

Olde Mill Village Crier

*Published monthly by the
Village of Olde Mill Community Association
P.O. Box 366, Millersville, MD 21108*

*Email articles to crier@vomca.org
Articles are due by the 21st of the preceding month.
VOMCA Meeting: Wednesday, February 5, 2014
7:00 p.m. at Old Mill High School, Room A-258*



Volume 44, Number 2 / FEBRUARY 2014

President's Message

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone.

“Polar vortex”—never heard that term before this winter, and I'm already sick of it. Brrrrrr . . . January has been a very cold month. It appears that February will be frigid as well. Be sure to take all precautions to keep from getting frostbite and wear layers for maximum warmth in these days of high winds and extremely low temperatures. Spring is on its way (honest), so just think of the warmth of the summer months that will be here before you know it!

The first Swim Club meeting of the year will be held at 6:00 pm at Old Mill High School, Wednesday, February 5, in Room A-258. The VOMCA meeting will follow at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend.

Again this year, Friends of Olde Mill will be sponsoring the Barlowe 5K Bolt on Saturday, March 22, to continue raising money for a new playscape. This is your chance to run or walk for the children of Olde Mill who have needed a playground renovation for many years. See flyer in this *Crier*.

Another way that you can help is to have your taxes prepared by Liberty Tax, at its Gambrills location only. They will donate \$25 to the playground fund for doing your tax preparation. See info elsewhere in this issue.

Councilman John Grasso attended our January meeting, and proposed a plan for neighborhoods to protect themselves. He calls it a “Citizens' Safety Watch Group,” where volunteers from the neighborhood drive through the community at night to restore a feeling of safety and discourage crime. The police department, according to Councilman Grasso, has a total of just 11 police officers who patrol the Northern District, which includes Olde Mill. Look for flyers to be distributed this month to your door with more information. A meeting will be held on March 5 for anyone interested in this effort.

Please remember to join your community association in 2014 for only \$15. Your support of VOMCA is needed so that we can pay our taxes and remain an organization that can represent you on issues that affect the quality of life here.

See you all on Wednesday, February 5.

—Sarah Hakulin, VOMCA President

Approved 2014 Budgets

VOMCA 2014 BUDGET

		<u>Approved 2014</u>
Income		
Crier Advertising		970.00
Membership		1,800.00
Mens Softball League		600.00
Childrens Soccer		400.00
Pool Ops Transfer		2,500.00
Interest Income		
Total Income		6,270.00
Operating Expenses		
Crier Advertising		400.00
Membership		100.00
Bank Fees		240.00
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE		
Presidents Fund		100.00
Post Office Box		130.00
Website		60.00
Grant Filing		150.00
TAXES		
Supplies		
Real Estate Taxes		1,100.00
Personal Property Taxes		240.00
Tax Preparation Fees		2,800.00
Business Taxes		
MAINTENANCE		
Field & Area Maintenance		250.00
Childrens Playground Area		
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES		
Egg Hunt		200.00
Christmas Lights		50.00
Santa's Ride (NCEON)		200.00
Flyers/Fundraisers		150.00
Yard Sale Advertising		100.00
Total Expenses		6,270.00
Net Income		-

Join VOMCA for 2014. Help make great things happen in Olde Mill!

2014 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.

**SWIM CLUB
2014 BUDGET**

	Approved 2014	NOTES
Income		
Active Members	64,970.00	178 members @ \$365
Guest Fees	2,500.00	
Inactive Members	4,960.00	62 members @ \$80
New Certificates	2,800.00	7 new certificates
Transfer Fees	50.00	5 transfers
Swim Lessons	7,500.00	
Pool Rentals	450.00	
Interest Income		
Refunds		
Total Income	83,230.00	
Operating Expenses		
ADMINISTRATIVE		
Advertising/Web Page	250.00	
Office Supplies	100.00	
Bank Fees	50.00	
Insurance	3,000.00	
Hospitality (youth parties_	400.00	
First Aid Supplies	100.00	
Amusement Tax	750.00	
MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENTS		
Barlowe Field	4,750.00	
Building Structures	500.00	
Decks/Sidewalks	400.00	
Fire Extinguishers	100.00	
Furniture		
Lawn/Grounds - Pool Area	100.00	
Other		
Pool/Pump/Filtration	1,530.00	
Supplies/Chemicals	1,000.00	
Trash Removal	400.00	
Propane	200.00	
MEMBERSHIP	1,500.00	
OPERATIONS		
Health Permit	500.00	
Management	54,100.00	
Supplies	200.00	
PROGRAMS		
Swim Supplies	100.00	
Swim Instructors	4,000.00	
UTILITIES		
Electric	3,300.00	
Parking Vapor Lights	650.00	
Telephone - Poolside		
Telephone - Voice Mail	250.00	
Water	2,500.00	
Transfer to VOMCA	2,500.00	
Transfer to Savings		
Total Expenses	83,230.00	
Net Income	-	

THINK SUMMER—PLAN AHEAD
JOIN OLDE MILL SWIM CLUB
PACKETS COME OUT IN MARCH
 Pool Memberships Available
 We Offer Competitive Swim Teams
 Red Cross Swim Lessons
 Summer Fun!
 Call 410-987-7890

Reduce Your “Rain Tax”

Eligible property owners in Anne Arundel County have the opportunity to reduce their Stormwater Remediation Fee assessments by up to 50% for proactive and sustainable uses of stormwater runoff controls. The Stormwater Fee Credit Program Policy and Guidance document for Anne Arundel County was approved by the Maryland Department of Environment and provides the Department of Public Works the framework and procedures needed to administer the program.

