

# GUM SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Proposed Shopping Center – Fordson Place

The owner and developer (Marx Realty) for the property that the County would like to build a transit facility has submitted preliminary site plans for a shopping center that will include a sit-down restaurant with outdoor seating. Marx Realty will discuss those preliminary plans with the Gum Springs community during its monthly community meeting on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Bus Transfer Station

Fairfax County is proposing a transit facility aka bus transfer station at the entrance of the Gum Springs community, the intersection of Route One and Fordson Road. The County does not yet own the property but that's not a deterrent because Fairfax County approved comprehensive language during February 2011 to allow a transit facility at the entrance of the Gum Springs community without input from the community. There would be 6-to-8 bus bays and a building to sell transit passes. That part of Fordson Road may also be closed to Gum Springs residents making it more challenging to access their homes from Route One. It would also increase bus traffic on Fordson Road. The County will be making a presentation on its proposal during the monthly community meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Continued Partnership with George Mason University (GMU)

Although funding was not obtained to continue the Support on Suspension Program for the 2011-2012 school year, the Civic Association and GMU has continued its partnership by providing academic services for the Gum Springs Community Center's After-School Program with the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (DNCS). Tutoring and counseling services such as team building will be offered to students. This partnership with GMU and DNCS will be in effect after the GMU semester break (around the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January). If you would like to donate your time and/or service contact Barry Taylor at the Community Center 703-360-6088 on or e-mail Queenie Cox at [president@newgumsspringscivicassociation.com](mailto:president@newgumsspringscivicassociation.com).



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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 Wednesday 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 Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**. Dues are \$5 per person. Your dues are used solely for community purposes such as this community newsletter, membership dues in the MVCCA, to maintain our 501(c)(4) tax exempt status with the IRS and registration fees with the Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation. The community website ([www.newgumsspringscivicassociation.com](http://www.newgumsspringscivicassociation.com)) is funded and donated by a community resident

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Coffee Break

The Civic Association will be hosting a monthly coffee break event for our first responders (police and fire) on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the Gum Springs Community Center. This event is to strengthen our relationships and to show our support for our first responders. If you would like to donate coffee, snacks or funds for this monthly event, please sign up during the Civic meeting or via e-mail [president@newgumsspringscivicassociation.com](mailto:president@newgumsspringscivicassociation.com).