

# GUM SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## We have a Cub Master for Pack 2013

Johnny Galbert has stepped up to the plate to be the Cub Master for Gum Springs Cub Scout Pack 2013. However, we will continue the search for a Cub Master Assistant because Mr. Galbert is in the military and will be leaving the area this summer. We thank Mr. Galbert for not only serving his country but also for his support to Pack 2013! If you can only serve as our Cub Master for a short period of time, we welcome your support and time! Our young charges need your guidance! You will have all the support you need from other adult volunteers. Contact the Civic Association or attend a Pack meeting, which is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Gum Springs Community Center.

## The Community Newsletter is Going Green

Effective February 1, 2014, the community newsletter will no longer be delivered to individual homes unless you contact the Civic Association. It is more cost effective to provide the community newsletter electronically and to post on the community website 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 only need 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.

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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 14, 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 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!

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

The annual candlelight vigil in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. hosted by the Civic Association with a special performance by the Gum Springs Poetry Club will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 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. Hot apple cider will be served.

## **MVCCA Student of the Year Civic Award for 2014**

An application from any graduating senior from Mount Vernon HS, South County SS and West Potomac HS for the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) Student of the Year Civic Award deadline is January 10th. Unlike other awards for students, the MVCCA award is not based on financial need and may be used for any purpose by the awardee(s). For more information on how to apply, visit the community website: [www.gumspingscivicassociation.com](http://www.gumspingscivicassociation.com).

## **Cub Scout Pack 2013**

During the November 21<sup>st</sup> Pack meeting, six (6) cub scouts participated in an activity lead by John Kneightly, Cub Master for Pack 1504 that earned them their first badge.

February is the anniversary month for Boy Scouts. The Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet is its birthday party. Pack 2013 will hold its first Blue and Gold Banquet on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Gum Springs Community Center. If you would like to donate, attend or support our first Blue & Gold Banquet in any way, please contact the Civic Association. The banquet is free; however, for attendance, we need a head count for planning purposes. You will be warmly welcomed!

## **Mount Vernon Town Hall Meeting**

The Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland will be hosting his 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Mount Vernon Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at Mount Vernon HS in the Little Theatre from 7:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Exhibits will be in the cafeteria and adjacent hallways beginning at 7:45 a.m. The meeting is expected to start at 9:15 a.m.

## **Welcome 2014! Here's a brief look back on 2013**

During 2013, the Gum Springs community encountered many challenges and accomplishments. In no particular order with the exception of the importance for celebrating 180-years, here's a brief list of the most significant community challenges and accomplishments:

- ❖ Celebrated 180-years as a community
- ❖ The community sponsored its first Cub Scout Pack
- ❖ Proposed transit center at Richmond Hwy & Fordson Road
- ❖ Residential studio units comment in certain residential areas
- ❖ First River Farms Beautification project impact and its trash receptacles on Holland Road
- ❖ New website and web/e-mail address
- ❖ Request for left-turn lanes on Sherwood Hall Lane
- ❖ Head Start's proposal to retrofit the Community Center
- ❖ Fordson Place began construction and the first the of several stores—the Vitamin Store opened. Other stores to open will be Verizon, Paisano Pizza and Peet's Coffee & Tea (formerly Caribou Coffee).

To obtain more detailed information about any of the above issues, view previous editions of the Community Newsletter. All newsletters and certain community documents are available on the community website: [www.gumspingscivicassociation.com](http://www.gumspingscivicassociation.com) or contact the president of the Civic Association at [president@gumspingscivicassociation.com](mailto:president@gumspingscivicassociation.com).

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

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