

Olde Mill Village Crier

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VOMCA Meeting: Wednesday, December 5, 2012
7:00 p.m. at Old Mill High School, Room A-271
Important officer and board elections



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President's Message

The December 5 meeting will be for elections only. No new business will be conducted until the January meeting.

We are looking for volunteers in the community who would like to fill officer and board positions in VOMCA. Please email Sarah Hakulin at board@VOMCA.ORG or come to the meeting December 5 at Old Mill High School.

I would like to thank Michelle Beahm, Andi Campbell, Helen Dingus, and Mandy Rzepkowski for taking the initiative in bringing back Friends of Olde Mill. We could use many more volunteers like these ladies in the community. They are planning some good events! Please look for their message in the *Crier*.

In October I announced that I would not run for president for 2013. I have been 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.

I would like to thank Rick Behringer and Sarah Hakulin for their continued service during my presidency. Rick and Sarah both were the go-to persons that I would put things on at the last minute, and know that the items would be completed or addressed. I would like to thank Bernie Quarrick for his continued support of proofing and publishing the *Village Crier*. I also thank Barb Mason for being pool treasurer for the past two years. My thanks also go to past and current VOMCA board members and officers for their support as well as the general membership. And my deep appreciation goes to all the individuals who have volunteered both for the association and the swim club. Without all of you, our organization would not have been effective. Finally, my thanks to Mark Chang from the Anne Arundel County Community Constituents office for his support of our community.

It has been great to meet neighbors in Olde Mill. I know that we have not been able to solve all the problems in the community, but to be more effective there is a need for more volunteers.

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

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

Sincerely, Tom Stag, President

December Santa Visit & Food Collection Plans

On Saturday, December 22, Santa will visit Olde Mill in a Glen Burnie VFD fire truck, giving candy to all the children who come out to see him. (See attached flyer in this issue). Members of the fire department will be following the truck with Santa, collecting canned and non-perishable food for the North County Emergency Outreach Network in Glen Burnie.

This is the annual food donation drive that Olde Mill has participated in for many years. This food bank is an
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VOMCA December 5 Meeting

**WE NEED 11 MEMBERS—
A QUORUM—TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS
for the Village of Olde Mill Community Association**

Do the math:

- **1,300 FAMILIES LIVE IN OLDE MILL**
- **101 MEMBER FAMILIES SUPPORT ASSOCIATION EFFORTS**
- **WE NEED JUST *11 MEMBERS* TO CONDUCT BUSINESS, yet we've missed a quorum in most recent months.**

**Don't assume “someone else will go.”
We need YOU to attend the Dec. 5 meeting,
to vote or to volunteer to fill an
officer or board position.**

**Please come to the meeting on
DECEMBER 5, 2012 at 7 P.M.
OLD MILL HIGH SCHOOL, Room A-271**

JOIN, JOIN, JOIN

WE NEED YOU TO JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**\$15 PER FAMILY, INCLUDES ALL HOUSEHOLD
MEMBERS 18 YRS. AND OLDER.**

**MEMBERSHIP GIVES YOU A VOICE IN YOUR
COMMUNITY, MAKING IT A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.**

Supports the Easter Egg Hunt for children, Family Yard Sale, Santa visits, and taxes for Barlowe Field, as well as other issues that come to our attention throughout the year. Since we are a *volunteer organization* with low membership, we are unable to do more.

But with additional members, we could do a lot to improve our neighborhood, especially our playground at Barlowe Field.

Please join by using the attached membership form and envelope, or by using PayPal on our website www.vomca.org.

**Use attached envelope and form
in this issue of the *Crier*.**

Contact: board@vomca.org with any questions.

Join VOMCA for the new year. Exciting things are happening in 2013!

2013 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.

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organization of churches that has been in existence for at least 20 years and distributes food to those who are in need. Holidays are especially busy and shelves are typically low on supplies. Please be generous this year. Olde Mill has always stepped up to the task and we know you will again.

