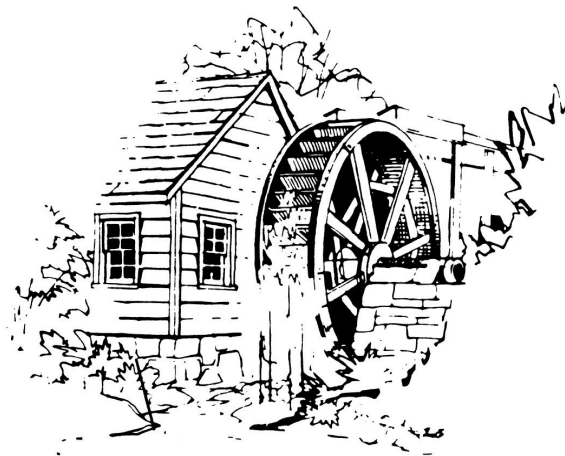


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VOMCA Meeting: Wednesday, October 3, 2012  
7:00 p.m. at Old Mill High School, Room A-271



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## President's Message

We are looking for volunteers in the community that would like to fill officer and board positions in VOMCA. Please email Sarah Hakulin at [board@VOMCA.ORG](mailto:board@VOMCA.ORG).

I would like to notify the community that I will not be running for President of VOMCA for the coming year. I have been either the Vice President or President for the past six years. It has been an honor to serve and try to make a difference in the community. I would like to thank the VOMCA members who voted and entrusted me to lead this organization.

My appreciation goes to Rick Behringer and Sarah Hakulin for their continued service and support during my presidency. Without both of these individuals' assistance, we could not have accomplished what we have over the past several years.

I would like to thank the past and current VOMCA board members and officers for their support. I also thank all the individuals who have volunteered at the swim club. Without all of you, our organization would not have been effective.

It has been great to meet neighbors in the community. I know that we have not been able to solve all the problems in the community but to be more effective we need more individuals to get involved.

We do receive varied complaints from community members. However without the input and help of more volunteers, the time is limited and only certain items may be addressed by priority.

My thanks also goes out to County Executive John Leopold, to Mark Chan our Community Constituent representative, and to the late Dennis Callahan. These individuals have supported us and provided us county resources when necessary to build a safer community. They also gave guidance and ideas at times that were valuable in making Olde Mill a better place to live.

Again, thank you all for your support over the years!

—Tom Stag, President

## Minutes from September 5, 2012 VOMCA Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President, Tom Stag at 7:00 p.m. A quorum of five (5) Board members was present.

Sara Latanzia announced that the swim team was donating an AED holder for the defibrillator that

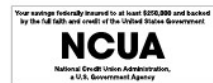
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Village of Olde Mill Community Association Members  
Are Eligible to Join  
**Tower Federal Credit Union**



Looking for a  
**Lower Rate Mortgage Loan?**  
*Refinance at Tower*

Visit the Millersville Branch in Old Mill Plaza.  
For other branch locations, go to [towerfcu.org](http://towerfcu.org).



Visit [towerfcu.org](http://towerfcu.org)  
to view current mortgage rates  
and to apply online.

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was donated by Dr. Brian Valle in August in accordance with the county passed bill, Connor's Law. The bill requires all county public pools to have an AED on site in case of an emergency.

Tom brought to everyone's attention the growth in the county and community of group homes. These are homes that are not licensed by the county in the sense that they are medically authorized.

John Tilden presented information to the meeting regarding the need for a new charter for Cub Scout Pack 957 since STING folded. he pack recruits from Rippling Woods and Southgate Elementary Schools. VOMCA was asked to "charter" the pack and John Tilden would go to the meetings and represent VOMCA. The motion was seconded. It passed unanimously.

Elections for officers is to be held at the October 3 meeting at Old Mill High School at 7 p.m. Community members are needed to volunteer for all positions. Contact [Board@vomca.org](mailto:Board@vomca.org) if you can donate time to serve your community. Board members are elected at the November 7 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with no further business presented.

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

### **VOMCA Elections for 2013**

Wednesday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m., elections for VOMCA officers for the coming year will be held at Old Mill High School, room A-271. All positions—President, Vice President, Membership, Secretary, and Treasurer—are available to fill. If you cannot run, please come out and vote for those that have volunteered to serve. VOMCA needs your support and your community needs *you* to care about the organization that represents you. Contact [Board@vomca.org](mailto:Board@vomca.org) with your comments and your support.

With more community participation, we would be able to do more to improve our playground and provide activities for our residents.

*—Sarah Hakulin*

### **Family Bird Walks Planned**

This is a great way to enjoy nature in a leisurely but guided event. All ages welcome. No cost to participate but there is an entrance fee for all locations listed. Meeting time is 9:00 a.m. Canceled if rain. Walks are approximately 2 hours but you are free to leave early or stay later. Leader Stacy Epperson will have some kids size binoculars and extra guide books. Call Stacy (Olde Mill resident) at 410-987-7533 or email [tryswim@comcast.net](mailto:tryswim@comcast.net) for questions or if weather iffy.

October 20: Kinder Farm Park. Meet at the first parking lot on the left, across from the community gardens.

November 17: Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary. Meet in the parking area in front of the visitor center.

*—Stacy Epperson*

### **County Executive Leopold Urges Residents to Apply for Homestead Tax Credit**

The Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation has set a deadline to apply for the Homestead Tax Credit by the end of this calendar year. People who do not sign up could have to pay hundreds or even thousands of dollars more in property taxes next year. Many people are unfamiliar with this program because their taxes are paid by a mortgage company, but it is very important to pay attention to this.

It is very simple to determine if you are approved for the Maryland Homestead Tax Credit. Go to the

State database at [http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/rp\\_rewrite/](http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/rp_rewrite/) and type in your address. At the bottom of the page, check the field that says Homestead Application Status to see if you are approved.

If you are approved, there is nothing you need to do. If you are not approved, you can apply online by going to <https://sdathtc.resiusa.org/homestead/>. Be sure to have a copy of your most recent assessment notice handy to fill out your information.

The Homestead Tax Credit protects homeowners from sudden and sometimes dramatic increases in property tax bills from reassessments. Once a homeowner is eligible for the credit, his or her property tax can increase by no more than 2 percent in a given tax year.

The deadline to apply is December 31, 2012. There is no way to appeal your bill once the deadline has passed. You can contact the Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation directly at 410-974-5709.

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## 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!

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### Helpful County Numbers

Northern District Roads : 410-222-6120, street issues

Public Works: 410-222-7500, water issues (emergency number is 410-222-8400)

Community Constituents Office, Mark Chang: 410-222-1242

Zoning Enforcement: 410-222-7446

### VOMCA Officers for 2012

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

### Board Members

Term expires 2012: Sarah Hakulin  
Term expires 2013: Paul Shaffer  
Term expires 2014: Al Miller  
Sara Lattanzia