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July VOMCA Meeting:

CANCELLED because of Independence Day



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President's Message

We are still waiting on further traffic study on Kenora Drive. Traffic engineering was to look at a few more options on traffic flow along Kenora and Chalet. I continue to be in contact with Mark Chang from the County Executive's office on this item.

The county has approved to have a fence installed around the pump station at Old Mill Rd. and Old Mill Blvd. The funding has been approved and the county is waiting on the contractor.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you have time to volunteer, please contact a VOMCA Board member. We are currently in need of volunteers for the Olde Mill Swim Club. If you can donate time to serve on a committee, please contact Board@VOMCA.org.

An electrician was hired to make repairs to the lighting for the pool grounds. There was a problem with the underground wiring.

With the swim club now open I hope everyone enjoys the pool this summer. If there are any concerns, please contact Chris our manager. If the problem can't be resolved at that level, please contact Community Pools at 301-948-2400. If Community Pools is unable to help, contact Board@VOMCA.org.

Minutes of Emergency VOMCA Board Meeting, June 21, 2012

On June 21, 2012, an emergency VOMCA Board meeting was called at 7:00 p.m. by President Tom Stag to discuss the Community Pools contract and pool issues needing immediate attention. This was an open meeting attended by pool members as well as the Board. There was a quorum of members so the meeting could proceed.

President Stag announced that the electrical work on the lights that were out had been completed. A new wire had to be run from the breaker box in the pump room to the light pole fixture near the front gate.

Issues discussed concerning contract:

- As of June 17 we do not have an Assistant Manager. We are currently paying for a contract where we are to have both a Manager and Assistant Manager on duty. The excuse offered by Community Pools was that the Assistant is in training and has missed training, furthering delay.
- Community Pools hired a 15-year-old from the community as a substitute guard.
- Anne Arundel County requires lifeguards to be age 16 and licensed by the County Health Dept. The County relieved the 15-year-old during a routine inspection due to lack of license and age.

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- Community Pools is using the 15-year-old as a gate guard to offset one of our lifeguard positions. We do not have the contract-required 4 guards which is required under our contract with CP.
- Community Pools rehired a manager, who was fired last year to work at our pool, for the first part of the season as a substitute lifeguard. Phil Carter of Community Pools was advised that he was not to work at our pool again. He was fired from our pool last year.
- Third year straight, Community Pools did not supply personnel to assist in readying the pool for opening day. Guards and swim club members did the job that the contract specified Community Pools was to do, even though Phil Carter said they would be there at 9:00 a.m.
- Tom Stag asked for approval to contact an attorney regarding possible breach of contract and withholding possible payment for the last month.
- Additional issues for legal advice include termination of the final year of the CP contract and change of management companies.

Communication between Community Pools, which is located in Montgomery County, and VOMCA seems to have become a problem.

A volunteer, Nate Whitlaw, who works with the army on contracts, offered to look at the pool contract and make some suggestions.

Some suggestions from members present included:

- Credit from CP for amount of service not provided
- Include specific line items describing work to be done by Managing contractor
- List items not fulfilled and give them cost for work not completed
- Coverage problems, “15-year-old hired without a license,” lack of 4 guards & assistant manager
- Mandatory drug testing of all guards.

Community Pools has not supplied paperwork for swim instructors and will not communicate with Debbie Sansone.

Committee members sought to look into options for new pool company management next year. Community Pools has been serving Olde Mill for over 20 years, however their service has deteriorated and we cannot seem to communicate or receive the service provided in the past.

Sarah Hakulin moved to have Tom Stag contact an attorney and Sara Latanza seconded it. The Board unanimously agreed to have Tom Stag contact an attorney on contract issues.

Board member Sara Latanza moved to issue our own Form 1099 to swim instructors due to Community Pools inability to do so. Al Miller seconded the motion. Vote for was unanimous: 5-0.

Sarah Hakulin moved that Sara Latanza fill the position of Acting Pool Director in the absence of Tom Stag between July 6 and the 17 due to vacation. Paul Shaffer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

—*Respectfully submitted by Sarah Hakulin for Chris Szverra, Secretary*

Once-Weekly Trash Pick-up Now in Effect

By now every resident should have gotten used to the fact that trash is collected just once a week in our community. This occurs on our Recycle Day, which is Monday in Olde Mill, and moves to a Tuesday when a holiday falls on Monday.

Set all material out by 6:00 a.m. on Monday morning. You are limited to four containers of trash per collection. However, there is *no limit* to the number of recycling containers you can put out. Use trash cans with handles and tight-fitting lids. Secure trash in strong plastic bags to help avoid odors and litter caused by insects and animals. Double-bag diapers and pet waste; double-bagging of food waste is also recommended.

Convert trash cans to recycling containers. Download your *free* indoor recycling container label at RecycleMoreOften.com. Curbside collection questions or concerns, call 410-222-6100.

Assault and Robbery Investigated

On June 13, 2012, at approximately 9:40 p.m., officers from the Eastern District responded to the 400 block of Old Mill Boulevard for a report of a citizen robbery. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the 19-year-old male victim, who advised that he was playing basketball when he was approached by numerous male subjects. The suspects punched him in the face, pushed him to the ground, and took his wallet and personal property before fleeing on foot toward the Old Mill water tower. Officers responded and detained several individuals in the area of Elvaton Towne. The victim was able to positively identify one of the suspects as being involved in the robbery and assault. That suspect, a 17-year-old male, was placed under arrest and transported to Eastern District, where he was charged with robbery, assault, and other related charges. The investigation is ongoing.

Mosquito-Control Spraying Underway

Spraying in Olde Mill began Sunday, June 3, between the hours of 7:00 p.m and 2:00 a.m. The stormwater run-off ponds are being sprayed with larvacide. Questions, call 410-841-5870.

Helpful County Numbers

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

Public Works: 410-222-7500 (Water issues); Emergency number 410-222-8400

Zoning Enforcement: 410-222-7446

Community Constituents Office: 410-222-1242 (Mark Chang)

Membership Dues—Do It Now

At this time, we still have only 87 out of 1,300 families who live here, who have joined their community association. Last year, we had a total of 127 families who joined, more than one hundred of whom had joined by this time last year. In order to continue with the programs we have in place for the community, we need your support. Easter Egg hunts and Community Yard Sales are two of the activities that might not be able to be supported due to lack of funds.

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

We need every family to join so that we can continue to do what we now do and with more members, we could do even more to keep Olde Mill a place we can all enjoy.

Come to a meeting and see what you can do to help your community or bring your concerns so that we can work together to find a solution.

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!