

Olde Mill Village Crier

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7:00 p.m. at Old Mill High School, Room A-271



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President's Message

The next VOMCA meeting will be held at the Old Mill High School on April 4, at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a meeting on April 16 at 6:30 p.m. with Anne Arundel County Traffic Engineering. This meeting is to discuss the current speeding problem on Kenora Drive. Anyone is invited to this meeting, regardless of where you live. Especially if you live on Kenora Drive and you have concerns, this is the time for action and for you to get involved. If you believe there is a speeding problem and would like to make recommendations, this is the time to do it. Your voice will carry the most weight on this issue.

The Olde Mill Swim Club packets have gone out to club members. Please read the rules and procedures in the packet and make sure children are familiar with the rules. There will be a phone number posted at the desk this year for Community Pools, our management company. Any concerns or complaints may be called in directly to Community Pools. You are also welcome to email the Board at board@vomca.org for any concerns or suggestions.

If anyone would like to assist Rick Berhinger with maintenance, he is currently looking for volunteers. The most help is needed in getting the pool ready for the swim season. There are jobs for anyone with little or no experience. Please email in care of Rick at board@vomca.org. We also could use volunteer help as needed during the swim season.

I would like to thank Anne Arundel County, Mark Chang our community constituent, and Sarah Hakulan of VOMCA for getting the water pumping station painted. Again this building was hit with graffiti by unknown vandals. The county is looking into having the building fenced off to reduce the opportunity for damages at the building. The community association voted in favor of the fence because we can no longer provide for the upkeep of the building exterior. I would like to thank Al Miller and others I don't know for going up in the past and repainting the outside walls. If anyone sees any illegal activity in the community—such as spray painting and other vandalism—please contact the County Police at 911.

Please be reminded that commercial vehicles over a certain weight may not be parked on residential county streets per the County Code. Any vehicle parked on a county street needs to have tags and a current registration sticker on the tag.

—Tom Stag, VOMCA President

Minutes from the March 7, 2012 VOMCA Board Meeting

President Tom Stag called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. There were seven Board Members present.

There was a discussion about the Swim Club Instructors and whether to use a W2 or a 1099 Misc. form. If a W2 is used it must go through the Pool Contractor. Colleen Flack reported that she called the IRS and they sent her a publication, which basically states that the Swim Club instructors are employees of the pool. Tom is going to call Phil Carter and discuss this development.

VOMCA received two proposals for lawn service this year. E L, the company that we currently use, had a lower bid than Jamaica Bay Lawn Care for the exact same amount of cuts per season. Sarah Hakulin made a motion that we accept the bid from E L; Theresa Szverra seconded it. It passed 5 for and 0 against.

The next point of discussion was speeding on Kenora Drive. Several residents of Kenora Drive are upset because there was supposed to be a study by the County in May of 2011 to collect data on vehicles to determine if a speed hump or calming device was needed. But the study was not done. A letter was written to John Leopold. Eric Robey and Mark Chang are going to work on this and set something up for April of 2012. Tom will keep the Board posted on this.

There is a tree leaning in one of the open areas. VOMCA doesn't own the open areas. The open areas are held in trust by the Department of Recreation and Parks. Tom is going to go take a look at this.

There was a discussion about the certificate numbers that appear on the membership forms in the Swim Club packet. The VOMCA Treasurer is going to keep the original form and send a copy to Kevin Kendall for their records. This way we will have a record of the certificate numbers for our records too. The Swim Club membership packets will be sent out March 15, 2012.

Theresa Szverra brought up the plans for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This is Theresa's first year doing this event. She asked about pictures with the Easter Bunny. Parents are supposed to bring their cameras to the event to take pictures of their children with the Easter Bunny. She asked about the budget for the candy since she hasn't had any response from the community about donating candy for this event. She was told there was a budget available for candy. She requested help for the event. The Girl Scouts are not available to help with this event this year. The volunteers will need to be at the pool by noon. She also needs the eggs, the sign, and the costume. The Owens family has it and Tom will give them a call to set up a time to get the costume. There will be flyers made up about the Egg Hunt, joining VOMCA, and our first fundraising event. We are holding a bake sale to benefit the playground. She asked everyone to donate baked goods for the event.

