

# GUM SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## The Community Newsletter is Going Green--REMINDER

So that the community is aware that limited "hard copies" of the community newsletter is available, we will repeat the initiative for going green that went into effect February 1, 2014 for next few months. It is more cost effective to provide the community newsletter electronically, to post on the community website and to provide to our network of supporters to distribute 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.

## Civic Association Meeting

Please plan to attend the next community meeting on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. to show your support for the Civic Association. You should attend community meetings not just when there is an issue that impacts you. We like to see new and friendly faces and to obtain and discuss new ideas and activities that may improve our quality of life as Gum Springs residents. We're not here just to hear "problems." It's nice to hear good things too!

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

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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 11, 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!***

## Civic Association is Cooking up a Fundraiser

The Civic Association needs your help to create a community cookbook of your favorite family recipes. You do not need to be a Gum Springs resident. Anyone who supports our community, programs and initiatives are welcome to submit a recipe. To contribute is simple, can be done online in just a few minutes and you join a worthwhile cause—supporting the Gum Springs community and our newly created Cub Scouts.

Here's how you can help:

Go to [www.cookbookfundraiser.com](http://www.cookbookfundraiser.com)

- In the log in area in the right hand column, enter your name as a contributor as you would like it to appear on your recipe. It could be your name or something like "The Smith Family." You can also add a photo of you or your dish.
- Next enter your e-mail address so we can keep you up-to-date with this project. However, providing your e-mail address is NOT required.
- Finally, enter "gumsprings" as our Group Name and the Password "recipe." **NOTE: Do not use quotes for either the Group Name or Password.**

Once on the cookbook homepage click on "Add a Recipe" under the recipes tools.

- Enter the ingredients and directions for the recipe and click on the submit button.
- Add as many recipes as you like, which you can do separately for each recipe.

If you do not have access to a computer or the internet and still would like to contribute a recipe in the Gum Springs Community Cookbook, ask someone to download the recipe entry form for you or pick up a recipe entry form at the Gum Springs Community Center or contact the Civic Association—888-740-6009.

**The deadline for submitting recipes is Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Submitting a recipe is FREE!!!** Please help us make this fundraiser a success and enter at least one recipe and commit to purchasing one cookbook. We promise to keep the cost to purchase a cookbook affordable for all!

**Thanking you in advance for your support!**

## Village at Gum Springs recognized for beautification award

Two sections of the Gum Springs community, the Village at Gum Springs and Gum Springs Glen, were recently recognized for their beautification projects that faces Richmond Highway. The Mary Thonen award and recognition were presented by the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation during its New Year's Open House on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Change in Fairfax County Public School Calendar for 2013-2014

Fairfax County has now used up its three "built-in" snow days for the school year. It is now eliminating certain holidays and student off days. The first to succumb to being a school day will be President's Day, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

The last day of school is tentatively scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>. Additional missed days could affect the last day of school.

Check the community website for list of makeup days and projected last day of school.

## Chevy's Tex-Mex Restaurant

The restaurant at the corner of Richmond Highway and Fordson Road has closed its doors. Don't know what will go in its place....*Stay tuned!*

## CVS Pharmacy replacing Exxon Gas Station

The Exxon gas station at the corner of Richmond Highway & Lockheed Blvd. will soon be replaced by a CVS Pharmacy. So stock up if you're a Safeway rewards gas card holder! *Again...Stay tuned!*

## City Brewhouse coming soon

Richmond Highway will soon welcome a new sit-down restaurant—City Brewhouse that will be located at the old Dairy Queen site (near Beacon Mall). Yippee!!

**Support the Gum Springs Community and its communication tools to include flyers and the community website!**