors to attend!

New Construction Slated for Camp Springs

A developer is eyeing Allentown Road, across the street from Dunkin' Donuts and the Social Security Admin building, for new construction. Brandon Bellamy, of Velocity Capital llc, the company that is managing the project, says the mixed-use development which they plan to call Allentown Andrews Gateway, will consist of 64 market-rate townhouses, a Wawa and a Lidl grocer. You may not be familiar with Lidl but it is a competitor of Aldi, which is also located in Camp Springs. Lidl is based in Germany and is just entering the U.S. market. The company plans to open 2,000 new stores in the U.S. by 2020.

The CSCA will invite Velocity Capital

to speak soon to residents about the project at one of its civic association meetings.

Civic Action

Councilman Patterson recently introduced CB79-2015, a bill to combat the posting of illegal signs. The bill grants authority to order illegal signs removed and hold those who posted the signs accountable by charging them for the removal costs and penalties. Councilman Patterson introduced the legislation at the urging of the CSCA. This is the latest example of the work the CSCA is doing for our community.

CSCA volunteers, including students, have been regularly removing these illegal signs that are

constantly littering our community when they are posted on poles along Allentown Road. As board member, Leon Turner testified at a county hearing, "this is a real 'cat and mouse' game where the guilty parties simply return within a few days after they (the signs) are removed and replace them with no real consequences." In order for this bill to be effective, it is critical that the county vigorously and regularly enforce the ordinance. We appreciate Councilman Patterson's attention to this matter, and we encourage you to support the bill.

Camp Springs Residents – We Need You....

By: *Monique Taylor,
Membership Chair*

Would you help?

The Camp Springs Civic Association works to ensure that our neighborhoods thrive and are great places to live, work and play. To do this we need active members to help take on the concerns of the community.

Be a volunteer and become involved in one of the committees.

At the general meeting we heard from Prince Georges County Permitting, Inspection and Enforcement (DPIE) whom discussed the zoning code and procedures for reporting code violations. There were many concerns, questions and unresolved issues. This is our Zoning committee. Become a Volunteer.

We also had MNCPP, Planner Coordinator, Community Planning Division, Prince Georges Planning Department give us advice on beautifying our beloved Camp Springs and recommended that we develop a priorities list for the community. We are establishing a focus group to help develop priorities for our community and a plan of action to meet the priorities. Become A Volunteer.

There are 15 standing committees or activities that CSCA needs your help with to ensure that Camp Springs Is All That We Can Be. Become a Volunteer.

GateWay Second Chance Foundation

The GateWay Second Chance Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to increasing the safety of the community by giving under-served, at-risk teenage boys who have been identified by juvenile justice, foster care, the police and other social agencies, a second chance to modify behavior and become productive members of society. The foundation is in the process of establishing a boarding school to help these youth develop life skills needed for successful and productive lives, and prepare them for college and/or a certified skill trade. We hope you will partner with us to accomplish these goals. You may make a tax deductible donation by check to: GateWay Second Chance Foundation, Inc, 5110 Oakland Way, Suitland, MD 20746.

www.gatewaysecondchance.org

Thank you to all Camp Springs residents who helped with the Clean Up Green Up



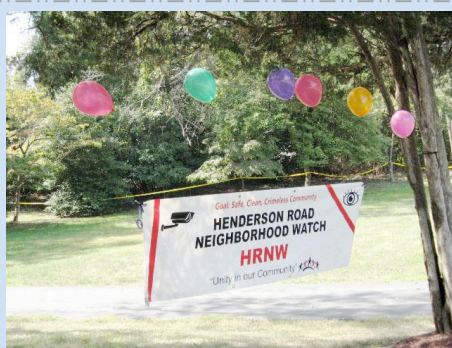
Maryland Implements a New Voting System

Maryland will implement a new voting system in 2016. The new voting system produces a paper-verifiable record of each voter's selections. During early voting in 2016, all voters will use an ExpressVote ballot marking device similar to the touchscreen machines Marylanders have used to mark their ballots for a decade. These devices will print voters' selections on a paper ballot card. Voters will then review their ballots and insert them into the DS200 tabulation device. The ballots automatically drop into the secure ballot box.

On election day, there will be two options. Some voters will use ExpressVote ballot marking devices to mark and print their ballots while others will mark pre-printed paper ballots by hand. The number of ExpressVote ballot marking devices available at each polling place will be limited on election day. As the Board of Elections conducts a voter outreach campaign, the CSCA will invite them to a future meeting to discuss the new system and procedures. Get more information is at www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/elections.



COPs Officers Gonzales & Corp. Garner



A Henderson Road Neighborhood Watch (HRNW) Block Party was held in September. Denise and Aaron Harley hosted the party. Kathryn Gray of the HRNW said it was great to see so many neighbors meeting and greeting one another on such a beautiful fall day.

Expunge your record

Any person who has ever been arrested, even if no charges are officially brought against them in court, will have a criminal record. A criminal record creates barriers to employment, housing, public assistance and the road to a better future. If eligible, one's criminal records can be expunged, sealed, modified and/or corrected to help remove roadblocks. A Maryland law became effective October 1, and many Maryland residents may be unaware of these changes that can help remove roadblocks. Check with an attorney or the County for assistance.

Voting Information

Need your voting place and wait time? The county has developed a new online map that with that information.

The Board of Elections has a new mapping tool called the Prince George's County Graphical Information Systems (GIS) mapping application. It is a map-based viewer that provides information on early voter sites, polling places and the elected officials for that polling place. Use your mobile device to find the closest early voter site and driving directions to that location. When the early voter sites open for voting, the site will provide wait times for each of the nine sites. Access the application on the Prince George's County Board of Elections [Polling Place website](#).



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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.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KNOW

- 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 GSCA Website for county and community news & events and to volunteer: http://www.Campspringsca.org

ZUMBA fitness logo
Zumba with Ky at 10 AM on Saturday's at Potomac Landing Community Center, 12500 Ft. Wash Rd, Fort Washington, MD
Bar Code: 1643168 * 301-203-9206

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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, 2015 – August 31, 2016 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