

Olde Mill Village Crier

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Meeting is the First
Wed of Each
Month

Contact:

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VOMCA Meeting: Mar 2, 2022,
7 PM @ OMHS cafeteria
Vomca.org/events



March Calendar of Events

Wed 3/2 VOMCA Meeting @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm

Wed 3/9 FOOM Meeting @ TBD 7 pm

Wed 3/16 PCRC – Eastern District Police Station 7 pm

Wed 3/23 OMSC Pool Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

Check us out on the web and
Facebook:

www.vomca.org

www.facebook.com/VillageofOldeMill

President's Message

Welcome to the March edition of the Village Crier. It's an exciting time for Olde Mill. Spring is in the air and our outdoor activities will increase. It's a great time to come out and meet your neighbors and contribute to the community.

And what better way to do that than at a FOOM sponsored Community Day. Come on out on Saturday March 5th and lend a hand. There will be gardening and preparing for the addition to the playground and all kinds of clean-up. We start at 7 AM but you can come anytime and pick what you'd like to do.

Please help out the OMSC by buying your mulch from us. It's our 4th annual sale and the price is the same as last year, \$7.00. Plus, we offer free delivery. It's going on now through March 12th and will be delivered March 19th. So Think Spring and Buy Mulch.

FOOM is having their biggest fundraiser of the year, the 10th Annual Barlowe Bolt on March 24th. It's a 5K Run/Walk and it starts and ends at Barlowe Field. Come out and support us by running or walking. And we welcome all of our 4 legged friends as well. All the details to sign up are on vomca.org under fundraisers.

It's also time to think about the Easter Bunny and the Olde Mill Annual Easter Egg Hunt being held on April 9th at 1 pm. We have so much fun. There are eggs to look for, prizes to be won, candy to collect and the Easter Bunny is there to take photos with. We will hold a raffle as well. So come on out and spend the afternoon having fun with our favorite rabbit.

This is a wonderful time of year when trees are budding (and did you see the trees that were donated to us in the park?), and people are coming out to play and walk and interact with each other. This is a great time of year to think about joining us in making Olde Mill the best place to live, work and play. Join VOMCA. Come out to meetings. See what we are all about.

Chris Szverra

President, VOMCA

VOMCA Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2022

Meeting opened at 7:04pm.

Guests:

Councilwoman Allison Pickard – District 2

Administrative Assistant – Kristin Etzel – District 2

Highlights:

1. Great community association; inspiring to see the work we do to improve the neighborhood.
2. Busy time at County Council; just held county budget town hall. Budget will be officially announced May 1st by County Executive (Stuart Pittman). Budget data developed using data from recent census. No change to our district; other districts (1 and 4) grew somewhat, and proposal was to create a 6th district to handle the increased population and balance out the current districts (Target population is 83k citizens; District 1 and 4 have 90k+ in each).
3. Multiple school construction projects going on in our area. Redistricting will occur once OMHS West is complete.
 - a. OMHS West (at Papa John's Farm) occupancy Fall 2024
 - b. RWES new school Fall 2023
 - c. Quarterfield ES Fall 2023
 - d. OMMS occupancy Fall 2024 (groundbreaking Fall 2022 at Southgate Park)
 - e. New CAT-N on OMHS property Fall 2025
 - f. OMMN occupancy Fall 2026 (in existing CAT-N property; pending funding).
4. Green Infrastructure Plan: Non-regulatory; county has mapped all green space within the county. Looking into properties to be preserved to maintain green space in the County.
5. Wade's Grant Traffic Circle: No definitive answer on it yet; we should have an answer when the budget comes out the second week of February.
6. Question brought up about a liquor store going into the shopping center by 7-11. There are no zoning regulations that would prohibit the store going into the location. There is an open storefront (where Allstate Insurance used to be) that neighbors are invited to keep an eye on for notices regarding application requests, depending on what business plans to occupy that vacant space.

Old Business:

1. VOMCA Treasurers Report:
 - a. Savings: \$1,591.96
 - b. Checking: \$1,419.15
 - c. Credit Line payments proceeding on schedule
2. Membership: Currently have 41 members.
3. OMSC Treasurers Report:
 - a. Savings: \$523.65
 - b. Checking \$4,208.48
4. OMSC Membership:
 - a. Total: 23
 - b. Inactive: 13
 - c. Active: 10
5. Minutes from January Meeting were reviewed and accepted by members present.

6. Update on Paper Crier Delivery: Most of the houses have received the special print version of the Crier
7. Update on OMSC Membership Drive: Going well; we still need some more emphasis on getting more members signed up.
8. Mulch Sale: Going well; we've sold 30 bags of mulch so far.
9. Update Barlowe Bolt 5K Walk/Run:
10. Update Tree Planting at Barlowe Field: Trees have been planted throughout the Barlowe Field property by the Watershed Stewards Academy, based at Arlington Echo. The trees along the parking lot do not significantly impact the parking availability. We anticipate potentially a 10% loss of trees this year due to weather and other issues beyond our control.
11. Dues are in Order:

New Business:

1. Easter Egg Hunt: April 9, 2022, Barlowe Field, 1 pm. We are planning for at least as big an event this year as we had last year. We plan to have a raffle table again this year.
2. FOOM Upcoming Events:
 - a. Community Day: March 5th. Plan to do yard work, mulch and clean-up. We have a large effort to clean-up the wooded area at Barlowe Field for future use.
 - b. Flea Market: May 21st in the OMSC Parking lot \$10 for one space, \$18 for 2 spaces, \$22 for 3 spaces. We will be serving breakfast and lunch again.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Members Present:

1. Josiah John
2. Paul Shaffer
3. Chris Szverra
4. Mary Stites
5. Randal Stites
6. Chris Hilton
7. Charlotte Rader
8. Sarah Hakulin
9. Megan Greenwell
10. Lianne Rostad
11. Colleen Flack
12. Lisa England
13. Ken England
14. Jeff Jefferson



How about that weather!!!

Hello everyone and welcome to the Friends of Olde Mill (FOOM) update. For those of you who paused to read this note in February and wondered if I would stay so excited for 2022, the answer is YES! Ok, the cold and wind have created a few challenges but spring (March 20) is just 24 days 12 hours 45 minutes and 20 seconds but who is counting?

This is IMPORTANT...we have two events in March, **the first** is our big fundraiser for the year it is the Barlowe 5K Bolt, 1 mile walk, if you have not registered to participate in the event or signed up to help just go to VOMCA.org and follow the links or send me a note at rstites@polingerco.com.

The second item is we are having our first Community Day at Barlowe Field on Saturday March 5th from 7am to 1pm, and we need some help, lots of simple things that anyone can do, here is our list

Pick up trash in the park and woods (the wind has really dropped a lot of stuff around the park) we have a few of the grabbers to use but if you have your own please bring it

Spread Mulch in the Gardens, FOOM has purchased mulch from the swim club mulch sale and is having it delivered early so we can spread it out on the 5th, come join us (if you want mulch go to VOMCA.org)

Clipping plants down so they can start their spring growth, we have many plants that need a bit of a haircut to get them ready for spring, we will have some tools if you need them

Doing some raised garden repairs, we have a few pieces that need a little TLC

We may build a small platform for the park, if it works out we will have the supplies and tools, just need a little help putting it together

If you look at the park side of the Snack Shack you will see some wood crying for help, we hope to cut and install some new plywood panels to dress it back up, during the coming months we also have lots of trim boards to change out.

Edging the sidewalks, wow is this overdue, we have a few tools, battery and electric that can be used to get a start on this, but if you have a gas powered edger well you are our new best friend!

You have heard of curb appeal? We need a little help with our curbs, we would like to blow, sweep, shover, power wash, anything that helps to move the debris out and give us that clean look.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY we hope to lay out and mark the area we are going to install the playground equipment in, we need all the opinions we can get about its placement in the flat dirt area and we want to use the maps some wonderful volunteers made when we obtained the equipment to make the ground so we can come back in a few weeks with a gas powered auger and make big holes! Yes we will need a couple of volunteers for that too, when we did the swings we had a great crew that bored holes, mixed concrete and got the frame assembled, we had a great time.

Randal R Stites
President of Friends of Olde Mill

COMMUNITY DAY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Barlowe Field Clean Up

- Seasonal start for the gardens
- Install a border around the sandbox
- Mulch gardens
- Repair some raised flower beds
- Remove invasive English Ivy
- Prepare the park for the Barlowe Bolt taking place on March 26th

March 5, 2022 | 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

490 Chalet Drive, Millersville, MD 21108



Raising money for a new playground

**FRIENDS OF OLDE MILL &
VILLAGE OF OLDE MILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

490 Chalet Drive

(443)852-2098 | board@vomca.org | www.vomca.org



10th Annual

Barlowe 5k Bolt

5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

Proceeds will help in the continuing improvements and maintenance of Barlowe Field.



Saturday, March 26, 2022

Starts and finishes at Olde Mill Pool,
490 Chalet Drive, Millersville, MD 21108

Register on

www.Active.com

or by mail

On-site registration (cash only) and packet pick up start at
6:00am and the run/walk starts at 7:00am!

Early bird registration until March 4, 2022

fee is \$35 for 5K or 1 Mile Fun Run / Walk

Registration fee after March 4, is \$45 for 5K or 1 Mile Fun Run / Walk
(T-shirts aren't guaranteed after Early Bird Registration date of March 4, 2022)

"Like" our facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/BarloweBolt>

F.O.O.M.
FRIENDS OF OLDE MILL



Barlowe 5K Bolt 2022 Sponsorship Form

Thank you for deciding to partner with Friends Of Olde Mill (F.O.O.M.) and become one of our Barlowe 5K Bolt Sponsors. The 10th Annual Barlowe 5K Bolt will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022. Proceeds from this race and other fundraisers we are holding in 2022 will benefit our playground and the athletic fields at Barlowe Field.

We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which means your donation is 100% tax deductible and when we receive your donation/sponsorship we will provide you with a tax letter with our tax ID number.

We have different levels of sponsorship depending on the **size advertisement you would like in the Race Programs** and if you'd like the prominence of your **logo on the Race T-shirts** and your **advertisement on our Community Facebook Page**, www.Facebook.com/VillageOfOldeMill. See the next page for Sponsorship level options. All sponsors who submit their logo prior to March 4th will see it included on the picture backdrop banner at the event.

Early bird special! Get your completed form, logo and check to FOOM, Inc, P.O. Box 151, Millersville, MD 21108 no later than **Friday, February 26th** and receive a **FREE Race T-shirt** in the size of your choosing!

All completed forms, logos and checks need to be received no later than Friday, March 4th.

Thank you again for your Community support! Together we can accomplish so much more. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Your Friend of Olde Mill,

Randal Stites
F.O.O.M. President
RStites@polingerco.com
202-441-1232
www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org

Please complete the following and return it along with a PDF AND PNG copy of your logo and advertisement emailed to RStites@polingerco.com. *If you prefer, your logo may be used instead of an advertisement for the Race Programs and Community Facebook Page acknowledgment.*

Company name: _____

Address: _____

Contact person: _____

Telephone number: _____

Levels of Sponsorship in Race Programs *(please check all that apply):*

Ad sizes are approximate

These levels include your logo on the Race T-shirts and your advertisement on our Community Facebook Page:

- \$500 Whole page inside front cover, or inside back cover (Depending on availability)
- \$400 Whole page (5" x 8")
- \$200 Half page (5" x 4")
- \$100 Quarter page (2.5" x 4")

These levels do NOT include your logo on the Race T-shirts nor your advertisement on our Community Facebook Page:

- \$35 Quarter page (2.5" x 4")
- \$10 Neighborhood "Shout Out" spot – 25 word limit. Example: "We BOLT with You! - FOOM"

Write your "Shout Out" here:

Vendor Space wanted on Race Day (\$100 minimum Sponsorship level)? YES NO

*If YES, please bring your own table.

***Early Bird Special FREE T-shirt Size: _____.** Form, logo and ad must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 7th**.

We appreciate your community support for the 2022 Barlowe Bolt!

Olde Mill Swim Club (OMSC) Needs your support!

Join The Swim Club, Volunteer, or Donate! We Need You!

Did you know that we have a neighborhood Community Pool? When you become a member, there is no need to pay every time you want to swim, like at the Aquatic Center, or pay higher membership fees like the other community pools in the area.

Your membership helps us hire lifeguards for the season, improve the pool area, and host member events (some family and some adult only)!

Our newly renovated (2021) Snack Shack is very popular. During the 2020 season, we revamped the pool's top edge, including new tiles and coping stones, retrofit the pool area lights to LED, and replaced all the pumps! The addition of new shade structures is in our 2022 program.

Are you interested in joining? We accept new members all year! January through April are the primary months for renewing memberships and help us to better budget for any current or upcoming improvements.

Become a member in 4 easy steps:

1. Purchase a Certificate of Membership
2. Pay your Annual Dues
3. Submit a family photograph electronically (email it to omsc.membership@vomca.org)
4. Submit Emergency Contact/Procedure Form

You can fill out the form by downloading a copy at our website: Vomca.org and mailing it to OMSC 490 Chalet Drive, Millersville, MD 21108

Our Swim Season officially starts Memorial Day weekend! Meet your neighbors, sign up for the Torpedo's Swim Team, and help us continue our mission to:

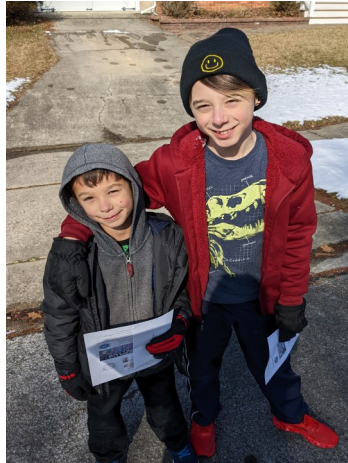
- Sponsor an enjoyable swim team that also instills a sense of accomplishment.
- Provide a facility for exercise, athletics, and socialization.
- Maintain a safe, relaxing, and pleasant environment.
- Offer our members a facility for their private parties.
- Support other community groups through appropriate access to the facility.
- Hold enjoyable special events that reinforce the feeling of belonging and build a sense of friendship and community.

To learn more and find the membership documents, head on over to our website: vomca.org and click on OMSC Membership.



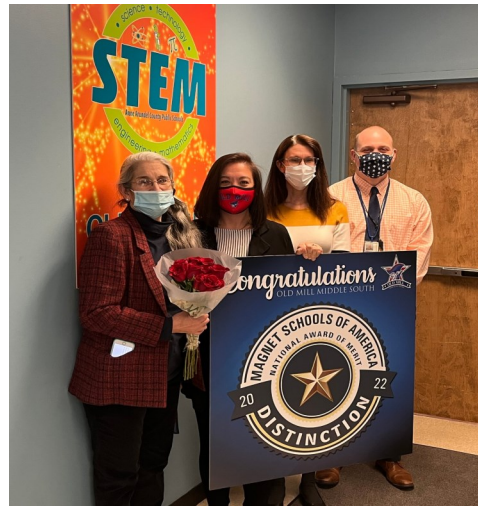
March Photos

Volunteers working on Special Print Edition of The Village Crier



Congratulations

Old Mill Middle School
South on being named
National Magnet Schools of
Distinction by Magnet
Schools of America



Tree Planting around OMSC parking lot





To Benefit The

Olde Mill Swim Club

4th Annual

Mulch Sale

\$7 per bag

Brown 3 Cubic Foot Bag – Red or Black 2 Cubic Foot Bag

Free Delivery in Olde Mill on

Saturday March 19th

Visit VOMCA.org to place your order and pay up to 10am on Saturday March 12th

For additional information email Randal Stites rstites@polingerco.com



Mulch Delivery is Saturday
March 19th.
Volunteers Needed

Please contact
Randal at

RStites@polingerco.com

(202) 441-1232



AN EVENT TO BENEFIT THE SENIOR CLASS OF 2022

Join Us on

Saturday 4/2 12-5pm

Elvaton Baptist Church
8422 Elvaton Road
Millersville, MD

Choose from a variety of new and gently used elegant dresses, shoes and accessories for all high school seniors

Absolutely FREE!

Beginning March 14, Schedule an Appointment by using your smartphone to  SCAN ME or visit us online at www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D49AAAD22A1FF2-2022

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Annual Easter EGG HUNT

JOIN US!

 **1 pm** | **APRIL 09**

Barlowe Field
490 Chalet Drive

Photos with Easter Bunny, Win Prizes, Music, Bake Sale, Raffles, and Much More!

FOOM FLEA MARKET FUNDRAISER



**Saturday, May 21, 2022,
from 8 am-12 pm**

Rain date: Sunday, May 22, 2022

**Location: Barlowe
Field/Community Pool parking
lot**

**490 Chalet Dr., Millersville,
MD 21108**

FOOD & Beverages provided by F.O.O.M.

We will have breakfast, hamburgers, hotdogs, & beverages!

For Information: please contact

Ms. Chris: mdwhere4u@aol.com or 443-852-2098



Quarter Auction

Saturday, November 19, 2022

Doors open at 6:00pm; Auction begins at 7:00p

Howard L. Turner Post 276 of the American Legion

8068 Quarterfield Road
Severn, MD 21144

\$5.00 (in advance) / \$7.00 (at the door)

(Cost includes admission and TWO (2) paddles)

To Benefit Friends of Olde Mill

Vendors: Cash Surprise, No-Sew Blankets, Handmade Wreaths,
Tastefully Simple/Tupperware, Liquor, Scratch Offs, and More!

Lucky Ball, 50/50, Bake Sale

Food and Refreshments available for purchase.

Alcohol will be available for purchase as well.

To purchase tickets, call – Chris at 443-852-2098;
Or go online at VOMCA.org to use our PayPal option
Questions contact Teri Cunningham at 410-794-6278

Olde Mill 2022 Event Calendar

MARCH

Wed 3/2 VOMCA Meeting @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm
Sat 3/5 Community Day #1 @ Barlowe Field 7 am
Wed 3/9 FOOM Meeting @ TBD 7pm
Sat 3/12 Last Day for Mulch Orders
Wed 3/16 PCRC – Eastern District Police Station 7 pm
Sat 3/19 Mulch Delivery
Wed 3/23 OMSC Pool Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm
Sat 3/26 Barlowe Bolt 5K Run/Walk@ 490 Chalet Dr. 7am

APRIL

Wed 4/6 VOMCA Meeting @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm
Sat 4/9 VOMCA Easter Egg Hunt – Barlowe Field 1 pm
Wed 4/13 FOOM Meeting - TBD 7 pm
Wed 4/20 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station – 7 pm
Wed 4/27 OMSC Pool Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

MAY

Wed 5/4 VOMCA Meeting @ OMSC Pool 7 pm
Wed 5/11 FOOM Meeting - TBD 7 pm
Sat 5/14 Community Day #2 @ Barlowe Field 7am
Wed 5/18 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 pm
Sat 5/21 FOOM Flea Market @ 490 Chalet Dr. 8-12 am
Wed 5/25 OMSC Pool Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm
Sat 5/28 Memorial Weekend - OMSC Opens

JUNE

Wed 6/1 VOMCA Meeting @ OMSC Pool 7 pm
Wed 6/8 FOOM Meeting - TBD 7 pm
Sat 6/11 Spring Fling at Barlowe Field
Wed 6/22 OMSC Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

JULY

Mon 7/4 Night Swim/4th of July Event OMSC 8-10pm
Wed 7/6 VOMCA Meeting @ OMSC 7 pm
Wed 7/13 FOOM meeting - TBD 7 pm
Sat 7/16 Community Day #3 @ Barlowe Field 7 am
Wed 7/27 OMSC Pool Committee Meeting – ZOOM 7 pm

AUGUST

Wed 8/3 VOMCA Meeting @ OMSC 7 pm
Wed 8/10 FOOM Meeting - TBD 7 pm
Wed 8/24 OMSC Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

SEPTEMBER

Mon 9/5 Labor Day – Last Day of OMSC 2022 Season
Wed 9/7 VOMCA Meeting @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm
Wed 9/14 FOOM Meeting - TBD 7 pm
Wed 9/21 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 pm
Sat 9/24 Community Day #4 @ Barlowe Field 7 am
Wed 9/28 OMSC Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

OCTOBER

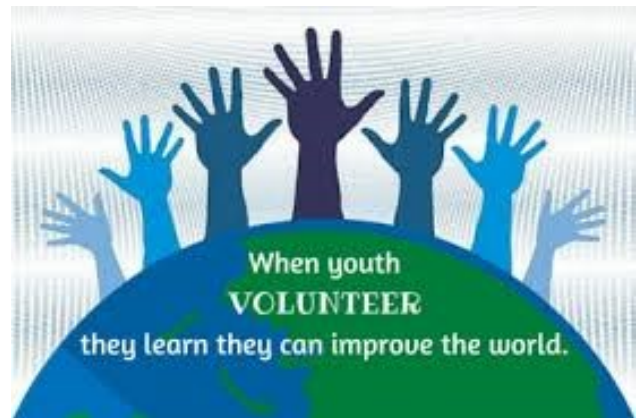
Wed 10/5 VOMCA Meeting @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm
Sat 10/8 Fall Flea Market @ 490 Chalet Dr – 8am – 12pm
Wed 10/12 FOOM Meeting - TBD 7 pm
Wed 10/19 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station - 7 pm
Sat 10/22 VOMCA's Fall Fest @ Barlowe Field 11am-3pm
Wed 10/26 OMSC Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

NOVEMBER

Wed 11/2 VOMCA Meeting @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm
Wed 11/9 FOOM Meeting - TBD 7 pm
Wed 11/16 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station - 7 pm
Sat 11/19 FOOM Quarter Auction – American Legion Post 276 – 6 – 9 pm
Wed 11/23 OMSC Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

DECEMBER

Wed 12/7 VOMCA Meeting @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm
Sat 12/10 VOMCA Tree Lighting @ Barlowe Field 3-7pm
Wed 12/14 FOOM Meeting @ Ledo's Pizza 6 pm
Wed 12/17 Santa's Fire Truck Visit – 2 pm
Wed 12/21 PCRC – Eastern District Police Station - 6 pm
Weds 12/28 OMSC Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7pm



Current Officers are:

President: Chris Szverra 443-852-2098
Vice President: Randal Stites 202-441-1232
Membership: Lisa England
Treasurer: Chris Hilton
Secretary: Josiah John

Board Members are:

2022 Meghan Greenwell
2023 Paul Shafer
2024 Sarah Hakulin
2025 Vacant
2026 Colleen Flack



To renew your 2022 VOMCA membership or become a member

Send a check or go to vomca.org to pay your dues (\$25):

Mail to:

VOMCA Membership, 490 Chalet Dr., Millersville, Md. 21108

2022 VOMCA Membership Application

Please complete this form, printing the names of all members of your household who are 18 or more years old, and mail it together with your check, payable to **VOMCA, to: VOMCA Membership, 490 Chalet Dr. , Millersville, MD 21108.**

The membership fee for your household's annual **Dues \$25.00**

Names of Adults in Household: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone: _____ (Unlisted? Yes No)

Email Address: _____ Would you like to volunteer in the community? _____

Suggestions for improvements in Olde Mill: _____

There will be a \$10 processing fee for any returned check. Your membership card(s) will be emailed to you.

30% off if you choose to advertise for a year.

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Lower \$25 Full Page

Prices \$18 1/2 Page

This Year! \$10 1/4 Page

PDF Flyers, Word Documents &

Pictures (tiff, png, gif)

webadmin@vomca.org

Eastern District Police:

410-222-6145

Useful Phone Numbers

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Non-emergency questions:

Street Light Outages:

410-222-8610

1-800-685-0123 BGE

Water & Wastewater

Animal Control: 410-222-7582

Emergency:

410-222-8400

Trash Pick Up: 410-222-6100 Complaints

County 311...For Information

Northern Roads: 410-222-6120 Roads, etc.

Questions? Email:

webadmin@vomca.org

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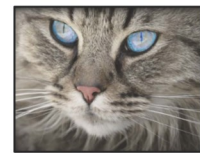
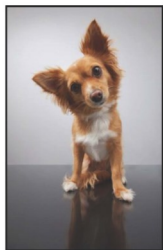


ANYTIME FITNESS [®]

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672 Old Mill Rd

MillersvilleMD@anytimefitness.com



Companion Bridge provides support to low income individuals or those who have fallen upon a recent economic hardship and cannot afford a medical crisis with their companion pets. In cases where an animal can be saved, we work directly with the veterinarian, striving to end economic euthanasia.



The **Companion Bridge** community contains on-line resources with links to board certified veterinarians, rehab specialists, vendors and educational information about keeping pets healthy.

Companion Bridge is a not for profit 501(c)3 that is 100% donation funded and 100% volunteer staffed.



Please help our/your community by making a tax-deductible donation to Companion Bridge. Every penny makes a difference in the life of your neighbor and their pet when they are facing a difficult time.

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 <https://companionbridge.org/>