

# GUM SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Dan Moon will be honored as Civic Association Volunteer

National Volunteer Week is April 6-13. During the April 8<sup>th</sup> community meeting, the Civic Association will be honoring Dan Moon, a longtime Gum Springs resident for his volunteer service to the Gum Springs community. Dan is the son of the late Saunders B. Moon, who was the first and only principal of Drew-Smith Elementary School, which is now the Gum Springs Community Center.

## Psi Alpha Alpha Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Selected as Organization of the Year by MVCCA

Each year, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) of which Gum Springs is a member, selects a Citizen, Organization and Student of the Year who is recognized for their contributions to the Mount Vernon community. This year, for its organization of the year, the MVCCA selected Psi Alpha Alpha (PAA) Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

Each year PAA Chapter organizes and implements ten mandated programs that serve the youth and citizens of the Mount Vernon and Fairfax County communities. During the spring, they take part in the Rebuilding Together Project where they provides clean up and restoration assistance to a home in need within the county. Their Grandfather's Program and Cub Scouts



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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, April 8, 2014.**

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 donation, 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!***

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Pack in the Gum Springs community places positive male role models in the lives of male youths and teaches the youth how they are supposed to act in society.

PAA will be honored by MVCCA on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Fort Belvoir Golf Club. Gum Springs should show its support by attending the MVCCA Gala.

For more information and to confirm your reservation visit [www.mvcca.org](http://www.mvcca.org).

## **The Community Newsletter has gone Green--REMINDER**

The Gum Springs Community Newsletter is no longer providing hard copies of its newsletter. We have gone "green" since February 1, 2014. It is much more cost effective to provide the community newsletter electronically, post on the community website and to provide to our network of supporters to distribute electronically since we do not have enough volunteers to deliver the community newsletter to each home. To receive community information that is often provided in-between the release of community newsletters, you are encouraged to provide an e-mail address through the community website. It's simple and easy. We will strive to protect your e-mail address and will not share your e-mail address with others.

## **First Public Forum for 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Democratic Candidates**

The first public forum for Democratic primary candidates in the 8th Congressional District hoping to replace Rep. Jim Moran, who is retiring, will be held 4-6 p.m., Saturday April 12 at the Mt. Vernon High School Little Theater, 8515 Old Mt. Vernon Rd., Alexandria. The free public forum is sponsored by the Mount Vernon District Democratic Committee (MVDDC).

Twelve candidates are currently running. The forum will be open to any candidate deemed to be properly filed at the end of March by the 8th District Democratic Committee chair. Most candidates have agreed to participate. The primary is Tuesday, June 10.

The moderated forum will be the first opportunity for citizens to hear the candidates speak and answer

questions. Candidates will make short statements but the focus will be on questions collected from the community and the audience. Voters can meet the candidates in a brief reception following the forum.

There are currently 12 announced candidates:

Don Beyer

Lavern Chatham

Adam Ebbin

Bill Euille

Charniele Herring

Patrick Hope

Derek Hyra

Satish Korpe

Mark Levine

Alfonso Lopez

Nancy Najarian

Bruce Shuttleworth

Candidates officially in the race after end-of-March filing deadlines will be in the forum. Most (all major) candidates have agreed to participate.

The forum will be taped for local cable TV.

## **Community Flea Market Event**

The Gum Springs Community Center Advisory Board will be hosting a community Flea Market on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Gum Springs Community Center from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. There is no fee to attend but if you would like a table to sell your wares, see attached flyer or contact Judith Garrett at 703-919-5143 or [agjudith@verizon.net](mailto:agjudith@verizon.net). Cost for a table is \$25.

***Attend monthly community meetings!  
Pay your dues! And donate!!!***

**Next community meeting  
April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**