If you will not be home, please drop your donations off at Hair Expressions in the Olde Mill Shopping Center located near the 7/11. Olde Mill thanks Cheri for her continued support of this food drive donation effort for NCEON. Donations can be dropped off beginning December 7 and until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 22.

If you would like to volunteer to join Santa's helpers, please email board@vomca.org or call 410-987-1239.

A Special Appeal from Santa

This is Santa, and I'm coming to Olde Mill on December 22. But I really need your extra help this year!

I will once again be arriving on a big red fire truck to visit all the wonderful children of Olde Mill. However, there are a lot of other children in the area who need your help. Their parents are experiencing money problems due to the economy, layoffs, foreclosures, furlough days, and so on. You can help to give them a good meal this Christmas by leaving some canned goods and nonperishable goods on your door step for the firefighters to collect to give to NCEON (North County Emergency Outreach Network). They give boxes of food to the needy out of their Glen Burnie store house, which is very bare right now. Let's all pitch in with extra food donations to distribute this holiday season.

Thank you for your help and **Merry Christmas!**

—*Santa Claus*

Santa Claus Home Visits

Santa Claus will once again pay visits to homes on some evenings prior to Christmas. Anyone interested should contact Santa's appointments secretary at tomdixon13@hotmail.com. Santa will bring a treat, chat with your kids, and pose for pictures with your family. Openings are limited, so contact Santa soon.

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

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

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For other branch locations, go to towerfcu.org.



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visit towerfcu.org.**

Open Letter: A New Olde Mill in 2013

Hello Olde Mill!

As many of you know, and some may not, The Village of Olde Mill Community Association is all **volunteer**. Any new improvements to the park at Barlowe Field are completed by volunteers and concerned neighbors.

Over the next few months you will witness a concerted effort to promote our new Facebook www.facebook.com/TheVillageofOldeMill and Twitter (@VillageOldeMill www.twitter.com/VillageOldeMill) pages. We will be planning a series of fundraisers to move forward on an impressive update of Barlowe's playground and field. The social media pages will be used to mobilize, update and keep in touch with all our neighbors in The Village regarding our efforts and upcoming events.

We will have a full Calendar of Events we hope all become annual events. We are now making plans for 2013. We hope to have several restaurant fundraisers, a **Bull Roast** (February TBA), a **Barlowe Bolt 5K and Fun run** (March 16, 2013, www.facebook.com/BarloweBolt), an **Olde Mill Golf Tournament** (April TBA), and a full day of community events on **May 4, the Barlowe Fun Fling Day** that will include the community yard sale, vendors/crafters, games, and food. Fundraising efforts over the summer months will benefit the pool, and the months of September to December will be planning months for the following year. We are very excited and will be reaching out to everyone and will be looking for new volunteers and hope to find an ambassador for each street in The Village. We will be looking for sponsors for the 5K race and the Golf Tournament and active volunteers for all of the events. We will have an abundance of hours to offer high schoolers for required community hours.

We have 1300 households and hope to be able to reach out to everyone. We want to build a strong and safe community for our kids and have lots of fun doing it.

We are looking for as many volunteers as possible. Please email us your contact information to villageofoldemill@gmail.com. If you are a business owner and would like information on being a sponsor for the Barlowe 5K Bolt or golf tournament, please email us and we will contact you as soon as possible. Email us if you are looking for volunteer hours, or if you will be our street ambassador who will communicate with your neighbors on your street. All local vendors and businesses that support The Village need to get our support in return and we will be letting everyone know on Facebook and Twitter who those businesses are with occasional "Shout Outs."

To the Swim Club, Softball League, Soccer League moms, and Basketball enthusiasts—we say we are all in this together. Our first goals will be new play structures, fencing, and sturdy benches and picnic tables; in future years we will also focus on other endeavors. The pool club needs infrastructure updates, the softball field needs an overhaul, and the basketball court needs are ongoing.

We LOVE Olde Mill. We truly believe we live in a pearl of an area in the middle of Millersville, Pasadena, and Glen Burnie, convenient to transportation and to cities like Baltimore, Annapolis, and Washington. These events are not only going to benefit us, our families, children, friends, and home values! This will bring The Village back to its full potential, strong and safe.

