

GUM SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Star Financial Supporters

The Civic Association would like to thank the following star financial supporters so far this year. We did not want to wait until the end of the year to acknowledge their special financial support for the Gum Springs community:

❖ *Al Monroe*

Mr. Monroe has been a long-time financial supporter of the Civic Association and a resident of Gum Springs.

❖ *Family of Emmett Cox*

Emmett Cox was a resident of Gum Springs for more than 70 years. He died on December 24, 2014 at the age of 90 years. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that the money be donated to support the Gum Springs Student Award. Funds received to support five awards.

The Civic Association accepts donations year-round. So, consider making a financial donation to support the Gum Springs community. No donation is too small!

Topics for Community Meeting

The Civic Association will be crafting a letter for submission to the appropriate individuals concerning: 1) parking for certain residents and churches on Sherwood Hall Lane that may have minimal impact while retaining the bike lane; 2) safety concerns at SHL & Fordson Road that VDOT has not yet corrected; and 3) turning left from Holland Road onto SHL. If residents don't speak up you



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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, March 10, 2015.**

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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will be contributing to the demise of this historical community which appears to be on the chopping block for Fairfax County and VDOT. The Civic Association is limited after the “dirty deed” has been done. During last month’s community meeting a few residents volunteered to review and reactivate the Gum Springs Conservation Plan. A few years ago, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the permission requested by Supervisor Hyland for the community to move forward. If you would like to join this group or provide comments, contact the Civic Association president. The group wants to hear from you! So share your thoughts by attending a meeting. You may also e-mail your comments to:

president@gumspingscivicasociation.com. Any and all comments will be welcomed!

Presidents Meeting

The Civic Association president held its first Presidents meeting with the presidents of the two homeowners associations (HOA) in Gum Springs: Mount Woodley Manor and the Village at Gum Springs. The overall purpose of the meeting was to foster and maintain a sense of cohesiveness as one community with the HOA presidents responsible for their respective HOA and the Civic Association president responsible for representing all residents of the Gum Springs community that includes the HOA residents. The presidents plan to meet quarterly or whenever necessary but share information on a regular basis.

Little Hunting Creek Clean-up

Little Hunting Creek Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 11th. This is a good activity for a student to participate and complete as one of two projects/activities for the student award for environment.

Time to Spring Forward

Get ready to lose 1-hour of sleep because it will be time to spring forward for Daylight Savings Time (DST)! DST is Sunday, March 8th. This means you will need to set your clocks ahead by 1-hour before going to bed on March 7th.

While we’re thinking about time, this year Palm Sunday is March 29th, Good Friday is April 3rd and Easter is April 5th.

Time to Apply for the Gum Springs Outstanding Student Award for 2015

The Civic Association is currently accepting applications for its first community award in recognizing four students in grades 9 to 12 who are making a difference through significant contributions that benefits the Gum Springs community as a current resident in Gum Springs. Four monetary awards will be granted in the following categories: 1) Arts/Culture – museums, performing arts, historical sites and programs; ethnic and cultural exploration or education programs; awareness and education for the arts—all directly related to the Gum Springs community; 2) Community Service—volunteer service to improve a section of the Gum Springs community or the community as a whole; 3) Environment—planning or implementation efforts to maintain a clean environment for the Gum Springs community through activities in at least two clean-up projects during the active fiscal year such as a community clean-up day, Little Hunting Creek clean-up day or one initiated by the student; and 4) Social Justice—efforts to bring together diverse groups within the community to address community issues or needs, or to promote equity and justice.

If there is no qualified student nominee in any category, no award will be presented for the award year. Students are encouraged to consult in advance with the Civic Association for viable community service projects and activities. Deadline to apply is May 15th.

For more detailed information to include qualifications, judging criteria, benefits, conditions for acceptance and how to apply (to include applying online), please visit the community website:

www.gumspingscivicasociation.com.

Support the Gum Springs community!

Pay your dues! And donate!!!

It costs money to communicate with the community. We always hear from you when things go bad but not when things are good! Attend monthly community meetings! Share your thoughts! We want to hear from you!!!