

GUM SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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CORRECTION—Voting Day is November 6th

The information provided in the September 2012 Community Newsletter was information obtained from Fairfax County's website. Apparently, the information was incorrect and not checked. The information has since been updated and corrected. Here's the updated information:

Last Day to Register to Vote (if not already registered at current address): 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 15th.

Last Date to Apply for an Absentee Ballot by Mail: 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30th.

Absentee voting is open from October 17th until November 3rd at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center weekdays from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Civic Association Meeting Day Changed to Tuesday

REMINDER--The community approved changing its meeting day from the 2nd Wednesday to the 2nd Tuesday. The next Civic Association meeting will be Tuesday, October 9th at 7:30 p.m. Please plan to attend because officers will be elected for 2012-2013. We will also discuss the permanent closing of the MLK pool. We need your support to continue the voice for the Gum Springs community! Bring a neighbor!

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Gum Springs Community Center

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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, October 9th.** 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!

Do You Need Community Service Hours?

Are you a student in need of community service hours for graduation? The Civic Association is looking for such a student. If you need community service hours, please contact the president or attend a regularly scheduled monthly meeting to see how we can help you and you help the community!

New Library Hours

Sherwood Hall Regional Library has new hours. Hours were reduced during previous budget reduction years have been restored. The new hours are: Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fight the Flu

INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital is providing flu shots from 9:00 a.m. until noon through December 2012. The following are 2012 Fight the Flu FAQs:

Q. What is the cost of a flu shot? \$30. INOVA accepts Medicare Part B as payment in full. In order to receive a free shot, individuals may not be enrolled in an advantage or any other managed care plan and must present their Medicare and insurance cards. All others must pay by cash, check or credit (credit cards accepted at hospital clinics only) at the time of the vaccination. A receipt will be provided to you.

Q. Who should receive a flu shot? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urge everyone over the age of 6 months to receive an annual flu shot.

Q. Who should not receive a flu shot?

- People with severe allergy to eggs
- Anyone who has had a reaction to a flu shot in the past
- People who have had a previous episode of Guillain-Barre syndrome
- Children younger than 6 months old
- Anyone with a severe illness or fever, who should wait until the symptoms have lessened or gone away before getting a flu shot

Permanent Closing of MLK Pool

The Fairfax County Park Authority (PA) proposed the permanent closing of the Martin Luther King (MLK) Pool in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park for FY 2013. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors did not restore the funding leaving the pool "unfunded." Even according to the PA, almost 8,000 residents from both Lee and Mount Vernon Districts use the MLK pool. The pool is also used by various groups such as RecQuest and the Boys and Girls Club during the summer for its structured youth summer programs. If funding is not restored, the MLK pool will not open Memorial Day weekend on May 25, 2013. So, where will Gum Springs youths go?

While organizations were busy wooing the PA for turf fields costing almost \$1M per field using funds for community park improvements such as the MLK Park, the PA placed the MLK pool on its elimination list at a cost of less than \$52K. The PA also did not include the MLK pool on its list of park improvements for the bond money that should be used to improve the pool in the MLK Park. Plan to attend the October 9th community meeting for an in-depth discussion on how the closing of the pool affects our youths and how you can help! Please plan to attend this important community meeting.

Save-the-Date(s)

October 9th – Annual meeting – community vote on officers for 2013. Slate presented from Nominating Committee along with nominations from the floor.

November 13th – Civic Association meeting – guest: David Versel, Executive Director, SFDC

December 11th – Civic Association meeting

January 8, 2013 – Civic Association meeting

January 15, 2013 – Annual Candlelight Vigil in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Support the Gum Springs Community and its Newsletter!

Attend monthly community meetings!