

# GUM SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Mind Our Manners!!! Thank You

We went on vacation immediately following Community Day on June 16<sup>th</sup> and may not have said THANK YOU for a great 180-years celebration event to:

*Rev. Dr. Darrell K. White, Pastor, Bethlehem Baptist*  
*Rev. Dr. & (Mrs.) Rev. Johnnie Abram, Pastor, Harvest Assembly Baptist*  
*Mt. Calvary Baptist*  
*A.L. Monroe*  
*Minister Marcus Ferguson*  
*Ayannah Palmore*  
*John Berlin, Fairfax County Park Authority*  
*Barbara Nugent Fairfax County Park Authority*  
*Saunders B. Moon Senior Citizens Club*  
*Gum Springs Community Center Advisory Board*  
*Gum Springs Museum & Historical Society*  
*Department of Neighborhood & Community Services*  
*Gum Springs Poetry Club*  
*Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors*  
*Gerry Hyland, Mount Vernon Supervisor*  
*Scott Surovell, Delegate 44<sup>th</sup> District*  
*INOVA Mount Vernon*  
*Doctors Express*  
*Fairfax County Sheriff Office*  
*Fairfax County Park Authority*  
*Sherwood Regional Library*  
*Friends of Dyke Marsh*

**Thank 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, October 8, 2013.**

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!

## **New Rules for Mopeds**

A moped is no longer a fun “gas” bicycle. That fun vehicle is now being treated as a “motorized” vehicle that requires owners to title and register the moped with DMV. New rules for mopeds that were effective July 1, 2013 include:

--Every moped drivers is required to carry a photo government ID (does not have to be a driver's license).

--Every driver and passenger must wear a helmet, face shield, safety glasses or goggles unless the moped has a windshield.

--Driver must be at least 16-years of age

Effective July 1, 2014, mopeds must be titled and registered.

Here's a link to more detailed information about DMV moped requirements:

<http://www.dmv.virginia.gov/vehicles/#moped.html>

## **No Plate Tax Penalty**

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a \$250 penalty for failure to properly display Virginia license plates within 30-days of purchase or move-in of a vehicle. The No Plate Tax and penalty is now \$350 effective September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **Transit Center**

Three sites being considered for a transit center: 1) Dart Drive; 2) Hybla Valley Center; and 3) South County Government Center. The location that may have the most impact on Gum Springs will be Hybla Valley Center. This location is the strip mall with Subway facing Richmond Highway. It has a large parking lot in the rear, can accommodate 16-buses, have room for expansion and the public housing (Murrygate) owned by the County could get a full-size soccer field. The County would purchase and relocate 11-businesses. If you had not noticed, there is an at-grade median at the intersection of Richmond Highway and Sherwood Hall Lane (SHL) that may be converted to a turn lane. Because traffic is an element for a transit center, the impact may result in dual left-turn lanes south bound on Richmond Highway onto SHL. This would then lead to SHL being widen to two lanes from Richmond Highway to Ft. Hunt Road or anywhere in between. Sounds

familiar? It should...during the INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital special exception hearing during 2011, FCDOT made the proposal. The Civic Association proposed dedicated left-turn lanes with VDOT during a meeting on September 14, 2011, who agreed it would improve the flow of traffic along SHL. Since no action had been taken by VDOT since that meeting, a written request was sent to Supervisor Hyland on January 21, 2013 requesting dedicated left-turn lanes at Fordson Road, Andrus Road and entrances to Bethlehem Baptist Church, Mt. Woodley and the King property. According to Supervisor Hyland's office, VDOT still does not know when the repaving of SHL will occur. SHL is in a NO PASSING zone. One of the most blatant illegal passing occurs at Fordson Road in both directions but a DO NOT PASS sign is not posted at that intersection.

## **Personal Property Tax (car tax) and Real Estate Tax Due Dates**

The deadline date to pay your Personal Property Tax for your car has been extended to October 7<sup>th</sup> because October 5<sup>th</sup> is a Saturday. The Real Estate second installment bill is due December 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Watershed Clean-up**

On Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, SERVPRO of Rose Hill/Huntington/Fort Hunt will be sponsoring a Watershed Clean-up at Huntley Meadows Park in partnership with the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park Association from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. All are welcome! For more information contact Ali Sims at 703-567-4599 or [ali.servpro10052@gmail.com](mailto:ali.servpro10052@gmail.com) or Kathleen Lowe at [Kathleen.lowe@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Kathleen.lowe@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## **Join Scout Night**

The new Cub Scout Pack that will be operating out of the Gum Springs Community Center will host its first organized meeting on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Come out and sign up a boy 7-to-10 years of age or in grades 1 through 5. A light dinner will be served.

***Support the Gum Springs Community and its Newsletter!***

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