

GUM SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year!

In with the new year and hopefully followed by new ideas as we continue to improve the quality of life for Gum Springs residents. If we did not say it—Thank You for supporting our community! We hope that you will continue to support the Gum Springs community in which you live and/or work or worship.

For 2015, here are the Civic Association officers:

- President – Queenie Cox
- Vice President – Judith Garrett
- Secretary – Lisa Hill
- Treasurer – Mildred Cox
- Special Assistant to the Treasurer – Estelle Bowman

Special Supporters during 2014

During 2014, the Gum Springs community had a few special financial supporters we would like to thank and recognize. Those supporters were:

- Naomi Hill
- Al Monroe
- Dr. Judith Saunders-Burton
- *Your name can be here for January 2016 for showing your monetary support during 2015!*

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Community Meetings

The Civic Association is the voice for the Gum Springs community. You should support your community organization if you live, work or worship in the Gum Springs community. Community meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gum Springs Community Center. No meetings are held during July and August. The next Civic Association **meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015.** Dues are \$5 per person. Your dues are used solely for community purposes to a community newsletter, flyers, membership dues in the MVCCA, fees to maintain our 501(c)(4) tax exempt status with the IRS and registration fees with the Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation.

We also use the funds to support special programs and activities for community residents.

If you would like to support the Civic Association by making a monetary, make your check or money order payable to NGSCA and mail to: NGSCA; P.O. Box 6112; Alexandria, VA 22306 or bring to a meeting.

The Civic Association is here for the community it serves!

Looking Back at 2014

During 2014, the Gum Springs community encountered many challenges and accomplishments. In no particular order, here's a brief list of the most significant community challenges and accomplishments:

- Opening of Fordson Place
- Repaving of Sherwood Hall Lane that includes head-to-head left turn lanes at Fordson Road and the addition of a Bike Lane to Nowhere
- New approved sign by VDOT for the private section of Holland Road
- 1st Holiday Craft Fair & Bazaar

Candlelight Vigil in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The annual community candlelight vigil in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. hosted by the Civic Association will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the entrance to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Park in Gum Springs. Please come out and give honor to Dr. King. Don't let this be just another day off! Be willing to take 15-minutes out of your day to show honor to Dr. King. Hot apple cider will be served.

New Exercise Equipment

If your New Year's resolution includes exercising, then you may want to visit the Gum Springs Community Center. The exercise room received a major overhaul during the fall of 2014. Outdated and inoperable equipment was replaced during October 2014. So get fit or stay fit using the exercise room that's full of new equipment!

Gum Springs Outstanding Student Award for 2015

The Civic Association will be discussing the criteria for establishing a monetary award to recognize an outstanding student who resides in Gum Springs and performs community service in Gum Springs that is not a part of any other community service program to include any school or court ordered community service requirement. If you would like to participate in this discussion, please plan to attend the community's first meeting in the New Year on January 13th.

Thank You—DPWES & VDOT!

The Civic Association would like to publicly thank:

- ✓ Colleen Burroughs, Management Analyst, Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program
- ✓ Rashid Siraj, Permit Specialist Sr. Coordinator, VDOT

Ms. Burroughs and Mr. Siraj provided outstanding service and assistance that contributed to the quality of life for the Gum Springs residents who reside on the private road portion of Holland Road.

For those who do not know, a portion of Holland Road was never designated as a public road and remained in private ownership. As a result, the Gum Springs residents who reside on the portion of Holland Road designated as a private road is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the road in order to obtain certain Fairfax County services. They must establish a road fund and do so by pooling their monies in order to obtain services not provided by Fairfax County such as snow removal services and repair potholes.

In order to maintain the road's life expectancy, the Gum Springs residents on Holland Road sought the assistance of the Civic Association to restrict and minimize unauthorized use.

Ms. Burroughs provided assistance concerning a solid waste management matter and Mr. Siraj provided assistance in obtaining a sign permit to clarify ownership and responsibility for that section of Holland Road.

THANK YOU!

28th Mount Vernon Town Hall Meeting

Supervisor Gerry Hyland will be hosting his 28th Annual Town Hall Meeting for Mount Vernon residents on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at Mount Vernon HS. The Exhibit Hall opens at 7:45 a.m. and the meeting portion will begin at 9:15 a.m.

Support the Gum Springs community!

Pay your dues! And donate!!!