



Camp Springs Civic Association Community News

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

CSCA Meetings

2nd Wednesday

- Mar 9, 2016
- May 11, 2016

Web Site: Campspringsca.org

March 2016 Community Meeting

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE MARCH COMMUNITY MEETING

Date: Wednesday March 9, 2016
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: Do you feel like you have no idea what goes on in our school system anymore? Do you know the leaders helping to shape our children's minds and futures? Attend our March meeting to hear from our local educators; principals from our area schools will report on the state of their respective schools. We are planning to hear from representatives from Crossland High, Thurgood Marshall Middle, and Allenwood and Avalon Elementary Schools; as well as St. Philip The Apostle Catholic School. Please come out to support our school leaders and bring some neighbors along.

OLD BRANCH AVENUE STREET RE-PAVING UPDATE

By Leon Turner

This is an update on the Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission's (WSSC) water main pipeline replacement project and street re-paving on Old Branch Ave from Allentown Rd north to Yorkville Rd (includes some side streets like Linda Lane). This water pipeline project began in Sept 2015 and was completed in Dec 2015. However, the roads were left very bumpy and rough and some vehicles were damaged.

Thanks to the concerns raised by several Camp Springs' residents to smooth out this stretch of road and

WSSC's follow-through, improvements were made and the pavement was temporarily re-patched on Jan 22, 2016 despite the existing cold weather and snowstorm forecasted that weekend. Many were pleased with the work and thanked WSSC for this.

WSSC still plans to return in the spring of 2016 when the weather is a steady 50 degrees and above for permanent restoration (full mill and overlay) of the roads. The asphalt plants, which WSSC contracts with for all paving projects, reopen during this time. According to WSSC officials, the Old Branch Ave area is a priority and is scheduled to be the first job performed in Prince George's County.

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Kevin Woolbright, WSSC Customer Advocate. Photo on the right: Camp Springs residents.



New Maryland Voting Procedures/Equipment

By Leon Turner

Prince George's County Board of Elections were guests at the Jan 13, 2016 CSCA community meeting. They provided an overview on Maryland's new voting procedures for the 2016 elections (primary and general). Joe Young, Jeff Norms and Phyllis Edby, Board of Elections, demonstrated the new equipment, explained the new process, and answered questions.

During early voting for the primary election Apr 14 - 21, all voters will use an ExpressVote Ballot Marketing Device similar to the touchscreen machines we have used to mark our ballots for a decade.

On Election Day Nov 8, Maryland voters will have options. Some voters, including those with disabilities, will use ExpressVote ballot marking devices to mark and print their ballots (only one device in each polling place) while others will mark pre-printed paper ballots by hand. Voters will review their marked paper ballots and insert them into the DS200 tabulation device. The ballots will automatically drop into the secure ballot box.

Paper ballots, requested in 2007, are being used again because they are cheaper and, most importantly, they provide a verifiable election paper trail of each voter's selections and can be stored up to ten years. There have been numerous complaints in the past about the election equipment not allowing a paper trail to better verify election results.

There were many questions on the new procedures/equipment and how effective they will be. Several were concerned that by returning to paper ballots, the system is retrogressing rather than progressing.



Joe Young, Phyllis Edby and Jeff Norms
Board of Elections

Several were concerned about voters, especially seniors, making mistakes on the paper ballots and getting them corrected. Others were asking about what plans the Board of Elections have for evaluating this new process and determining whether, in fact, it is an improvement. Many are concerned that voters should be encouraged to vote and all efforts should be made to make it as convenient and easy for citizens to exercise this important right.

2016 Election Dates:

Early Voting for Primary Election-
Apr 14 - 21; 10 am - 8 pm

Primary Election-April 26;
7 am - 8 pm

Early Voting for the General
Election-Oct 27 - Nov 3;
8 am - 8 pm

General Election-November 8;
7 am - 8 pm



Camp Springs residents



Corp. Michael Garner

An Opportunity to Work With Police

The Prince George's County Police Dept. is accepting applications for the next session of the Citizen's Academy. The Citizen's Academy gives residents an opportunity to learn about the work of police. They also get to ride along on police calls while in the training. Applicants must commit to attending each session.

The adult academy is Mar 21-Jun 6; 6 pm to 9 pm on Mondays. Participants must be residents or work in Prince George's County.

There is no age limit for the adult citizen academy; however, the ages for the young adult citizen's academy range from 18-27. It starts on Apr. 26 and runs for six weeks.

Upon completion of training, both citizen and young adult academies will have a combined graduation.

A background check is required when you apply. The academy is located at 8905 Presidential Parkway (near AAFB). If interested, contact the Prince George's Police Dept.



OLD BRANCH AVENUE STREET RE-PAVING UPDATE

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According to Dan Hamilton, WSSC Construction Manager, 5,500 miles of water main lines are within the WSSC service area which includes Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. WSSC replaces approximately 55 miles (1 %) of water main each year. In addition to the street re-paving, Old Branch Ave had its 40-50 year old water main replaced. We regularly hear on the news of water main breaks throughout the County/State.

For those with questions about the Old Branch Ave water main project and/or the street re-paving, contact Dan Hamilton (Construction Manager) at 301-206-7316 or Kevin Woolbright (Customer Advocate) at 240-205-3684.

Safety Tips for the Home

- If you didn't check your smoke or carbon monoxide detectors at the "Spring Forward, Fall Back" point, please do so now.
- If you need a smoke detector, contact County Click, or dial 311.
<http://countyclick.princegeorgescountymd.gov/>
- The Fire Department will install a free smoke detector AND do a fire safety inspection.
- DON'T use charcoal in your fire place.
- DON'T use a generator in the house or garage AND NEVER leave anything with a flame unattended at any time.
- If you have a fire, GET OUT, and STAY OUT.

The State Says Report A Pothole

The state highway dept is encouraging citizens to report potholes on state roads and/or submit any claims for damages as a result. Customers may submit pothole service requests 24 hours a day at http://marylandsha.force.com/customercare/request_for_service

Customers should include as much information regarding the pothole including the name or route number of the state road, direction in which the

pothole exists and any cross streets that will help crews quickly locate and fill the potholes. All potholes will be filled in the order received, weather and emergencies permitting. Claims for damages directly related to potholes on state roads are handled by the Maryland State Treasurer's Office, [410-260-7684](tel:410-260-7684).

Customers should have as much information as possible when calling the Treasurer's Office including location of the pothole, time and date of the incident and other information like a service estimate or receipt for any work performed on their vehicle directly attributable to any pothole along a state road and the name and contact number of their insurance company.

For Your Information

County Employment and Workforce Assistance:
Call [\(301\) 583-4650](tel:301-583-4650) or go to <http://www.pgcedc.com/workforce-services>

For constituent concerns: County Click
311: <http://countyclick.princegeorgescountymd.gov>

Request Pothole Repair:
<http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/PublicWorks/Services/RoadwayImprovements/Potholes/Pages/default.aspx>

Find Your Elected Officials:
Contact your County Council Member
<http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/countycouncil/Pages/default.aspx>

Your Civic Association Needs You

Your civic association is always in need of volunteers. No prior experience or unique expertise is required for most positions, nor do any of the positions require excessive time commitment; we just need your dedication. Review the list of committees and make the commitment today! Your civic association and community need you.

A Better Camp Springs Awaits Us All.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much”

-Helen Keller



WORK Together AND HELP Each other



James Randolph standing and Camp Springs residents

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Check out the CSCA Website for county and community news & events and to volunteer: http://www.Campspringsca.org

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