



# Camp Springs Civic Association Community News

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

## CSCA Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

- Mar. 13, 2019
- May 8, 2019
- Sept 11, 2019
- Nov. 13, 2019

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

## January 2019 Community Meeting

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE JANUARY COMMUNITY MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday January 9, 2019  
**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.

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!**

**Feature Topic:** Dr. Jacqueline Harvey, Deputy Health Officer, Prince George's County Health Dept., will be guest speaker at the Jan. 9 Community meeting to discuss their key services, including major illnesses affecting the County. The Fire Dept. will give a demonstration on the proper use of fire extinguishers. Dist. IV Police Commander, Major Nickie Smith, and a representative from Police Dist. V will also participate. Please attend and invite your neighbors.

## Planning Board Rules Against Club Extasy/NICO Banquet Hall

By Leon Turner

In a major ruling made on Nov. 29, 2018, the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (Planning Board) voted 3 to 2 to support the Commission's Staff Report recommending Denial of the nonconforming use application for an eating and drinking establishment with adult entertainment located at 6306 Old Branch Ave. in Temple Hills. This adult entertainment/banquet hall business has operated as Club Exstasy/Nico Banquet Hall. The Camp Springs Civic Association's (CSCA) leadership testified at the Planning Board hearing in opposition to the application as well as another community leader from Hyattsville who fought against

a similar establishment in its area a few years ago. Dennis Whitley, attorney, represented the applicant and along with several witnesses testified in favor of the application.

The Planning Board's Nov. 29 resolution to deny the application will be formally approved and placed on the Consent Agenda on Jan. 10, 2019. The applicant then has 30 days, if it chooses, to appeal the decision to the District County Council.

The District County Council will make a decision and if it decides to reject the applicant's appeal, the applicant may file an appeal in Circuit Court. If the County Council rules in favor of the applicant, the opposition may file an appeal in Circuit Court. Importantly, the applicant may continue to operate its business during the appeals process. For further information about this matter, please contact any CSCA Board member or visit our website: [campspringsca.org](http://campspringsca.org)

## Scholarship Opportunities

The Henderson Road Neighborhood Watch and Corkran Memorial United Methodist Church Scholarship is a collaborative effort to build a stronger community through the awarding of two scholarships to eligible graduating high school seniors in the Camp Springs area. Students interested in applying must submit the following:

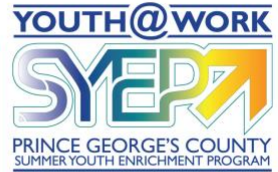
- The application
- Two letters of recommendation (include an educator, church or community member)
- Proof of community service
- Proof of 2.5 GPA
- A 500-750 word essay
- Proof of college enrollment
- A one page biography describing career and personal goals.

The topic of the essay is: **“How Can Young Adults Improve Their Own Community?”** Describe something you have personally done to improve your community. Applications and essays will be critiqued by a panel of four judges. The two scholarship awards will be presented at the Awards Night at the recipient’s high school. Online copies of the application can be accessed at [gray\\_kathryn@hotmail.com](mailto:gray_kathryn@hotmail.com). Completed applications and essays should be sent to Mr. James L. Gray 5407 Keppler Road Temple Hills, Maryland 20748 no later than Friday, March 15, 2019.

For the 2018-2019 school year, **MGM in partnership with the Prince George’s County Local Development Council and the Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPs, Inc.** will award \$150,000 in scholarship dollars to **30 PGCPs** graduating seniors (\$5,000 each) who attend the following high schools in the vicinity of the MGM complex and who meet the criteria outlined on the scholarship application: **Crossland, Friendly, Oxon Hill and Potomac High Schools. Get details from:** <https://www.pgcps.org/foundation/index.aspx?id=259036>

## JOB READINESS TRAINING!

**FREE!**



Courses meet Saturdays at area high schools, January-March, 2019.  
**Get a summer job hiring preference!**  
REGISTER starting December 1, 2018  
▶ [www.pgcc.edu/go/youthatwork](http://www.pgcc.edu/go/youthatwork)

## SUMMER JOBS!

### FOR AGES 15-19

Employment: June 24-August 2, 2019  
**Ages 15-17 earn up to \$2,273!**  
**Ages 18-19 earn up to \$2,663!**  
APPLY February 1-28, 2019  
▶ [www.YouthAtWork.mypgc.us](http://www.YouthAtWork.mypgc.us)



### -INFO SESSION-

Saturday, December 15, 2018, 10 AM  
Prince George’s Community College  
Lanham Hall, Room 125  
301 Largo Road, Largo, MD 20774

### -KICK-OFF EVENT-

Saturday, January 5, 2019, 10 AM  
Prince George’s Community College  
Largo Student Center, 2nd Floor  
301 Largo Road, Largo, MD 20774

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## Prince George’s County Council Leadership Change

Prince George’s County residents will kick off the New Year with new leadership. Angela Alsobrooks is the County’s first woman elected as Prince George’s County Executive. There is a new 11- member County Council. Monique Anderson Walker is the new council member for District 8, which represents Camp Springs. Former Council Member Obie Patterson is now Senator Patterson, representing District 26. Delegate Jay Walker and Kris Valderrama were re-elected and Veronica Turner, who won her election, returns to the team in Annapolis.

