

Olde Mill Village Crier

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President's Message

I hope everyone had a happy holiday. I would like to report that both the VOMCA and OMSC budgets for 2012 passed at the December meeting. There was only a small turnout, however enough for the association to conduct business. The budgets appear at the end of this newsletter.

I would like to thank the Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Dept. and the members of our community who went around with Santa. Each year the fire department transports Santa on the engine while community volunteers collect food for NCEON.

With the holiday season coming to a close, I will be in contact with the county regarding the traffic-calming study along Kenora Drive. As soon as the rest of the data is complete I will pass it on to the community. Please remember to drive carefully in the community and to watch for pedestrians and for children at play.

I have been in touch with our pool management company, Community Pools, for the 2012 swim season. We are currently discussing the manager and assistant manager positions at the pool. The membership dues for the Olde Mill Swim Club will be \$345.00 for the 2012 swim season. There will no longer be an early payment discount. The membership fee of \$345.00 will run until April 15; after the 15th there will be a \$25.00 late charge. We will be updating the information in the OMSC member pamphlet.

Important notice: Effective January 1, 2012, any community member from either the swim club or VOMCA who requires reimbursement from the association for items purchased must have all the proper documentation submitted within 30 days of the purchase. This was at the request of Gary Mott, our association accountant. It has been hard for each treasurer to keep the books straight and becomes a planning problem for the budget when we have to submit large checks at the end of the year. As always, any member making a purchase *must have prior approval* from the association to be eligible for reimbursement.

—Tom Stag, President

Minutes of December 7, 2011, VOMCA Meeting

President Tom Stag called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 11 members in attendance.

President Tom Stag brought up that Anne Arundel County Zoning contacted him regarding a property at North Port and Old Mill Rd. A homeowner has put up a fence and it is not his property. The County Planning and Zoning is going to take him to court and they have issued an order to cease. This is a problem that has been going on for several years. President Stag will keep us informed as this issue continues. It is not VOMCA property and is an open space area that apparently is in trust to Anne Arundel County.

Tom brought to our attention that the association's CPA, Gary Mott, said we are not getting our receipts in on time. December 1st receipts must be turned in within a 30-day period in order to be taken care of. Tom will write up a policy and the Board can vote on it at the January meeting.

Tom also informed us that Community Pools Management's contract update is due. We are locked into a 3-year contract; this is our second year. The cost went up to \$54,000.00 because they added another lifeguard last year. We talked about putting notices out at schools for people looking for summer work.

A question was asked what does the contract cover? Vice President Rick Behringer told us that some of the things that Community Pools' contract covers are spring cleaning: empty the pool; power wash it; and check and get ready for the Health Department inspection. Once it is open then they schedule and pay the lifeguards, monitor the chlorine, and check on the lifeguards and make sure that everything is correct. At the end of the season they help winterize the swimming pool. Olde Mill supplies all of the chemicals except the chlorine.

The Treasurer, Colleen Flack, reported that VOMCA has \$4,151.71 in checking. There were two outstanding receipts for the printing and delivery of the *Crier* for December (printing \$261.67 and delivery \$208.00), leaving a balance of \$3,890.04. There is a balance of \$3,071.04 in the savings account.

The Swim Club has \$16,597.44 in checking and \$26,167.32 in savings. Vice President Rick Behringer told us that the lawnmower is old and we will have to think about replacing it.

There is going to be canned goods collected for Santa to benefit North County Emergency Outreach Network. There will be candy canes given to all the kids. Hair Expressions will collect canned goods for people who can't be there for Santa. The Christmas decorating contest will be judged on December 18, 2011, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The cost of joining VOMCA is \$15.00. Everyone is encouraged to join and support their community.

New Business: We discussed the proposed county council bill to increase the stormwater fee to \$35.00 for residents. Marley Creek is a good example of what the money will go for. It is currently closed because of direct-contact bacterial contamination. It is three parts human waste, pet waste, and other animal waste. The County has no plans to do anything about this because they don't have the money. This money would help them with projects like this. The County administration is not in favor of this bill at this time due to the economic times and the County wants to wait and see what the State's planned increase on the flush tax will be.

