

Olde Mill Village Crier

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VOMCA Meeting: Wednesday, July 6, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
at Olde Mill Pool



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President's Message

Pool meeting is June 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the pool. VOMCA meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the pool.

I would like to remind drivers to please drive with care. The summer months are here and we have children out running and playing. I am always getting emails and phone calls that speeding is still an issue within the community. I have actually observed the speeding along Kenora Drive. Some vehicles drive down Kenora like they are on Old Mill Road. Please remember that your speed and reaction time to a child running out in the street can be the difference between life and death. It is our responsibility, as drivers, to ensure we all use care and be alert.

We are currently working with Mark Chang from the County Executive's office and Public Works to conduct a study on calming devices on Kenora Drive. There will be a study when the schools are back in session so that there is an accurate count of vehicles traveling this area. I will keep the community informed on the progress and of any meetings about the study.

If people in the Olde Mill area are not aware, there is supposed to be a crematorium that is going to be operating back in the office park on Headquarters Drive. Shipley's Choice has had meetings about this and is against this business operating there. This story has been in the *Maryland Gazette* and I was asked my opinion about having the crematorium there. I am aware of the situation; however if anyone has concerns please contact me at tastag@verizon.net. I have not had any negative feedback about this from our community and therefore have not taken a stance either way on this issue. If there are concerns, please let me know so that we may voice our stand.

The Olde Mill Swim Club has started the season. Please keep an eye out for any special events that we will have during the swim season. The swim club offers swim lessons and this year is trying aerobics at the pool. Information is listed at the front desk at the pool. Also remember to root for the Olde Mill Torpedoes. Check their schedule and spend a Saturday morning to cheer them on.

We currently have 190 active members for the 2011 swim season. I would like to welcome all the new members to the pool. If anyone has any questions, please ask one of the guards for assistance. If there are any concerns or complaints, you are more than welcome to contact me directly at tastag@verizon.net or you may ask the guards for my phone number. I will get back to you. You may call or email concerns or ideas to me or contact a pool committee member. Our job is to make you happy and able to enjoy the swim club.

—Tom Stag, President

New Barlowe Field Additions

As some of you readers know, Friends of Olde Mill (FOOM) sponsored a Boy Scout, Alex Parode, to become an Eagle Scout by completing his Eagle Scout project. The project included clearing out the overgrown area that housed the Olde Mill sign that sits on the hillside by the basketball court; tearing down the existing sign and building a new sign; removing the weeds under the sign and planting new flowers. In addition, the field would be receiving two new trees between the basketball court and the pool.

After sometime and hard work, Alex completed the project and received his Eagle Scout Badge. Congratulations on your badge, and thank you again! Now Olde Mill has a new sign, new flowers, and two big new pin oak trees. The pin oaks that were donated and planted were already about 15 to 20 feet in height. The trees can be seen from Old Mill Road and from most of Barlowe Field and the



Two pin oaks were planted at Barlowe Field as part of an Eagle Scout project done by Alex Parode. He also planted flowers and rebuilt the Olde Mill sign.

surrounding area. These trees will accomplish a couple of tasks in and of themselves. They were picked to be planted in the areas of the field that are predominantly wet areas, as springs are located nearby and the softball field tends to drain off in that same area. They will absorb the water in those locations and provide partial shade to the basketball courts.

I would like to ask for people to volunteer to help FOOM and the children of Olde Mill. We would really appreciate some help with fundraising and with maintaining the playground and basketball court. If you would like to contribute your time or make a donation, please email me at MikeHakulin@aol.com We also sponsor Scout projects and community service requirements for high-schoolers.

—Mike Hakulin, President of FOOM

Holiday Trash Schedule

The Department of Public Works Waste Management Services will observe the following curbside collection schedule and facility operating schedule at the Millersville Landfill & Resource Recovery Facility, the Millersville Convenience Center, the Glen Burnie Convenience Center, the Sudley Convenience Center and all administrative offices in observance of Independence Day:

No curbside collection of recyclables, yard waste, or trash on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Collections normally made on Monday will be made on Tuesday, July 5, and collections normally made on Tuesday will be made on Wednesday, July 6.

All County recycling and waste facilities and administrative offices will also be closed on Monday, July 4.

For more information on recycling and trash collection visit www.aacounty.org/DPW/WasteManagement or call 410-222-6100.

Note that the Millersville Convenience Center will no longer be open on any Sundays, effective July 1.

Useful County Numbers

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

Public Works 410-222-7500 (Water)

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

Bulk Pick-Up and Trash Collection 410-222-6100

Watershed Stewards Academy Seeks Recruits

The Watershed Stewards Academy (WSA) is interested in recruiting Stewards from county neighborhoods for their upcoming Watershed Stewards Academy Certification course. Academy representatives would also be willing to come to a community association meeting to give a presentation to residents about the WSA. Watershed Stewards advise residents on the best practices for conserving and protecting our precious water resources. If you are not familiar with the WSA, you may reference their website: www.aawsa.org.

