

GUM SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Guests for February 12th meeting

Barbara Doyle, CEO, INOVA Mount Vernon will be the guest speaker for the Civic Association on Tuesday, February 12th. So, if you would like to know the status of the hospital's expansion plans to include the emergency department that was not originally a part of the plan, you don't want to miss this meeting.

Dedicated Left-turn Lanes on SHL

On January 22nd, on behalf of the Gum Springs Community, the Civic Association sent Supervisor Gerry Hyland a letter requesting dedicated left-turn lanes along Sherwood Hall Lane (SHL) at Mt. Woodley Place, Andrus Road, Fordson Road and the entrances to Bethlehem Baptist Church and the King family driveways.

During the Town Hall Meeting on February 2nd, Supervisor Hyland presented a slide on SHL that mentioned the re-stripping and that the parking would be eliminated on both sides. That is not what the Gum Springs community requested particularly since the community did not agree with FCDOT and VDOT to re-stripe SHL as being four-lanes. That is a battle we fought during the INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital special exception process. What the community requested is for SHL to be re-stripped in the same manner as Beacon Hill Road at Richmond Highway to Quander Road. *Continued on page 2*

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Gum Springs Community Center

8100 Fordson Road

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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, February 12th**. 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!

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Parking is allowed on one side of the road along with a dedicated left-turn. Our parking should be retained on one side and not eliminated. To view a copy of the letter, please visit the community website at www.gumspringscivicasociation.com.

Gum Springs is 180-Years Old

This year marks the 180th birthday/anniversary for the Gum Springs community! Gum Springs is the oldest African American community in Fairfax County. The Gum Springs Historical Society and Museum is planning a special activity to coincide with Gum Springs Community Day for this milestone.

National Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Troop 1906, Boy Scouts of America, Colonial District, operating out of Bethlehem Baptist Church will be honoring their first Eagle Scout, Emmanuel Karem Edward Lewis, on Saturday, February 16th from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall at Bethlehem with a reception immediately following. RSVP to Merriam Kupay-Lewis at 703-731-5116 or merriambanu@gmail.com by February 10th.

Unclaimed Property Search

For National Consumer Protection Week (March 3-9), Fairfax County will be hosting a series of events for residents. One is Unclaimed Property Search. The Virginia Department of the Treasury's Unclaimed Property Division may be holding your uncashed paychecks, lost stocks, bonds, dividends, utility deposits, insurance claims and more.

Stop by South County Center (8350 Richmond Highway) on March 4th or March 8th from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. to meet with representatives from the VA Department of Treasury to see if any money is owed to you. Register for the event online at <http://ncpw.eventbrite.gov> or call 703-222-8435.

Postage Increase for 2013

First class mail postage increased by one cent from 45 cents to 46 cents on January 27th. So check before you mail to ensure you have the appropriate postage.

We Need Your Financial Support

Gum Springs Community Day (Community Day) will be held on Saturday, June 15th from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Park.

The success of Community Day last year was through the support of financial donations since the New Gum Springs Civic Association or NGSCA or Civic Association) sole source of funds is derived from dues of \$5.00 per person, when paid.

With all the cutbacks and reduced funding for programs and activities, the Civic Association is also experiencing a bare bones budget for Community Day.

We are now soliciting financial donations to support this year's Community Day. Any amount you are able to donate will be greatly appreciated. For your convenience, you may send your donation in the attached self-addressed envelope to the Civic Association (NGSCA, P O Box 6112, Alexandria, VA 22306). We appreciate your paying for the postage. If you would like for a member of the Civic Association to personally pick up your donation, please call the Civic Association on 888-740-6009. You always have the option of bringing your donation to a community meeting. Please provide your donation by March 15th so we will know how to plan for Community Day. Thanks for supporting the Gum Springs Community!

Save-the-Date(s)

February 12, 2013 – Civic Association meeting – Guest: Barbara Doyle, CEO, INOVA Mount Vernon

February 16, 2013 – National Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Emmanuel Karem Edward Lewis

March 12, 2013 – Civic Association meeting

June 15, 2013 – Community Day

Support the Gum Springs Community and its Newsletter!

Attend monthly community meetings!

Pay your dues!