



Camp Springs Civic Association Community News

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

CSCA Meetings

2nd Wednesday

- Jan. 10, 2018
- Mar. 14, 2018
- May 9, 2018

Web Site: Campspringsca.org

November 2017 Community Meeting

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NOVEMBER COMMUNITY MEETING

Date: Wednesday November 8, 2017
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 on the meeting date, go to the CSCA website or contact a Board of Director listed on the newsletter, for an update on the scheduled meetings.

Feature Topic:

Prince George's County's Central Services Office and Energy Management:

Representatives from the Prince George's County Office of Central Services will speak at the Community Meeting. They will cover services available through their office and solar 101, energy efficiency, energy incentives and grants, etc. including home solar panels. The Police and Fire Depts will give updates. Please share with others and join us on Nov 8.



Maryland's Marijuana Dispensaries

CSCA board members, pastors and a few other concerned citizens attended a County Council hearing on Oct. 17 to speak out against an amended bill that would make it easier for marijuana dispensaries to open close to schools and parks. The amended bill CB-103-2017, introduced by Council Member Taveras, states that the dispensaries could not be closer than 300 ft. of schools and parks. At the hearing, Council Member Obie Patterson, in an effort to protect our youth, introduced an amendment to that bill to include daycares and before and after school programs. Currently, there is a proposal to open a dispensary in Camp Springs, in an area where we already face a multitude of

issues. We are dealing with homelessness, alcoholism and drug abuse. We do not want to add marijuana dispensaries to our existing problems. Recognizing that Maryland legalized the use of medical marijuana and approved the regulations in 2015, we understand that the County will open dispensaries; however, the County needs to be smart and strategic about where the dispensaries will be located and not allow haphazard and irresponsible zoning laws. We ask that you stand with us and attend a public hearing on the zoning laws for medical marijuana in November. The currently scheduled date is Nov. 14, but that could change. Check our website for the update on time and location. Also, see the letter we sent to legislators on behalf of the community.

Developments in Camp Springs

- * A groundbreaking for the new location of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services building was held on Oct. 30. The building will be at [5700 Capital Gateway Drive, Camp Springs](#). The new location will bring hundreds of jobs and encourage the opening of new places to eat and shop.
- * We should start seeing construction on the land for the new Allentown Gateway project on Allentown Rd across from the Dunkin Donuts by the end of this year. That project will include a Lidl grocery store, WAWA, town homes and other small businesses. The developer will give an update at a CSCA Community meeting in early 2018. Several other projects are also planned for Camp Springs. We will keep you informed.



Prince George's County State's Attorney Angela Alsobrooks addressed the community in September.



Accomplishments

The CSCA, with efforts led by President John Bailey, is commended for moving WSSC to renovate the water tower on Allentown Rd and Kiddiminister Ave. The tower was an eyesore for many years. The tower was transformed in a safe manner. John was successful in getting WSSC to be emboss the tower with the words "Camp Springs," our town's name.

We also commend CSCA Board member and treasurer, Arlene Wilson for working with the State and County to secure a fence around the pond at the corner of Allentown Rd, as you come off of the Branch Ave exit. The pond was being used as a repository for trash and by homeless individuals. It was unsafe for people and a hazard to the environment.



Combat Aging

Spend Time with Friends. They are good for the soul.

Do Something Creative. To decrease negative emotions, reduce stress and anxiety.

Exercise. At the gym, in the garden, or go for a brisk walk. It could add years to your life.

Wear Sunscreen. It acts as a shield against harmful ultraviolet rays which damage the skin.

Learn Something New. Challenging yourself may help stop brain decline.

Brush, Floss, and Rinse. To prevent yellow teeth and gum disease.

Don't Smoke. Smoking causes wrinkles, cancer, and heart and lung disease.

Information You Could Use:

Zoning

Prince George's County is rewriting zoning regulations. Be informed and make your opinions known before it's too late. There is a CiviComment site where you can submit comments online. See the links below: The Comprehensive Review Drafts of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations are now available! You can download these documents directly from the websites ([Zoning Ordinance](#) and [Subdivision Regulations](#)) and provide real-time comments via the CiviComment site (pgplanning.civiccomment.org). Comments must be submitted to the Planning Department by December 15, 2017.

Student Athlete College & Career Readiness Seminar

The PGCPSS Office of Interscholastic Athletics will host a series of workshops for student athletes to learn about NCAA, NAIA and Division I, II and III eligibility, how to pay for college and more. Students should see their school's athletic director to register. November 14, 6:30 p.m. at High Point HS Auditorium.

Compost

Walker Mill Community Development Corporation hosts free workshop on "How to Compost" Great for anyone with a garden to learn how to begin composting and importance of waste reduction. **Saturday, Nov. 18, 10:00am - 12:00pm**, Walker Mill Baptist Church, 6801 Walker Mill Road, Capitol Heights, MD 20743, [Register online](#) or for information call [\(301\) 772-1552](tel:3017721552).



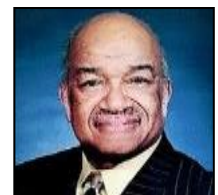
(Above) CSCA President John Bailey and Crossland High School student, James Hawkins, marching in the Crossland Homecoming Parade in October.



The Camp Springs community participated in the County's Clean Up Green Up on Oct. 28. CSCA Treasurer Arlene Wilson coordinated the Clean Up for the CSCA. She was joined by Joy Alford and Carolyn Fleming. The Henderson Road Neighborhood Watch's Clean Up was coordinated by Kathryn Gray who wrote *"the few, the brave, the HRNW clean up crew got out of their warm beds and braved the cold temperature to make sure our community stays clean and neat. Thanks to Monique Adams, Carlton Cox, Reginald Royster, Aaron Harley and Richard Bell. If you see discarded large bulky items in the neighborhood, call 311 for removal. We truly are a Good Neighborhood Getting Better Through Unity!"*

Condolences

CSCA offers condolences to the family of George Albert Washington, a long-time resident and member of the CSCA. Mr. Washington entered into eternal rest on Monday, October 9, 2017. Beloved husband of Sharon Washington. Also survived by two sons, Timothy and Mark Washington (Judy); daughter, June Ritchie; grandfather of Silvert Ritchie, Imani and Jeremiah Washington and the late Marisa Robinson; brother-in-law of Ophelia Angel. Also survived by godchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KNOW



Prince George's County **311** for general PG Gov. info
 Police Non-Emergency **301-352-1200**
 Emergencies only..... **9-1-1**
 Police, Fire, EMS or Sheriff
 9-1-1- is **NOT** equipped to accept text messages.
 District IV Police Station **301-749-4900**
 District V Police Station **301-856-3130**
 WSSC Emergency **301-206-4002**



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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, 2017 – August 31, 2018

Membership Dues: \$15.00 (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):

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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 |
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