Credit program information is available on our website at <http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/Stormwater/Credit%20Program#%23.UtfaLtKwJcQ>

All applications must be submitted by April 30, 2014 to have approved credit request applied towards stormwater fee assessment for Tax Year 2014. The credit application deadline for all future taxable years is October 1.

Candy Fontz, Community Services Specialist

Office of the County Executive

Phone: 410-222-1183

Winter Tips from Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Preparedness

This is shaping up to be a pretty rough winter in Anne Arundel County. With at least six weeks of cold weather ahead of us, the county offers these suggestions to help yourself and to be a good neighbor.

- Road crews' goal is to have bare pavement vehicular access on county-maintained arterial and collector roadways within 24 hours AFTER the end of a snowstorm.
- Passable, but not bare pavement, vehicular access on County-maintained local roadways (i.e., residential streets, cul-de-sacs, dead-ends, etc.) within 36 hours AFTER the end of the storm.
- Citizens are urged to take the necessary steps to ensure their safety during and following the storm and to assist DPW crews as they continue clearing roads.
- Maintain an adequate supply of household necessities, including medications, heating fuel, food, and water.
- Reschedule appointments prior to or after the expected storm event.
- Park all vehicles in a driveway whenever possible. If off-street parking is not available, please work with your neighbors to park all vehicles on one side of the road only. If the plows cannot safely access your street due to on-street parking, service will be delayed until adequate access is available or until smaller equipment becomes available.
- Children and drivers should be cautioned to stay clear of plows and other heavy equipment to allow plow operators to perform their work efficiently and safely.
- **Please clear sidewalks in front of your residence of snow and ice, for pedestrian safety and to reduce your insurance liability if someone slips on your walks.**
- Remove all recycling containers, trash cans and other obstacles from the street to allow plows access.
- Maintain a safe following distance on the roadways during slick conditions, maintain low speeds, and turn on your lights to increase visibility.
- Brake gently to avoid skidding.
- Have vehicles properly winterized and equipped with all-season or snow tires.
- Carry a survival kit, flashlight, food, water, sand or other traction material and a shovel in your vehicle.

Finally, remember to check on elderly or disabled family members, friends, and neighbors. Please bring pets inside. If it is too cold for you, it is too cold for them.

For more information, contact the County's Office of Emergency Management at 410-222-0600.

Tracie Reynolds

Public Information Officer

443-336-8044

Reminder: Recycling Carts To Be Delivered To Olde Mill in February

Olde Mill residents should have received a letter by mail from Anne Arundel County regarding this program.

Beginning Monday, February 10, 2014, 65-gallon recycling cart distribution will begin to over 20,000 homes in Anne Arundel County. Distribution could take up to 3 weeks. Continue to use current recycling bins until the new carts are delivered.

Current County-issued recycling bins and containers will be retrieved by the County on our curbside collection day during the distribution process.

You must let the County know if you want to keep your current County-issued recycling bins and containers. If the County does not hear from you, the old bins and containers will be collected!

Call the County if you do not want the new cart or if you want to keep your current recycling bins or containers, by FEBRUARY 3, 2014:

Recycling Division 410-222-7951 or visit <http://carts.recyclemoreoften.com>

If you find you don't want the cart which is specific to your address, return it to an AACO Recycling Center or call Customer Service at 410-222-6100 for assistance.

Minutes of January 8, 2014, VOMCA Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Sarah Hakulin, President. There were 11 members and one guest—County Councilman John Grasso—in attendance.

The Treasurer reported that VOMCA has \$3,443.50 savings and \$1,580.93 in checking. The Swim Club has \$13,456.19 in checking and \$20,038.67 in savings.

There were enough members for a quorum so the 2014 budgets were discussed and voted on. On the Swim Club budget it was discussed that yearly membership fee is increasing from \$345 to \$365. It was discussed eliminating one phone line and adding voicemail to the poolside line. The \$800 rain tax that VOMCA faces was discussed by our guest John Grasso, who explained what the rain tax was and the importance of this assessment. The Swim Club budget was then passed as published. In the VOMCA budget, advertising income was discussed, as the only advertiser we currently have is Tower Federal Credit Union and we need to get more advertisers. It is \$40 for a full-page online ad and \$20 for a half-page, with a 10% discount for an annual contract. It was asked if advertisers could do a business-card size ad, and said it could be done. The VOMCA budget was then passed as published.