Theresa also had some ideas about other ways to raise funds. She wanted permission to talk to local businesses to ask them to give discounts to VOMCA members who showed their VOMCA cards. This would help increase membership. Theresa Szverra made the motion and Colleen Flack seconded it. It passed 6 for and none against.

There was discussion about putting a fence up around the pumping station. Mark Chang said that we once had a fence there but VOMCA voted to take it down. Sarah pointed out that we voted to put it back up so there shouldn't be any problem. Mark Chang is working on getting us a fence for that area.

The subject of the softball net at Barlowe Field was brought up. We are not responsible if kids climb on it but they really can't get on it because of the way it is to be put up. Theresa Szverra made a motion that we allow them to put up the net. Sarah Hakulin seconded it. It passed 6 for and none against.

Mark Chang informed us that the Glen Burnie Rotary Club selected Tom Stag for the "Service Above Self" Community Award. He will represent Millersville at Michael's Eighth Avenue on March 8, 2012. Congratulations to Tom.

We can get a health permit for the whole season for the Swim Club. It would cover the swim team, etc.

Colleen Flack made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Theresa Szverra seconded it. It passed 7 for and none against. —*Respectfully submitted by Chris Szverra, Secretary*

Village of Olde Mill Community Association Members
Are Eligible to Join

Tower Federal Credit Union

Parts and repairs getting too costly?

Tower has the **auto loan** you need at a **great low rate.**

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



Visit towerfcu.org
to view Tower's auto rates and to apply online.

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!

Membership in Your Community Association

If you have not already joined your community association for 2012, please do so today. Our membership is very low this year (just 80 families) and we will be hard-pressed to continue the already limited activities that we have for Easter, the yard sale, and Santa's visit. In addition, we are in need of money to maintain the playground that could use mulching and new equipment.

Without the support of the residents, we cannot afford to continue all the activities that we have come to appreciate as a community. Our projected membership for the budget this year is 130 families, so we are 50 families short. Please pay your dues of \$15 for the year, by sending the form above to P.O. Box 366, Millersville, MD, or go to PayPal on the website www.vomca.org and send it in electronically.

Thank you for supporting your community of Olde Mill.

VOMCA President Tom Stag Wins "Service Above Self" Award

Congratulations to VOMCA President, Tom Stag who was honored by the Rotary Club of Glen Burnie during their first Community Awards Dinner, for "Service Above Self" on March 21, 2012. The award is given for community service "which covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community." The awards were presented to a total of 37 honorees with a special award to Mark Chang, who works with communities from the Constituent Office for Anne Arundel County. Speakers included Ed DeGrange, State Senator for District 32.

Tom, for your hard work and dedication to our community, we are proud of your accomplishments. Thanks for putting Olde Mill on the map.

Community Yard Sale May 5

Once again this year, Olde Mill is sponsoring the Community Yard Sale, on May 5 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Get your courts and streets together to make some money on your treasures right in your own front yard. No need to cart your items somewhere—just post a sign to lure the public to your house and make your best deals.

The community association will advertise the time and place in the *Pennysaver* and the *Maryland Gazette*, and will post a Community Yard Sale sign on Old Mill Rd.

County Spraying to Control Mosquitoes

Included on pages 8-9 of this month's *Crier* is information regarding the Maryland Dept. of Agriculture's mosquito-control spraying plan for our neighborhood. Please read the information that was sent to us and note that if you do not want to have your property sprayed, there is an opt-out method to use to notify the county of your wishes. You can download the exemption form by going to the website at www.mda.state.md.us/pdf/mcsprayexemption.pdf

The Dept. of Agriculture has a specific procedure for determining when to spray and if spraying is actually needed on our assigned day. When we are assigned the night for spraying our neighborhood, the information will be published in the *Crier*.

For further questions, please call the Dept of Agriculture at 410-841-5870.