Also please feel free to contact Suzanne Etgen at the Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, 975 Indian Landing Rd., Millersville, for more information. She can be reached at (410) 222-3822 on Monday and Tuesday, or (443) 871-0700 Wednesday through Friday, or via email at setgen@aacps.org.

Thanks for Service to Swim Club

I wish to extend my thanks to Barbara Radolec for her volunteer service as Swim Club Treasurer for the past two years. Welcome to Barb Mason who has volunteered to serve as the new Swim Club Treasurer.

—Sarah Hakulin, VOMCA Treasurer

Council Meetings Online

Anne Arundel County has announced that people can watch their county council at work—online, by going to www.aacounty.org/countycouncil under the “council meeting video” tab. Meetings are held the first and third Monday each month. The meetings will no longer be broadcast live; rather the tapes will be posted online the day after the meeting. The county website can hold up to six months’ worth of meetings, currently dating back to April.

Dues for VOMCA Membership

Please remember to send in your \$15 dues for membership in the Olde Mill community association. You can go to the website at www.vomca.org to join using

PayPal and to review past monthly electronic *Criers*. All dues must be paid/postmarked by September 1 in order to run for any office or for the Board.

Vacant Positions Among Officers and Board

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. We are currently operating under emergency rules per the bylaws due to a lack of participation from the community in filling vacant and expired positions on the Board and for officers. A few hours of your time can make a difference. Email board@vomca.org

Current Officers, Board Members

President: Tom Stag

Vice President: Rick Behringer

Membership: Vacant

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Sarah Hakulin

Board Members:

Term Expires 2011: Al Miller

Term Expired 2010: Colleen Flack

Term Expired 2009: Tom Malloy,

Sandy Sacra

Treasurer’s Report

VOMCA Savings: \$3,072

Checking: \$6,620

Taxes have not yet been paid (\$3,000)

Out of a community of almost 1,300 families, only 126 families have joined at the mid-point of this year.

Swim Club Savings: \$19,162

Checking: \$40,598

Water Aerobics Program Added To Pool Slate

A new Water 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.

Call the pool number for information, or pick up a packet on the entry gate if you would like to join the pool.

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Village of Olde Mill Community Association Members
Are Eligible to Join

Tower Federal Credit Union

Lower loan rates • FREE checking

Special Low Rates for Fuel-Fit Cars

Ends Aug. 31!

Visit the Millersville Branch in Old Mill Plaza.
For other branch locations, go to towerfcu.org.



[Get details on Tower's Low Rates for Fuel-Fit Cars special.](#)

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Experienced Babysitting/ Pet-sitting Services

I am a 22-year-old student at Towson, majoring in Elementary Education and Deaf Studies. I just moved back home. Interested in babysitting and/or pet-sitting jobs. Much experience with both. Contact Chrissy Cunningham at chrismcunni@gmail.com or 410-371-9599.

Letter from District 32 Sen. Ed DeGrange

Dear Friends,

I hope that all of you are staying cool during the start of this hot summer. I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on what I have been doing in the community since the 2011 Maryland General Assembly adjourned. For the past two months I have been busy attending high school senior awards ceremonies, graduations, and high school business advisory board events designed to reward and prepare middle school students for high school. It is always a pleasure to see our youths' accomplishments and to watch them transition to the next phase of life.

Additionally, I have been participating in a variety of the District 32 Community

Associations in different ways. Community associations are a great way for individuals to stay involved in their community. They provide fun and interesting events and programs and work to improve the quality of life for the residents of their community. If you are not a member of your local community association, I would certainly encourage you to become familiar with your local community association so that you may enjoy the many benefits that come along with being a member. If you are not sure if there is a community association in your area, please feel free to contact my office and I will be happy to put you in contact with the proper individuals.

Since school just let out for the summer, I also wanted to remind you of some resources that are available to children during the summer. The Anne Arundel County Public Library offers many different programs as does the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation of Parks, Arlington Echo and Anne Arundel Community College. Of course, the Big Glen Burnie Carnival, which is sponsored by the Glen Burnie Improvement Association, will be in town from Friday, July 29th through Saturday, August 6th (closed Sun-

day, July 31). This event always offers family friendly fun for everyone.

If you have any thoughts, ideas, questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach my Annapolis office at 410-841-3593 or email me at james.degrange@senate.state.md.us.

*Sincerely,
James "Ed" DeGrange
State Senator, District 32*

Land from Oakwood Rd. Ext. Route To Be Auctioned Off

The Oakwood Road Extended right-of-way that was declared surplus property and no longer needed by the county has been appraised by the County Real Estate Division at \$550,000. It is proposed that the notice of sale will be advertised in the *Capital/Gazette* newspapers for 3 consecutive weekends in July. Anyone wishing to offer a sealed bid on the property of 10.47 acres may do so by submitting it to the Real Estate Division. Information on the process of submitting a bid can be found in the notice published in the newspaper.