Next we discussed the pool membership fees. There will be no increase this year. However, there will be no discount for early registrations. The cost will be \$345.00 by April 15. Inactive Membership was raised to \$80.00, an increase of \$5.00 from last year. Vice President Rick Behringer brought up the fact the we need to replace the pool. The cost of replacement would be 60 to 80 thousand dollars. Our pool is about 10 years past being replaced. Some ways to raise the money for a new pool were discussed. Raising the price of lessons was suggested. It was also pointed out that most pools pay their teachers per hour and not per child. We can advertise pool membership more heavily.

The Swim Club currently has a website that we can add to VOMCA's website and save money. This will be investigated and discussed at the next meeting. Permits for pool events are \$195.00 per event and there are 4 events requested.

There was an issue with the Health Department about bringing covered dishes to an event like the Steak Dinner. We are no longer allowed to bring them.

The snack bar is closed and locked. It needs to be updated with a new refrigerator and other improvements. There is \$4,500.00 in the budget for Barlowe Field grass cutting.

President Tom Stag presented the pool budget and VOMCA budget, which was published in the December *Crier*; to be voted on. Stacy Epperson proposed that the budget be accepted as published in the *Crier*. Colleen Flack seconded it. It passed with 11 votes for the proposal and none against it. Tom then presented the VOMCA budget, which was also published in the December *Crier*; to be voted on. Rick Behringer proposed that the budget be accepted as published in the *Crier*. Colleen Flack seconded it. It passed with 11 votes for the proposal and none against it.

At 8:35 Colleen Flack moved that the meeting be adjourned. Sarah Hakulin seconded it. It passed with 11 votes for and none against.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Szverra, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

VOMCA: Savings \$3,071.04
Checking \$4,151.71

Swim Club: Savings \$26,167.32
Checking \$16,597.44

—Sarah Hakulin, Treasurer

2012 Budgets Approved

The VOMCA and Olde Mill Swim Club budget meeting was held on Wednesday, November 16. Notice was given via email to as many email addresses as each of us had. Although there were 3 people who had hoped to be able to come, due to illness or last minute changes, they could not make it.

Barbara Mason, Swim Club Treasurer, Colleen Flack, VOMCA Treasurer for 2012 and current VOMCA Treasurer, and Sarah Hakulin did meet. The proposed budgets were discussed and voted on at the December meeting. At the end of this *Crier* are the approved budgets for the coming 2012 year. They are also posted on the website www.vomca.org (scroll down about half way on the first page).

—Sarah Hakulin, Treasurer

Santa Came to Olde Mill

On December 17 Santa arrived on a Glen Burnie VFD fire truck for his 30th annual tour of Olde Mill. Many children came running out to see him as the fire truck siren signaled his arrival. Candy canes were given to the children and a donation of canned goods and money was collected for the NCEON (North County Emergency Outreach Network) Food Bank in Glen Burnie. Olde Mill made a donation of \$130 and Hair Expressions collected food from residents who would not be home for Santa's arrival. Santa picked the donations up on his tour through Olde Mill.

Thanks to all the children and residents who made this visit a success and a big thank you to Cheri at **Hair Expressions** in the Olde Mill Shopping Center, who has helped us for many years by collecting donations at her shop for this worthwhile cause.

The *Maryland Gazette* ran a story on Santa's visit in the December 21 "Neighbors" section of the paper, with pictures from Fox Chase and Olde Mill. An interesting fact was noted there, in that Santa—Tom Dixon—originated this event 30 years ago in Olde Mill; Tom has been Santa's helper ever since.



Village of Olde Mill Community Association Members
Are Eligible to Join
Tower Federal Credit Union

FREE CHECKING

No minimum balance.

FREE DEBIT CARD

No fees.

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



Apply online at towerfcu.org

2012 VOMCA Membership Dues

Right now is the time to renew your 2012 membership in your community association. Please complete the application and enclose your check for \$15 payable to VOMCA. Your membership card will be mailed to you in the new year. You can also go to www.vomca.org and click on "Join VOMCA," to pay by using PayPal.

2012 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, P.O. Box 366, Millersville, MD 21108. The membership fee for your household's annual dues is \$15.00.

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 mailed to you. Thank you for your support!

Christmas Light Judging Results

We would like to thank all of the residents of Olde Mill who decorated their homes for the Christmas season. Although there seemed to be fewer homes decorated than in previous years, those that were done were beautiful. Old Mill Road was like a Christmas wonderland and we thank everyone who participated in decorating their houses.

Winners are as follows:

First Prize: 509 Lethbridge Ct.