Discount Taxi Coupons Available

Annapolis, MD (March 27, 2012)—Could you or someone you know use a discounted taxicab ride? The Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities is again offering discount taxi coupons for seniors age 55 and older, and for people age 18 and older with disabilities. Participating county taxicab companies accept the vouchers in place of cash.

Transportation to medical appointments, visits with family and friends, work, school, shopping centers, and grocery stores is available seven days a week. This taxi service also is available when county van service is not available.

Proof of disability is required in order to participate in the Taxi Card Transit Service. Those who qualify can purchase an amount determined by the funding of the service. Each book contains \$10 worth of coupons and costs the client \$5 for each book—a savings of 50% over the face value. Anyone who is enrolled in the service can get a minimum of one booklet for \$5 or up to seven booklets per month for \$35.

The client pays the metered amount in coupons upon reaching the destination. If the meter says \$20, the client will give the cab driver two \$10 books. Tips are allowed but coupons are not to be used for this purpose. Participating taxicab companies are listed in the coupon book.

Visit www.aacounty.org/aging/agingservices/taxivoucher.cfm for an application, disability verification form, and list of participating taxicab companies, or call 410-222-4222 for information.

Mary P. Felter, Public Information Officer

Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities

Letter from Sen. Ed DeGrange

As a State Senator one of my responsibilities is to award Senatorial Scholarships to eligible students in Legislative District 32. This is a responsibility I take very seriously and I would like to ensure that all of my constituents know about the application process.

In order for students to be eligible to receive a Legislative District 32 Senatorial Scholarship application, they must meet two requirements. First, the student must have properly completed and submitted their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1, 2012. The FAFSA is a federal application for students to fill out and is used as to determine eligibility for a number of federal and state scholarships and loans, including the Legislative District 32 Senatorial Scholarship. Second, the student must reside within Legislative District 32.

Since the Maryland Higher Education Commission ("MHEC") oversees the Senatorial Scholarship process, they will forward to my office a list of students who meet both criteria in early April. At that time, my office will mail a Senatorial Scholarship application directly to all of the students on the list (approximately mid- to late April).

In order to be considered for a Senatorial Scholarship, each student must return their completed

Senatorial Scholarship application along with a official transcript by the deadline indicated on the application, which usually falls within two weeks of the application mailing date. Additionally, if a student is planning to attend a college or university outside of Maryland, the student must be granted a unique major status by MHEC prior to submitting their Senatorial Scholarship application to my office.

My independent Scholarship Committee will review all Senatorial Scholarship applications received by the deadline and recommend awards based on the student's level of financial need, as suggested by MHEC, academic achievement and extracurricular activities. All students who submit an application to my office will receive a letter informing them of the Committee's decision by the summer of 2012.

A step-by-step guide about attending college can be found here, or you can visit MHEC's website. For additional information not provided on the website, you can reach MHEC by calling 410-260-4500.

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.

—James “Ed” DeGrange, State Senator, District 32

Del. Pam Beidle: News from Annapolis

Update on the Budget Process

Last week was the longest and most contentious week of the 2012 session to date. Long hours on the House floor were filled with passionate and thoughtful debate. By the end of the week, Saturday at 6:00 p.m., we had voted out the Budget, the BRFA, Maintenance of Effort, the Tax Package, and the “Flush Tax” (The Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund-Fees) along with hundreds of other bills that were voted favorable in the various committees. Several major policy bills are still waiting for action: the Sustainable Growth Bill and Agricultural Preservation Bill (HB445), Video Lottery Terminals and Table Games (SB892/HB1265), State Boat Act Fees and Requirements (HB1307), and the Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act (HB441/SB237), just to list a few.

Budget Differences

There are four budget bills: SB150 – Budget Bill, SB152 – Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2012(BRFA), SB 523 - State and Local Revenue and Financing Act of 2012, and SB 848 – Maintenance of Effort (MOE). We must pass all four or we will end up with the “doomsday budget”. This year the Senate acted on the Budget bills first and the House used the bill passed by the Senate and changed it using the amendment process. Generally speaking, the Senate budget includes greater tax increases than the House version.

SB 150 – The Budget Bill contains the appropriations for all of the State Departments, including Education and Emergency Services, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. I did vote for The Budget.