We will keep everyone informed every step of the way on our progress and events. Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TheVillageofOldeMill> and follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/villageoldemill>.

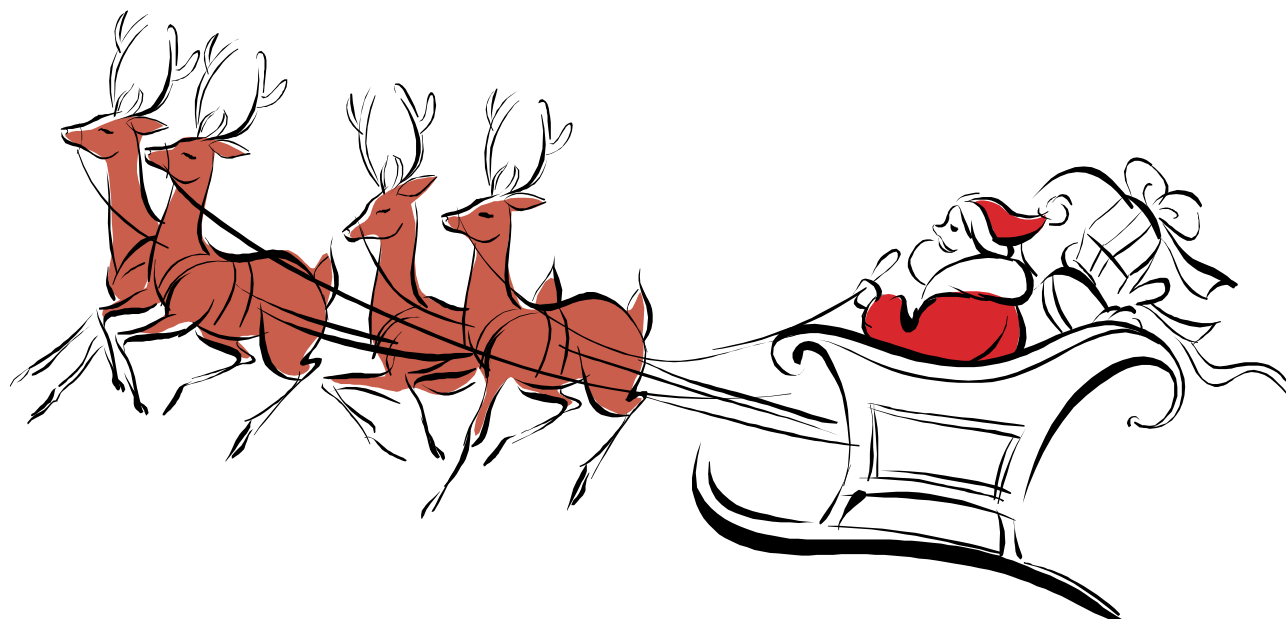
Talk to you soon.

Sincerely, Your Friends and Neighbors in Olde Mill!

Michelle Beahm • Andi Campbell • Helen Dingus • Mandy Rzepkowski

VillageofOldeMill@gmail.com Fundraising Email

board@vomca.org Village of Olde Mill Community Association



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING

Saturday, December 22, 2012



2:10 Brandon N.	3:05 Ahearn Dr. & Rd.
2:15 Weyburn Rd.	3:10 Chalet Dr.
2:25 Kenora Dr. N.	3:15 Condo I
2:30 Williamstowne Dr.	3:25 Chalet West
2:40 Gartlemill Rd.	3:30 Craver Rd. & Kenora S.
2:50 Condo II & III	3:35 Brandon Dr. S.



Santa arrives on a Glen Burnie VFD Fire Truck with candy canes for all the children. Santa's helpers will collect bagged, non-perishable food for NCEON Food Bank, from your doorstep.

If you won't be Home, please leave your donation on your front step or drop it off at HAIR EXPRESSIONS in the Olde Mill Shopping Center starting Dec. 7 until 1 P.M. December 22, 2012.



Thanks and a Very MERRY CHRISTMAS from VOMCA