The newly-elected 11-member County Council convened for the first time, on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018, to Exchange the Gavel and elect new Council leadership. Council Member Todd Turner (D) - District 4, and Council Member Rodney Streeter (D) – District 7 will serve as Council Chair and Vice-Chair respectively, for Legislative Year 2019. They will serve in Council leadership through December 3, 2019.



Chief Rodney Taylor, PG/DER Animal Control speaking at the CSCA Community meeting in November.

### Support Our Youth with the GateWay Second Chance Foundation

Join us for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, Mar. 2, 2019 at The Hotel, 7777 Baltimore Ave., College Park, MD 20740. County Executive Angela Alsobrooks will be guest speaker. The GWSC Foundation supports the GateWay Boarding Academy for adolescent boys. The that academy will be built in Prince George's County. You may purchase a ticket for the breakfast or donate to the cause at [www.gatewaysecondchance.org](http://www.gatewaysecondchance.org)  
For more information contact Tammy 301-437-4551

## All Eyes on Legislation

**You can count on community activist *Tamara Davis Brown* to keep County residents informed of current legislation and how it may impact their lives. Mrs. Brown offers her opinion on a few 2019 proposed bills.**

**PG-302/304-19: Liquor Sales in Movie Theaters.** Unfortunately, there are no time limitations or adult movie rating type being proposed for the sale of liquor in movie theaters. Tell your Delegates to vote against this proposed bill or at least set some limitations on use of this proposed new BLX liquor license.

**PG-404-19: Repealing Campaign Contributions from Developers.** This bill would repeal the ethics law that prohibits developers from contributing to campaigns of the County Executive and County Council. Tell your Delegates to vote against this bill and allow the current ethics law to stay intact. Repeal is bad public policy and does not favor citizens to whom our elected officials should be accountable.

**PG-415-19: School Surcharge Fee Exemptions.** Every school surcharge fee that's waived means one less renovation and construction of new schools. Remember, under MD law to get state funding that Gov. Hogan is promising for new school construction, the County must match the state's funding. We can't do that by waiving the school surcharge fees. Tell your Delegates to oppose this bill.

**PG-305-19: Speed Cameras on MD 210.** Once dubbed as the "deadliest highway in MD" with an average of 8 fatalities a year, more has to be done to curtail speeding on this raceway to eliminate deadly crashes. Tell your Delegates to support more speed cameras on MD 210.

**PG-408-19: New Homes - Correction of Drainage Defects.** Our County is the only one in the state that allows developers to charge front foot benefits to the tune of \$1K for 25+ years for new housing developments. Frankly, correcting the drainage defects is the least developers can do with all that money. A better bill would be to prevent developers from charging the fee in the first place and to ensure that they meet construction standards with better inspections. Tell your Delegates to support this bill and do more.

There are other bills worth supporting: PG-409/410 provide tax credits for teachers and grocery stores; PG-417-19 use of marriage license fees for domestic violence shelters and programs; PG-503-19 limitations on Pre-K-3rd class size; PG-508-19 hiring an Inspector General for accountability and compliance in the school system.

Please visit the House Delegation's website to view all bills. Write, email or call your legislator by using the following link: [Prince George's County House Delegation](http://PrinceGeorge'sCountyHouseDelegation) AND email and call the Delegation's legislative director using the following information: [pg2@mlis.state.md.us](mailto:pg2@mlis.state.md.us) or call 301-858-3074.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KNOW

Prince George's County Police Non-Emergency Emergencies only..... Police, Fire, EMS or Sheriff 9-1-1- is NOT equipped to accept text messages. District IV Police Station District V Police Station WSSC Emergency

Don't forget to Check your smoke/carbon monoxide detectors. Homeowners or renters should replace their smoke detectors that are more than 10 years old and operated only by batteries.

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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, 2018 – August 31, 2019 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):

- Education Public Works/Transportation Public Safety Membership
County Svcs Senior Citizen Concerns Zoning Environment
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