

# **Olde Mill Village Crier**

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*VOMCA Meeting: Wednesday, August 3, 2011, 7:00 p.m.  
at Olde Mill Pool*



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## **WANTED**

### **FOR OCTOBER ELECTIONS**

**MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER  
TO RUN FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD**

**ALL POSITIONS ARE OPEN**

- **PRESIDENT**
- **VICE PRESIDENT**
- **MEMBERSHIP**
- **SECRETARY**
- **TREASURER**
- **5 BOARD MEMBERS**

(service on the Board is a three-year term)

**ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE OCTOBER 5 MEETING**

**PLEASE STEP UP—YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!**

Current members of the Board and officers have been serving for many years...it's time for new people to serve your community. Email [Board@vomca.org](mailto:Board@vomca.org) to volunteer to run.

## President's Message

As you can see by the loud and clear notice on the front page, your help and participation is urgently needed. There are vacant positions among VOMCA 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 run in the October elections. Current members have been serving for many years. They have accomplished a great deal (e.g., see article at right about grants obtained).

But 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.

We need new blood and fresh ideas to keep Olde Mill vibrant and moving forward. Email [board@vomca.org](mailto:board@vomca.org) to volunteer to run for a position. —Tom Stag

## 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 (approximately \$3,000)

Out of a community of 1,300 residences, just 126 families have joined at the midpoint of this year.

## Have You Encountered A Stormwater Problem?

Please contact me ASAP if you have installed a rain garden on your property, know of someone in Olde Mill who has, or know of any stormwater drainage problems in our area. Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards Academy is hoping to use Olde Mill as a demonstration project for this year's class of stewards. This would involve a tour of our area showing stormwater problems and solutions, and—more importantly—funding and labor toward the solution of a specific problem that was identified. The best way to contact me is by email: [tryswim@comcast.net](mailto:tryswim@comcast.net). My cell is 410-987-7533. Thank you!

—Stacy Epperson

## 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](http://www.vomca.org) to join using PayPal and to review past monthly electronic *Criers*. **All dues must be paid!**

postmarked by September 1 for you to run for any office or for the Board.

## Interesting Facts About VOMCA Grants Secured

Under VOMCA leadership, Olde Mill has received over \$200,000 in community grants over the past several years, as the following list shows.

Grant #14-04 Contract Signed 4/21/04  
Amount \$4,200 - speed humps

Grant #06-09 Contract Signed 1/20/05  
Amount \$41,317 - sidewalk renovations

Grant #07-01 Contract Signed 11/28/06  
Amount \$54,631 - sidewalk renovations

Grant #08-01 Contract Signed 3/3/07  
Amount \$45,950 - resurfacing community road

Grant #09-05 Contract Signed 4/16/09  
Amount \$35,961 - sidewalk renovations

Grant #09-06 Contract Signed 8/18/09  
Amount \$27,765 - sidewalk renovations

Total grants obtained in the past seven years: \$209,824

We will be filing a grant request for the November filing date.

## Mosquito Control Continues

Once again this year, Olde Mill is participating in the mosquito control program run by the Maryland Dept. of Agriculture. Control and surveillance of mosquitoes began on June 1 and runs until September, Sunday-Thursday anytime between 7:30

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## 2011 VOMCA Membership Application

**MUST BE POSTMARKED BY SEPTEMBER 1**

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, P.O. Box 366, Millersville, MD 21108*. The membership fee for your entire household's annual dues is \$15.00.

Names of Adults in Household: \_\_\_\_\_

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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Unlisted?  Yes  No) Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to volunteer?  Yes  No Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

There will be a \$10 processing fee for any returned check. Your membership card(s) will be mailed to you. Thank you for your support!

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](http://towerfcu.org).



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

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p.m. and 2 a.m. The night of the week assigned to our community for spraying is Sunday.

Mosquitoes carry many diseases 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. See the web page for more information regarding this program and to copy the application form, [www.vomca.org](http://www.vomca.org). You can also contact [www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/mosquito\\_control/](http://www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/mosquito_control/)

## 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

## Get Your Soil Tested Before Planting

Before you fertilize your yard this fall or even purchase flowers, shrubs, or trees, have your soil tested to determine what kind of soil you have and therefore what kind of amendments the ground might need. At the end of July, I will have soil testing kits with simple instructions that I can drop off at your house, or that can be picked up at mine. Return them to me before August 21 with a \$10 check (or cash) made out to University of Delaware.

Anne Arundel Watershed Stewards Academy, of which I am a steward, will send the soil samples to the University of Delaware. In mid-September, a Bay Friendly lawn care workshop will be presented—most likely at Arlington Echo—with a University of Delaware Soil Scientist to discuss Maryland's new fertil-

izing regulations and the results of the soil tests. You do not have to attend the workshop to receive your results but the workshop is free. Contact Stacy Epperson at 410-987-7533 or (better) by email at [tryswim@comcast.net](mailto:tryswim@comcast.net) for questions or to request a kit. —*Stacy Epperson*

## Babysitting/Pet-sitting Service

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

## Salute to the Anonymous Litter Picker-Upper

Thanks to the unknown gentleman who is frequently seen walking along Old Mill Rd. picking up trash. We're not even sure he's a resident of Olde Mill, but he seems dedicated to keeping the roadside, and our community, clean. We appreciate it—and need more people like you!