



Camp Springs Civic Association Community News

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

CSCA Meetings

2nd Wednesday

- Jan 11, 2017
- Mar 8, 2017
- May 10, 2017

Web Site: Campspringsca.org

November 2016 Community Meeting

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NOVEMBER COMMUNITY MEETING

Date: Wednesday November 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: County Click 311 and New Construction in Camp Springs

There will be two guest speakers at the Nov 9, 2016 CSCA community meeting. Jennifer Hawkins, Senior Manager of the County Click 311 system will speak on the system, explain some new changes and answer your questions. County Click 311 is the one-stop call center to report non-emergency concerns. Brandon Bellamy, Velocity Capital Inc., will return to give an update on the proposed Allentown Andrews Gateway project (across from Dunkin Donuts and the Social Security Administration on Allentown Rd). That project will consist of 64 market rate townhouses, a WAWA gas station, and a Lidl grocer. Please mark your calendars to attend this important Nov. 9 community meeting and tell your neighbors and friends.

The General Election is Tuesday, November 8. Polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm.

If you're looking for information on the election- Presidential, Senate, and Congressional seats, Judges, Board of Education, and state and county ballot questions – look in the Voter's Guide. The *League of Women Voters* offers a free **Voter's Guide** to assist citizens in their decision-making process as they prepare for the 2016 general election. The League is a nonpartisan organization that does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. Many citizens complain that they do not know the judges. Read the **Voter's Guide** to learn more about

the judges and the state and county ballot questions.

Note that people with felony records, are now eligible to vote in Maryland. If you are 18-years- old on election-day, you can vote.

You can access the Voter's Guide at www.vote411.org
If you need specific information about your status as a voter visit:
<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/Votersearch>

Early voting is Oct. 27 through Nov. 3

Tammy Jones, President



Camp Springs Discusses Dementia Prevention

By Leon Turner



Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker speaks at the CSCA Community meeting.

Ms. Gloria Lawlah, former head of Maryland's Department of Aging, introduced County Executive Rushern Baker at the Sept 14 CSCA community meeting and praised him for his extensive efforts both personally with his wife (who suffers from dementia) and his work for Prince George's County. Following a video by the CSCA, Ms. Lawlah and Mr. Baker shared valuable information on this disease and answered audience questions.

Dementia is a brain disorder that "is expanding" says Mr. Baker. It causes memory loss and can progress to a full incapacity to routinely function. Baker recalled when his wife got dementia in early 2010. He noticed something was not quite right and she could not remember their children's ages or when they were born. He said, "there was no medication; you must just live."

Now County Executive Baker attends to his wife, 48 years old, daily before going to work and returning home. "She has no ability to do anything; she cannot walk and is non-

verbal." He has had to rotate shifts with the family to care for her and said that "every day is different."

Mr. Baker talked about the Dementia Friendly America Initiative (Initiative) started by the White House Conference on Aging. It is a national effort to provide supportive options and foster quality of life for persons with dementia. Thanks to Baker's efforts, Prince George's County is one of six communities, nationwide to participate in the Initiative. The objective is to promote dementia friendly communities across the nation that will support those living with dementia and their caregivers and families.

According to the Department of Family Services, "this disease is especially significant with the aging of our community. Of the 900,000 Prince George's County residents, 144,000 are 60 years and older and over 9,655 are over age 85."

Baker said that President Obama recognized that we must be aware and be prepared to deal with Alzheimer's and dementia. We must raise money for research and raise awareness. He encouraged those with early symptoms to get more active and keep the mind sharp to delay it.

McDonald's McOfficer Night in Camp Springs



Gateway Second Chance is Helping Youth Succeed

The Gateway Second Chance Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to 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 has successfully sponsored at-risk males to a one-week residential life skills immersion program at James Madison Univ., increasing their chances for academic and behavioral success; and planned an Out-of-School and After School reading program for adolescent boys who have dropped out of school, are suspended or under-performing. The Foundation’s second annual Prayer Breakfast fundraiser will be held in March 2017 at the Camelot by Martin’s in Upper Marlboro, MD.

The CSCA recognizes and applauds the Foundation for their important efforts to assist our at-risk youth and help make them productive members of our community. For those who would like more information on the Foundation, please visit their website at www.gatewaysecondchance.org or send a tax deductible donation to: Gateway Second Chance Foundation, Inc., 6368 Coventry Way, Suite 254, Clinton, MD 20735. You may also contact the Foundation’s Chairman, Clarence Carter, at (301) 332-1969 or email: ccarter@gatewaysecondchance.org.

Ignorance of the Law is no Excuse New Maryland Laws

- It is illegal to allow underage people to drive under the influence of alcohol after drinking in your home.
- Drug, substance abuse and mental health treatment are being expanded and there are plans for inmate rehabilitation.
- Parents with disabilities cannot be discredited when seeking to adopt or serve as guardian. There is an exception if the parent’s disability prevents the care of the child.
- Employers must pay men and women at equal rates for equal jobs. Employers may not stop employees from discussing or disclosing salaries.
- Members of the Maryland Apprenticeships and Training Council and its consultants must reflect geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural and gender diversity within the state.
- If a person has an outstanding warrant, county officials may request that the comptroller withhold that person’s income-tax refund, including active duty members of the U.S. Armed forces.
- Drivers must carry a current insurance identification card – paper, plastic or electronic – with them, or in their vehicle, or face a \$50 fine.

Upcoming Events

- Join the CSCA on Oct. 29 at 8 am for the County Clean Up, Green Up. We will meet in the parking lot of Village Thrift Store, 6307 Allentown Rd, Camp Springs, MD. Contact Arlene Wilson 301-899-3903.
- Nov. 1, County Agency Open House & Listening Session, 6 pm – 9 pm. Charles H. Flowers High School, 10001 Ardwick Ardmore Rd., Springdale, MD 20774
- Free e-cycling for County residents on Nov 5 at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705, 8 am to 1 pm and Dec 3 at Surrattsville High School, 6101 Garden Dr, Clinton, MD, 8 am to 1 pm. Recycle your old television and computer equipment. For more info, contact County Click 311.
- Nov. 9, Board of License Commissioners Regular Session
- Dept. of Family Services Aging & Disabilities Services Sponsors Family Caregivers Support Groups at 6420 Allentown Rd, Camp Springs. *1st and 3rd Wed*, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm and *1st and 3rd Thurs* 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. For info: 301-265-8450
- Searching for Grants - Foundation Center 101 Friday, Nov. 4, 9:30 am – 11:30 am PFCC Office 9500 Arena Drive, Suite 460 Largo, MD 20774

- Hands of Hope Caregivers Foundation holds its 2nd Annual Caregivers Conference Saturday, Nov. 12, 8 am - 1 pm at Colony South Hotel, 7401 Surratts Rd, Clinton, MD <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hands-of-hope-2nd-annual-caregivers-conference>





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IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KNOW

Prince George’s County **311**
 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**

Make the Right Call

Call 3-1-1 for general PG Gov. info.
 Call 9-1-1 for emergencies only -
 Police, Fire, EMS or Sheriff
 9-1-1- is **NOT** equipped to accept text
 messages.

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

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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, 2016 – August 31, 2017

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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Road | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution of Flyers | <input type="checkbox"/> IT/Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Business/Economic | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch | |