

Olde Mill Village Crier

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VOMCA Meeting: Wednesday, June 1, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at
Olde Mill Pool (or Old Mill High School in case of rain)



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President's Message

Pool meetings this summer are the first Wednesday of each month: June, July, August and September at 6:15 p.m. at the pool.

The Olde Mill Swim Club was slated to open on Memorial Day weekend. As some of you may know, there was an extensive problem with the wall in the pool. Community Pools had the job subcontracted out. However, because of bad weather, there was going to be a delay in having the work done.

With that being said, the opening date would have been pushed back to sometime in the first week of June. So we decided to do the work in house, and as of May 22 the pool was being filled.

I thank Rick Behringer for leading the project to complete the wall. Doing this work ourselves saved the swim club \$3,200.

I also want to thank the volunteers who gave up their weekend to assist us in getting the pool ready.

Unless you have been a part of this process you do not know the hard work that is required to get the pool ready for a new season. If you see these members at

the pool please thank them. These are the folks whose hard work allowed us to open on Memorial Day weekend. The volunteers we salute are:

Rick Behringer
Kevin Kendall
Bev and Dave Parker (and the kids)
Jeanne Musser
Bob Hull
Barb, John, and Mathew Mason
Dave Allison

These individuals stepped to the plate to assist in getting the Olde Mill Swim Club up and running on time.

There will be a suggestion box placed at the pool this year at the entrance table. Members are encouraged to place suggestions and complaints in the box. We need to know how we are serving you and how we may be able to do a better job.

Please remember if you have not done so yet to send in your 2011 swim club dues. If dues are not in or a member has paid only inactive dues for 2011, entry to the club shall be denied. If anyone has questions please email me at tastag@verizon.net. If anyone needs assistance with membership information please contact the membership line at the pool

(410-987-7890). Kevin Kendall handles membership for the pool. Also, all members are urged to read the rules for the swim club to familiarize themselves with them.

I have received information that there is a vehicle speeding problem along the south end of Kenora Drive. We are looking into submitting for a grant that will assist us with some type of traffic-calming effort. I will get in touch with Anne Arundel County's Traffic Engineering division and have a meeting with them and the residents on Kenora Drive. If residents along Kenora Drive would like the speed calming devices like the ones on Chalet Drive, we may be able to have them installed with approval of Traffic Engineering and approval of the grant. —Tom Stag, President

Thanks to All Community Yard Sale Participants

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Community Yard Sale on May 14. Even though it was an overcast misty/rainy day, we hope everyone at least made a little money and shoppers were happy.



Photo at left shows the extent of the deterioration on one of the swimming pool walls at the Barlowe Field rec area. Rick Behringer (right) coordinated repairs. See the President's Message for additional more details. More pictures are on page 2.



Swim Club News

A new aerobics program is being offered at the end of the third section of swim lessons, July 18 to July 29 starting at 7:30 p.m. This is non-impact exercise in the water, which will benefit your heart and health.

Call 410-987-7890, mailbox 5, for more information. Leave a message for Debbie at this pool number.

Don't forget to return your completed pool packet information for a summer of fun in your own backyard. The pool opens on weekends and holidays, May 28, 29, 30 and June 4, 5, 11, and 12. Daily operations begin approximately June 16 through September 5, 12 noon to 8:00 p.m.

Call the pool number, 410-987-7890 for information or pick up a packet on the pool gate. Pool season is upon us!

Community Dumpsters Are Coming in Early June

From 8 a.m. on Monday, June 6, to 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8, the county will place its large dumpsters at the Barlowe Field pool road area for residents to use in spring-cleaning their homes and property.

Items that cannot be disposed of in or near the dumpsters include "junk autos, trailers, gas and propane tanks, tree trunks, oil drums or tanks, liquids, hazardous waste, boats, tires, logs, paint, refrigerators, or air conditioners."

Note that you can always take excess trash to the Millersville Landfill & Resource Recovery Facility at 389 Burns Crossing Road in Severn. But be sure to call or check online for the Sunday schedule; the landfill is closed many Sundays because of county service reductions.

Personal Notice

Looking for Neighbor: Will the gentleman who several years ago loaned my daughter some money, on her word (without my knowledge) that I would repay the loan, return to my home, as I am now in a position to repay his kindness. Send email with "Attn. Joan" in Subject line to crier@vomca.org.

Useful County Numbers

Northern District Roads 410-222-6120 (Street issues)

Public Works 410-222-7500 (Water issues)

Tree Removal 410-222-7349

Zoning Enforcement 410-222-7446

Community Constituent Services 410-222-1527 (Jody Leddy)

MD Dept. of Agriculture Mosquito Control 410-841-5870

Mosquito Control Program About to Begin

Once again this year, Olde Mill will participate in the mosquito control program run by the Maryland Dept. of Agriculture. Control and surveillance of mosquitoes begins on June 1 and runs until September, Sunday through Thursday anytime between 7:30 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. A specific night of the week will be assigned later to our community.

