

# GUM SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome Back! Community Meetings Resume on September 10<sup>th</sup>

Welcome back! Our first meeting after our summer vacation will be Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. To catch up on what happened in the community, visit the Community website. After 180-years, we've got parking issues!!!

## Parking on Holland Road

Parking has become a problem on Holland Road and its side streets during the expansion of INOVA Mount Vernon. Supervisor Hyland's office has been contacted since restricted parking was made a condition for the special exception application.

## Parking on the Lawn and Paving more than 25% or 30% of Your Driveway

Residents should be aware that there is a Zoning Ordinance Amendment that restricts the covering of an R-3 front yard to no more than 30% and R-1 and R-2 to no more than 25%. Another zoning ordinance prohibits the parking on the front lawn. For areas not covered by covenants, the Civic Association follows the Zoning Ordinance. Therefore, the Civic Association is in

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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, September 10, 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.

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agreement with the zoning ordinances because to park on the front lawn or cover a front yard with pavement or asphalt changes the character of the neighborhood. The Civic Association does provide exceptions, which are transmitted to Fairfax County in support of the action the resident is seeking. The Civic Association may also oppose a resident's proposed action and will transmit that position of non-support to Fairfax County as well. Residents are encouraged to attend monthly community meetings to discuss proposed actions and complaints. Here's a link to information about parking restrictions for vehicles:

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/parking\\_restrictions.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/parking_restrictions.htm)

## **Parking Etiquette**

Residents should be respectful and courteous of their fellow neighbors by not parking their additional vehicles in front of their homes or mailbox. Please be aware that if a vehicle is parked so that the mailman does not have a direct path to the mailbox, that resident may not receive mail. Excluding garages, some driveways can accommodate one or two vehicles and some driveways can accommodate up to four vehicles, when stacked. If your household has more vehicles than your garage, driveway and the frontage of your home can accommodate, your extra vehicles should be parked so that it does not irritate your neighbors. You may have to walk a short distance but that distance will go a long way than to have bad blood with your neighbors by not respecting their property or parking needs. Don't be selfish and disrespectful. It could be a hot winter!

## **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. A light dinner will be served. If you have not yet signed up your son, friend, associate or relative to join the scouts, please come out and sign up the young man. The pack is for boys' ages 7-to-10 years of age or in grades 1 through 5.

We are in need of a Cub Master and Den Leaders. You too may attend Join Scout Night and sign up or online even if you do not have a boy to sign up. Adult volunteers are always needed and welcomed!

## **Residential Studio Units**

Fairfax County is proposing to amend the Zoning Ordinance to accommodate Residential Studio Units (RSUs). These units will be used to house the homeless. The RSU may have up to three people and up to 500 sq. ft. The amendment would allow a RSU in all residential districts. As currently proposed, it would also allow a single family home to be converted for RSUs. So, a RSU could be coming next door to you! For more information about RSUs and the proposed zoning amendment, two scheduled workshops will be held: September 25<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Fairfax Government Center at 8:15 p.m. You need only attend one of the workshops. Information will also be available at the community meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **September Calendar**

*September 8<sup>th</sup> – National Grandparents Day*

*September 10, 2013 – Civic Association meeting*

*September 11<sup>th</sup> – Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance*

*September 14<sup>th</sup> – Anniversary Day of Francis Scott Key penning the Star Spangled Banner*

*September 15<sup>th</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup> Hispanic Heritage Month*

*September 17<sup>th</sup> – Constitution Day*

*September 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> – National Pollution Prevention Week*

*September 22<sup>nd</sup> – First Day of Fall*

*For more information about the community, visit the community website:*

[www.gumspringscivicasociation.com](http://www.gumspringscivicasociation.com)

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***Attend monthly community meetings!***

***Pay your dues!***