

GUM SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Star Financial Supporter

For the beginning of the second quarter of FY 2015, the Civic Association would like to thank the following star financial supporter by acknowledging his special financial support for the Gum Springs community:

❖ *Barney Barnwell*

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

Gum Springs Community Day

Gum Springs Community Day will be held on Saturday, June 20th from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Park in Gum Springs. The popular Caribbean CAISO Steel Drum Band will provide the music for the day. This is the same band that performed during the 2013 Community Day.

Little Hunting Creek Clean-up Honorees

The Civic Association will honor Bryan & Ursula Birch and our "social" host, Monroe Martin, during the May 12th community meeting for organizing and supporting the Gum Springs area of the Little Hunting Creek Clean-up that was held in conjunction with other communities on Saturday, April 11th. Come out and support these community volunteers!

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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, May 12, 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!

Democratic Candidate Forum

The Mount Vernon Democratic Committee is sponsoring a Candidate Forum on Saturday, May 16th at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center for the primary candidates seeking to be the next Mount Vernon District Supervisor.

Supervisor Gerry Hyland is not seeking re-election after being supervisor for 30-years.

The forum will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. The forum will be moderated by Kris Amundson. Ms. Amundson formerly represented Mount Vernon as its 44th District State Delegate and as the Mount Vernon School Board member.

The candidate who wins the Democratic Primary that will be held on June 9th will face a republican challenger on November 3rd.

Here are the candidates seeking to be the next Mount Vernon candidates seeking office:

Mount Vernon Supervisor

Tim Sargeant

Dan Storck

Jack Dobbyn

Candice Bennett

Tim Sargeant is the only candidate endorsed by a sitting local elected official—State Senator Toddy Puller.

The forum will be held at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center aka Police Station (2611 Parkers Lane.

You will vote for one of the above four candidates on June 9th. So please vote! Don't think that your vote will not matter or count—it does!!! This local election for Mount Vernon Supervisor is extremely important. This position affects your daily lives. So, plan to vote in the primary election on June 9th. You will then elect a final candidate on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Other offices and democrat candidates that will be on the June 9th primary ballot:

Virginia State Senator

Scott Surovell

State Delegate for the 44th District

Paul Kriezck

Summer is here...but...the noise ordinance is also enforced

Fairfax County has and enforces a noise ordinance. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) is holding a public hearing that may make the noise ordinance more stringent and easier for residents to report noise levels that affect their quality of life. So, if you have a barking dog, plan an outdoor party with music without out notifying your neighbors or have a motorcycle or vehicle that emits noise louder than normal, you may want to contact your neighbors to let them know of your plans. Otherwise, it could be a long hot summer if you don't respect your neighbor and that neighbor contacts the Civic Association or the police. Once the police are contacted, that may end the involvement of the Civic Association as a mediator.

The BOS is holding a public hearing on May 12th to amend the current noise ordinance. You can sign up to speak about the proposed ordinance during the public hearing. This will be your only opportunity to speak before the BOS makes its final decision.

Here's the link to the current noise ordinance

<https://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=10051>

Here's a link to the proposed noise ordinance

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordinance/proposed/noiseordinance.pdf>

Mount Vernon Farmers Market

The McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers Market opened on May 6th. The market will be open on Wednesdays from May 6th to December 16th from 8:00 a.m. until Noon at the Sherwood Library parking lot.

Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce

The Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce has selected the Gum Springs community as its home base. The NVBCC will be holding its meetings and certain events at the Gum Springs Community Center.

Support the Gum Springs community!

Pay your dues! And donate!!!