Mosquitoes carry many diseases such as Dengue fever, and it is important that homeowners remove standing water from flower pot saucers, buckets, etc., and other backyard breeding sites. The treatments are most effective when combined with community participation.

If you do not wish to participate, you can fill out a form to exempt your property from the pesticide applications. That application follows near the end of this newsletter. You can also contact www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/mosquito_control/

Dues for Membership

Please remember to send in your \$15 annual dues for 2011 membership in your community association. You can go to the website at www.vomca.org to join using PayPal and to review past monthly electronic *Criers*.

We need your support and participation to keep Olde Mill a place we can all enjoy. We need members to step up and fill vacant positions on the Board. A few hours of your time can benefit all of us. Email board@vomca.org

Maryland Dept. of Agriculture Mosquito Control Policy

The policy of the Maryland Department of Agriculture regarding an objection to adult mosquito control by truck-mounted ultra low volume (ULV) application of insecticide is as follows:

- An individual may have his/her owned or leased real property and a surrounding buffer up to 300 feet on all sides of the property excluded from ground based ULV adult mosquito control.
- Each individual requesting this exclusion must submit the request in writing to the Maryland Department of Agriculture and provide copies to the appropriate community association or city/town. The request must provide the address of the property to be excluded and must be

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Before and after pictures of the pool wall that was repaired recently, in time for the opening of the 2011 swim season.



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signed by the owner(s) or leasee(s). This request will be acknowledged in writing by the Department.

• If the number of individual objectors, and the location of excluded properties, precludes an effective mosquito control adulticide service in a community, the service in that community will be suspended. Service may be reinstated upon the written request of the community and approval by the Department.

• A city/town or community association may request the Department to rescind or modify a spray exclusion zone if the local authority believes the exemption unfairly impacts other residents who desire adult mosquito control service. Requests to rescind or modify spray exclusion requests must be made in writing and delivered to the Secretary of Agriculture.

• The Department periodically will verify the continued occupancy/ownership by objectors of properties excluded from ULV ground spraying to determine if the objec-

tion continues.

• In the event of mosquito-borne disease or conditions that threaten public health, the suspension of mosquito adulticide service in an area due to objectors will be discontinued and the full range of mosquito control procedures available will be utilized.

Public Information Notice

Your request for exemption (see last page of this issue) from adult mosquito control services by the Maryland Department of Agriculture *will not* be processed unless *all* of the information requested has been supplied. You have a right to inspect, amend, or correct this information. Under State Government Article, 10-617, Annotated Code of Maryland, this information may be generally available for public inspection. This information is not routinely shared with state, federal or local government agencies.

Individuals should direct correspondence regarding this issue to:

Maryland Department of Agriculture
Mosquito Control Section
50 Harry S. Truman Parkway
Annapolis, MD 21401

Community Service Points

If you are a student in Olde Mill who is looking for Community Service points, your community association—VOMCA—may be able to help you achieve your goal. Based on what qualifies, we have some projects that might count toward earning your points. For example, we have one student who is volunteering to pick up trash from Barlowe Field and from a nearby stream. We have flower boxes that need attention on the pool road, as well as other things that might qualify. E-mail board@vomca.org with your ideas.

Pool Certificate

Looking to buy Olde Mill Swim Club certificate. \$250. 443-670-4738"

REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL SERVICES

This application must be completed by the individual residing within a community participating in the Mosquito Control Program who wishes to have his/her property excluded from adult mosquito control pesticide applications by truck-mounted ultra low volume (ULV) sprayers. The attached statement entitled "Objection to Adult Mosquito Control" explains the Maryland Department of Agriculture's policy on individual objectors. Please retain it for your files.

Please complete all information below. Please read the "Public Information Notice" on the attached policy statement. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please print or type:

Name : _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone No. Day _____

(Include area code) Evening _____

Name of your Community Association : _____

Name of the Subdivision in which you reside: _____

Signature: _____

(I have read MDA's Adult Mosquito Control Objection Policy)

Your city/town or community association will receive notice of the scheduled night for surveillance and spraying. It is the responsibility of the city/town or community association to notify the residents of the schedule. Spraying will be conducted only if needed and will be done on the same day (as the above mentioned survey) of each week. Please feel free to contact us if you have further questions at 301-373-4264/65 - St. Mary's County; 1-888-523-0256 - Charles County; 1-877-425-6485 - Baltimore & Harford Counties; 301-422-5080 - Western Maryland; 410-841-5870 - Anne Arundel & Queen Anne's Counties; or 410-543-6626 - Eastern Shore (remaining).

Application should be sent to:
Program Supervisor
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Annapolis, MD 21401