SB 152 – The BRFA alters the distribution of revenues and transfer of certain funds. It is needed to support the budget. The Senate bill includes the shift of teacher's pensions to the counties over three years. The House budget phases in the “normal costs” of teacher pensions to the over the next three years. Sharing the “normal costs” means the counties will pick up roughly 1/3 of the total cost of teacher pensions and pay only expenses associated with their current employees. This represents a significant savings to the county over the Governor's initial 50/50 pension sharing proposal. The “normal costs” option is favored by the Maryland State Education Association. I voted for amendments that deleted the transfer of teachers' pensions to the counties; however, none of the amendments passed. Ultimately, I did vote for the BRFA.

SB 523 is another funding bill for the State budget. The Senate passed the bill with tax increases for the majority of residents and repealed the income tax reductions of 1997. The House budget raises revenues by asking those with the most to pay a little more. 87% of Marylanders will not see any increase in their State income taxes. The top 13% of filers will see a progressive increase in their tax rate and a progressive reduction in their exemptions. This plan raises \$227M, less than half the revenue increase of the Senate plan. Like the Senate plan, it does not limit mortgage interest deductions.

I was very opposed to the tax increases in SB523, however, it did pass the House with many amendments. I did not vote in favor of this bill, as I felt that more cuts could have been taken so that no tax increases would be necessary.

SB 848/HB1412 – Maintenance of Effort (MOE) is a decades-old requirement that county public school systems must maintain the same level of per pupil funding that existed in the previous year. Each county provides funds but also relies on the state to support its schools. Over the past few years, however, many counties have reduced their contributions and expected the state to provide an increase in the required funds! This is unsustainable. There is a need for greater predictability. The bill also excludes debt service from the MOE calculation and creates a waiver process.

I supported SB848/HB 1412 to require each county to meet its MOE, limiting the ability of the county to reduce its contributions. If the county does not meet MOE, then the State is able to redirect the county's piggyback income tax from the county to the school system and it enables a county the right to increase the property tax even if a tax cap or tax revenue cap is in place. This is a serious attempt to get each county that is not meeting MOE, or committed to providing needed funds, to take the responsibility for local public education. SB848/HB 1412 does not mandate that a county increase taxes, but it does mandate that every county must meet education funding requirements as mandated by our State Constitution.

Overall the budget is a good work product of the Appropriations Committee which continues to support education, health care, and the environment. Since the Senate refused to accept the House amendments, a Conference Committee has been appointed. This Committee includes members of both the House and Senate. They will meet until a compromise budget is worked out. The final product of the Committee will then be voted on by the members of both the House and Senate.

Here is the Baltimore *Sun*'s opinion on the House version of the budget:

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/editorial/bs-ed-budget-20120326,0,1148650.story>

Environmental Bills of Interest

HB 446 – Environment-Bay Restoration Fund-Fees and Uses-“Flush Tax.” This Legislation requires an increase in the fees Maryland citizens pay toward improving the wastewater treatment facilities in the State, as well as achieve nutrient removal in the Chesapeake Bay as mandated by the federal Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements. This legislation would increase the monthly flush tax to \$5 for each residential dwelling, a \$60 annual fee for citizens served by a septic system, and \$5 per month for businesses for every equivalent dwelling with a cap of \$120,000 per year. (The original bill tripled the fee.) This increase in the monthly fees will lead to an estimated \$99 million annually, which will be used, specifically, to improve the remaining 40 major wastewater treatment plants by the year 2017 as mandated by the federal government. This legislation requires that the fees be increased until 2030, at which time the fees will return to \$2.50 per month and \$30 flat fee for citizens served by a septic system.

HB 987 – Stormwater Management-Watershed Protection and Restoration Program. This bill requires each county to adopt certain ordinances to establish a watershed protection and restoration program. The program must include a stormwater remediation fee. In 2004, when I was on the County Council, Anne Arundel County had \$450 million in stormwater devices that needed retrofit. Few if any of these devices have been retrofitted and the cost is now estimated at approximately \$2 billion dollars. Nothing has been done to improve the stormwater run-off that is polluting the bay from the Anne Arundel County stormwater management program. I voted for the bill to require a fund be established to provide for these improvements.

