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August VOMCA Meeting:

Wednesday, August 1, 7:00 p.m. at the Olde Mill Pool
preceded by Pool Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.



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President's Message

On July 6 the Olde Mill Swim Club hosted the signing into effect of "Connor's Law." This law requires all public pools in Anne Arundel County to have an automated external defibrillator, or AED, on site. This is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmia and will guide the user in applying an electric shock to restore a normal heart rhythm.

County Executive John Leopold, along with the Anne Arundel County Fire Chief Robert Ray, were in attendance at this signing ceremony along with the parents of young Connor Freed, who drowned at a Crofton pool in 2006. I would like to thank Sara Latanzio, Sarah Hakulin, and Rick Behringer for taking time to make sure things were ready for the presentation. See the press release later in this issue from the county for more background on the law.

The Olde Mill Swim Club received a brand new AED, donated to us by Dr. Brian Valle, a local Millersville dentist. Dr. Valle has supported our community in the past by judging our Christmas lighting contest. I personally thank Dr. Valle for his generous contribution. AEDs can run anywhere between \$1,200 and \$3,000.

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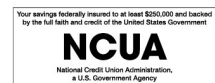
Anne Arundel County Executive John Leopold (left) and local dentist Brian Valle show the portable AED that Dr. Valle donated to the Olde Mill Swim Club. At right is the county Fire Chief Robert Ray.

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

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For other branch locations, go to towerfcu.org.



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I also thank Sara Latanzio for filling in as Pool Director during my absence. Along with being a board member and a swim team rep, Sara stepped up and volunteered while I was on vacation.

Mark Chang from the Anne Arundel County Community Constituent's Office has updated us on the speeding issue along Kenora Drive. The county is waiting for school to start and will run another analysis on Kenora Drive. I will keep residents updated on this. We were hoping that stop signs at the intersection would be implemented, however this was not an option.

There will be a Pool meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 1, at the Olde Mill Swim Club. There will be a VOMCA meeting at 7:00 p.m. following the pool meeting.

We are receiving complaints again about cats running loose in the neighborhood. Please remember that there is a leash law for cats—just as for dogs—in Anne Arundel County. If a cat is caught roaming it can be picked up by Anne Arundel County Animal Control, and the owner will have to pay a charge to retrieve the pet. (Think of it as a roaming charge.)

Also, I was informed about a bike that was stolen from the Olde Mill Swim Club. Parents, please remind children who ride their bikes to the pool to lock them to the bike rack, just as in any other public place. Unfortunately, the days of leaving items unsecured without a worry are long gone.

There are no meeting minutes this month, as the July 4 VOMCA meeting was canceled due to the holiday.

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer, hot though it be. Cool fact: The Olde Mill Torpedoes swim team has completed an undefeated season! We salute our kids and swim coaches on this accomplishment.

—Tom Stag, President

Water Restrictions Implemented and Then Withdrawn

On July 18, the county Department of Public Works imposed limitations on outdoor water use. This was due to the emergency repair and replacement of a major City of Baltimore water supply transmission main to Anne Arundel County and the increased demand for water during summer months. Although the ban on lawn watering, car washing, and similar uses was expected to last approximately two weeks while repair work was done, it was lifted on July 23.

However, we should all be careful of how we use water, and avoid wasting this expensive resource. You may wish to consider landscaping with plants that tolerate dry conditions, and installing rain barrels to capture the somewhat infrequent summer downpours for use in your garden.

Membership Dues—Do It Now

Time is running short. We still have fewer than 7% of Olde Mill families who have joined the Village of Olde Mill Community Association (VOMCA). Last year, we had a total of 127 families who joined. Please support us in running community activities and coordinating improvements. Fill out the membership application here and mail your \$15 annual dues in today. Or you can visit www.vomca.org online. *We need you.*

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!

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)

Annual Community Clean-Up on September 5

Anne Arundel County will deliver large dumpsters to the Olde Mill pool parking lot on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, by noontime. They will be picked up by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 7.

Items that cannot be disposed of in or near the dumpsters include: junk autos, trailers, gas and propane tanks, tree trunks, oil drums or tanks, liquids, hazardous waste, boats, tires, logs, paint, refrigerators, or air conditioners.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

County Executive Leopold Signs “Connor’s Law” to Protect Children at Local Pools

Annapolis, MD (July 6, 2012) - County Executive John R. Leopold today signed “Connor’s Law,” which requires that defibrillators be on site at all public and semi-public pools. As an emergency ordinance, the law took effect immediately.

“The most important job of government is to protect public health and safety, and this law is a common-sense solution to save lives,” County Executive Leopold said. “Lifeguards are already trained to perform resuscitation and use defibrillators. We need to make sure that public pools have the equipment needed.”

In 2006, 5-year-old Connor John-James Freed drowned in a local pool in Crofton. He died on the way to the hospital. A lifeguard can be heard on the 911 tape stating that the pool had an automatic external defibrillator (AED), but he was not allowed to use it because he was not trained. The Red Cross now requires training on how to use the devices.

Drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for children 5 years old and younger. County law already required face masks, latex gloves, a pathogen control kit, a light, a rescue pole, a rescue tube and other life-saving equipment. The Department of Health regulates 275 pools.

“Statistics prove that the use of defibrillators increases your chance of survival,” said Debbie Neagle-Freed, Connor’s mother and founder of the Connor Cares Foundation. “My child would be alive today if this law was in effect.”

The Connor Cares Foundation raises money to provide AEDs to facilities in need of financial support. For more information, go to www.connorcares.org

In the photo below, County Executive Leopold is flanked at the table by Connor Freed’s parents, Debbie and Thomas Freed.



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Thursday August 2, 2012
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.*

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FREE Invisalign consultation including x-ray, impressions, and photo records (\$400 value)

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