Second Prize: 540 Pembroke Ct.

Third Prize: 433 Williamstown Ct.

First Runner Up: 529 Old Mill Rd.

Second Runner Up: 8200 Weyburn Rd.

Third Runner Up: 8231 Victoria Ct.

Seeking a Community Captain for Recycling

Throughout the years our county recycling program has been shaped based on the feedback we have received from our customers. Whether it was presented as a concern, a suggestion, or comment, it is the voice of County residents that has grown to become a valuable asset to the progress of our program. Looking forward, with upcoming changes to our program, including Once-a-Week Trash Collection, and/or when seeking feedback in regards to our service, we are initiating a more effective way to communicate with our customers.

The Anne Arundel County Recycling Division seeks your help in securing a representative for your neighborhood. This individual will serve as someone we can communicate with on a regular basis, someone we can provide information and education to on our program so that they may share new-found knowledge with the residents in their community.

If you would like to serve as a RMO (Recycle More Often) Community Captain for your neighborhood, kindly reply to this email (PWLAGA22@aacounty.org) at your earliest convenience to let us know of your interest. Should you have a suggestion for another point of contact, please feel free to forward this request.

We appreciate your efforts and contributions in making our local communities even more exceptional.

Sincerely,

Richard Bowen, Solid Waste Recycling Manager, Anne Arundel County Recycling Division

Approved 2012 VOMCA and Swim Club Budgets

Ratified VOMCA 2012 Budget							
	EXPENSES				INCOME		
	2011 Budget	2011 Actual	2012 Budget		2011 Budget	2011 Actual	2012 Budget
				Crier Advertising	\$ 400.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00
Village Crier	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	Membership @ \$15.00/yr			
Membership Expenses	\$ 137.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00	((2011--135 possible members))	\$ 2,025.00		
				((2011--126 paying members))		\$ 1,890.00	
General Administration				((2012--130 paying members))			\$ 1,950.00
President's Fund	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00				
Post Office Box	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00				
Website	\$ 50.00	-	\$ 60.00				
Grant Filing Expenses	\$ 150.00	-	\$ 150.00				
Bank Charges	\$ 50.00	-	\$ 50.00				
TAXES							
Organization Supplies	\$ 130.00	-	\$ 50.00				
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 200.00	\$ 189.00	\$ 190.00				
Personal Property Tax	\$ 300.00	\$ 233.00	\$ 235.00				
Federal / State Tax Prep.	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	Pool Ops Xfr for Tax Prep.	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Business Tax	\$ 100.00	-	\$ 50.00				
				Men's Softball League	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Field & Area Maint.	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	Rental - Barlowe Field	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Children's Playground Area	\$ 100.00	-	\$ 100.00				
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES							
Egg Hunt	\$ 200.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 220.00				
Christmas Light Contest	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00				
Santa's Donation NCEON	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00				
Flyers/Fund Raiser Expenses	\$ 300.00	\$ 637.00	\$ 350.00				
Yard Sale Ads	\$ 28.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00				
SUB TOTAL VOMCA	\$ 5,725.00	\$ 5,544.00	\$ 5,680.00	Sub Total VOMCA	\$ 5,725.00	\$ 5,620.00	\$ 5,680.00
Swim Club Total Expenses	\$ 88,605.00	\$88,253.00	\$ 90,400.00	Olde Mill Swim Club	\$ 91,105.00	\$ 91,682.00	\$ 90,400.00
Total VOMCA Expenses	\$ 94,330.00	\$ 93,797.00	\$ 96,080.00	Total VOMCA Income	\$ 96,830.00	\$ 97,302.00	\$ 96,080.00
				2010 Transfer to OMSC savings		\$4,000	
				2011 Transfer to OMSC savings		\$3,000	
				Transfer to OMSC Savings		\$7,000.00	Transfer in 2011