Thank you for allowing me the honor to represent the constituents of District 32. Please continue to stay in touch. My contact information is: Pamela.Beidle@house.state.md.us or (410) 841-3370. Also, please visit my Facebook page (just search Delegate Pam Beidle) or my website www.pambeidle.com.

—Pamela Beidle, State Delegate, District 32

Details on State Mosquito Spraying Program

Residents who wish to have their property excluded from adult mosquito control services must notify the Maryland Department of Agriculture by submitting a completed exemption form. The Department's policy on objection to adult mosquito control services and the exemption form are enclosed and is also on their website at www.mda.state.md.us/pdf/mcsprayexemption.pdf

Please note that ULV spray treatment of adult tiger mosquitoes is most effective when conducted in conjunction with community cleanup efforts. The effective way to control mosquitoes in your neighborhood is at the community level. We encourage home owners and communities to be proactive in their efforts to control mosquitoes by becoming aware of backyard breeding sites.

For additional information on mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, insecticides, and tips to reduce mosquito breeding areas in your yard please visit this website: www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/mosquito_control/

STANDARD MOSQUITO CONTROL OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Anne Arundel County & City of Annapolis Mosquito Control Program is conducted by the Mosquito Control Section of the Maryland Department of Agriculture, located in Annapolis, under cooperative agreement with the County and City Governments.

OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR SPRAYING OF ADULTICIDES (Treatment for adult mosquitoes)

- Regular Surveillance and Control of Adult Mosquitoes: June 1, 2012- September 2012
- Sunday-Thursday (a night of the week will be assigned to your community)
- Anytime between 7:30 p.m.- 2:00 a.m.
- Spraying for adult mosquitoes will be done only if a Maryland Department of Agriculture Inspector determines it is necessary.
- Spraying will not be conducted during rain, in wind speeds exceeding 12 MPH, or temperatures above 89°F.

THRESHOLDS FOR GROUND BASED ULV TREATMENTS:

- Landing Counts: 3 mosquitoes in a 2 minute count
- Light Trap Collections: 12 female mosquitoes in an unbaited light trap
- 24 female mosquitoes in a baited light trap
- Conditions that threaten public health, such as mosquito-borne disease

| <i>Adulticide</i> | <i>Formulation</i> |
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| Biomist 30+30: Permethrin mixed with Piperonyl Butoxide and Mineral Oil | 0.0031 lbs/acre (Ultra Low Volume application) |

OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR SPRAYING OF LARVICIDES (Treatment for mosquito larvae):

Countywide Surveillance and Control of Larval Mosquitoes: April - October

Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

LARVICIDES TO BE USED:

| <i>Larvicide</i> | <i>Formulations</i> |
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| Bacterial Larvicides: | |
| VectoBac and Aquabac: | |
| <i>Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis</i> | Liquid, Granular |

Vectolex:
Bacillus sphaericus
Insect growth regulator:
Altosid (Methoprene)

Liquid, Granular

Liquid, Charcoal Briquet, or Pellets

The Mosquito Control Program does not spray for midges that swarm on homes, boats, trees, and shrubs along many Anne Arundel County creeks and rivers. These non-biting insects develop in mud bottoms of slow-moving waterways of low dissolved oxygen and will decline in numbers within a few weeks after they first appear.

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Anthony DeWitt, Agricultural Inspector
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Phone: (410) 841-5870, Fax: (410) 841-5734
Monday-Friday, 8.30 a.m.-4.00 p.m.

For more information, insecticide MSDS and labels, please visit our web site at:
www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/mosquito_control/

VOMCA Officers for 2012

Board Members

President: Tom Stag
Vice-President: Rick Behringer
Membership: Theresa Szverra
Secretary: Chris Szverra

Treasurer: Colleen Flack

Term expires 2012: Sarah Hakulin

Term expires 2013: Paul Shaffer
Term expires 2014: Al Miller
Sara Lattanzia