Ratified OMSC 2012 BUDGET						
	Budget 2011		Actual 2011		Approved 2012	
INCOME						
Deposit Misc.						
Interest	\$ 100.00		\$ 7.00			
Membership:						
Active Mmembers	\$ 69,000.00	200 members @\$345	\$ 70,795.00	203 members @\$345	\$ 69,000.00	200 members @\$345
Guest Fees	\$ 3,305.00	70 Guests	\$ 3,732.00	\$3, \$2, \$1 @ gate	\$ 3,500.00	70 Guests
Inactive Fee	\$ 6,000.00	80 Inactive @ \$75	\$ 5,215.00	69.5 Inactive @\$75	\$ 5,600.00	80 Inactive @ \$80
New Certificates	\$ 6,000.00	15 New Cert @\$400	\$ 5,780.00	14 New Cert.@\$400	\$ 6,000.00	15 New Cert @\$400
Transfer Fee	\$ 50.00	5@10 xfer of pool bond	\$ 30.00	3 @ \$10 xfer of pool bond	\$ 50.00	5@10 xfer of pool bond
Pool Rental	\$ 650.00	10 Rentals @ \$65	\$ 391.00	6 Rentals@\$65	\$ 650.00	10 Rentals @ \$65
Swim Lessons	\$ 6,000.00	150 Students @ \$40	\$ 5,732.00	143 Students @ \$40	\$ 5,600.00	140 Students @ \$40
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 91,105.00		\$ 91,682.00		\$ 90,400.00	
EXPENSES						
Administration:						
Advertising/Web Page	\$ 325.00		\$ 325.00		\$ 500.00	
Bank Chg/Adjustments	\$ 105.00		\$ 590.00	bank charge,adjmnts.	\$ 105.00	
Office Supplies	\$ 40.00		\$ 93.00		\$ 100.00	
Insurance	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,021.00		\$ 3,050.00	
Hospitality/Food Permits					\$ 800.00	Youth Parties, Permits @\$198/per
First Aid Supplies			\$ 61.00			
Total Administrative	\$ 3,470.00		\$ 4,090.00		\$ 4,555.00	
Maint and Improvements						
Barlowe Field	\$ 4,700.00	Mowing	\$ 4,500.00	Mowing	\$ 4,500.00	Mowing
Building, structures, etc.	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 294.00		\$ 1,200.00	
Decks/Sidewalks/Road	\$ 500.00		\$ 375.00		\$ 400.00	
Fire Extinguishers	\$ 80.00		\$ 58.00		\$ 80.00	
Furniture	\$ 4,000.00	Replacement	\$ 3,236.00		\$ 2,625.00	Replacement
Lawn/Grounds	\$ 600.00	Pool Area	\$ 40.00	Pool Area	\$ 100.00	Pool Area
OtherMaint & Impr.	\$ 3,965.00		\$ 534.00		\$ 300.00	
Pool/Pump,filtration	\$ 2,300.00		\$ 4,499.00		\$ 3,000.00	
Renovations	\$ 500.00		\$ -		\$ -	
Supplies/Chemicals	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,511.00		\$ 1,400.00	
Trash Removal	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 389.00		\$ 400.00	
Total Maint & Improve	\$ 20,345.00		\$ 15,436.00		\$ 14,005.00	
Membership Mailings	\$ 1,700.00		\$ 1,528.00		\$ 1,500.00	
Operations:						
Health Permit	\$ 500.00		\$ 632.00		\$ 632.00	
Management	\$ 48,830.00		\$ 48,831.00		\$ 54,100.00	
Operating Supplies	\$ 500.00		\$ 605.00	Paper Products,etc.	\$ 400.00	
Total Operations	\$ 49,830.00		\$ 50,068.00		\$ 55,132.00	
Programs:						
Swim Supplies	\$ 150.00		\$ 50.00		\$ 150.00	
Swim Instructors	\$ 3,700.00		\$ 4,290.00		\$ 4,350.00	
Total Programs	\$ 3,850.00		\$ 4,340.00		\$ 4,500.00	
Utilities:						
Electric	\$ 3,200.00		\$ 5,153.00		\$ 3,308.00	
Parking Vapor Lights	\$ 510.00		\$ 625.00		\$ 650.00	
Telephone - Poolside	\$ 300.00		\$ 352.00		\$ 350.00	
Telephone Voice Mail	\$ 400.00		\$ 369.00		\$ 400.00	
Water	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 3,792.00	\$1200 increase	\$ 3,500.00	
Total Utilities	\$ 6,910.00		\$ 10,291.00		\$ 8,208.00	
VOMCA for Taxes	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 88,605.00		\$ 88,253.00		\$ 90,400.00	
Total Net Income			\$ 3,429.00			
Capital Reserves	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 3,429.00			
Transferred to savings						
Total Budget	\$ 91,105.00		\$ 91,682.00			