FOOM is holding Junior Design Days to get input from kids on creating the new playspace. February 1 at Church on the Rock from 10 am to 12 noon is the last session. All are welcome. FOOM raised \$154 from the donation letters put out to date. They are also sponsoring a second annual 5K run at Barlowe Field on March 22. See flyer.

Our guest Councilman John Grasso spoke about crime rates in Anne Arundel County increasing. He explained that there are only 11 officers in the Northern District to patrol this area, so he is working on starting neighborhood watches in different communities to give the police extra eyes to watch out for potential crime. He would like to hold a meeting to form a Neighborhood Watch in Olde Mill. Volunteers from Olde Mill will be needed to help staff this. Flyers will be distributed to all homes in our community with details about this program.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm.

—Minutes submitted by Lisa England, Secretary of VOMCA

VOMCA Officers and Board for 2014

Officers

President: Sarah Hakulin
Vice President: Zach Campbell
Secretary: Lisa England
Treasurer: Colleen Flack
Membership: Sandy Sacra

Board

Term 2014: Al Miller
Term 2015: Paul Shaffer, Andi Campbell
Term 2016: Mike Hakulin, Sr.

New Pool Bond Payment Plan

Community residents who wish to join the Olde Mill Swim Club for 2014 have two options to pay for their Pool Bond. You may make a one-time payment of \$400.00, or choose a 4-month payment plan of \$100.00 per month starting in January 2014 thru April 30, 2014. Please contact Kevin Kendall, Pool Membership coordinator, on the Olde Mill Swim Club phone line (410-987-7890) with your desire to participate in either option.

Update from F.O.O.M.

Here's an update from your neighborhood friends – FOOM (Friends of Olde Mill):

There might be snow on the ground but we've been busy planning our 2nd Annual Barlowe 5K Bolt! Who is ready for some warmer weather? Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 22, 2014. Race starts at 7:00 am! Our course through Olde Mill will be the same as last year. As mentioned in last month's *Crier*, we heard lots of positive feedback last year from beginners and more advanced runners on our course.

There are several ways you can register for the Barlowe Bolt. You can sign up on active.com at http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=2123294. In this edition of the *Crier*, we have included a mail-in registration form that can be sent to FOOM, Inc., P.O. Box 151, Millersville, MD 21108. You can register by picking up a registration packet at Fleet Feet Sports in Severna Park or Annapolis. Lastly, you can register the same day of the race starting at 6:00 am at the pool.

This year we will also offer packet pick-up on Friday, March 21, from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Fleet Feet Sports in Severna Park, or you can pick up your packet on race day starting at 6 am at the pool.

We are looking for sponsors for our Barlowe 5K Bolt. We have a number of sponsorship levels available. The most attractive level would be the \$100 level. For a \$100 sponsorship your company would receive:

- their ad in the race program that is given to all runners in their race bag
- their logo on our Barlowe Bolt t-shirts, which are worn all around town!
- additional advertising of their business on our community Facebook page
- the option of space for a vendor table the morning of the race.

If you are interested in being a sponsor or know of a company who might be interested – please feel free to contact Andi at 410-903-2136 or cautionkidsatplay@gmail.com and put Barlowe 5K Bolt Sponsorship in the subject line.

Ready to get your taxes done? Call Liberty Tax (Gambrills office only!) and take advantage of a generous offer they have made to FOOM! They will donate \$25 to FOOM for anyone who takes their taxes to them to be prepared. Make sure you mention this at time of service or take a copy of the flyer that is attached to this month's *Crier*. Liberty Tax is located at 1053 MD Rt. 3 N., Gambrills, MD 21054. They can be reached at 410-721-2491.

We'd like to thank all the Junior Designers (and their parents) who came out to our Junior Design Days! We feel like they were a huge success and we have a lot of information and photos to pass on to our playscape designer for his use in helping to create and design our unique playscape. We really enjoyed watching how involved and creative the children were who attended!

Who is looking forward to spring? Are you spending these cold, winter days spring cleaning? Have items you are looking to get rid of? FOOM's Spring Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, May 17. FOOM will collect donation items again this year or you are welcome to "rent" a space and set up a table. For additional information or to request a space go to www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org or email Michelle at Michelle@friendsofoldemill.org.

Looking to make a tax deductible donation? Consider making that donation to FOOM! We are a 501(c)(3) organization. Your donation can be made payable to FOOM, Inc. and mailed to FOOM, Inc.; P.O. Box 151; Millersville, MD 21108 or you can make a donation directly from our website at www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org and click on the secure PayPal link. After receiving your donation you will be mailed a thank-you card and letter stating our tax ID number for your tax records. We would really appreciate your support and help to accomplish this first goal of creating a unique playscape for our children!

If you would like to be more actively involved with any fundraisers we are doing or have any ideas you'd like to share with us please contact Andi at cautionkidsatplay@gmail.com.

"Like us" on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TheVillageofOldeMill> or visit our webpage at www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org for information and events for our community.

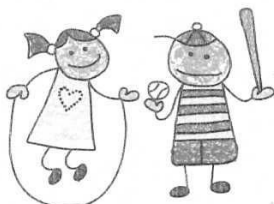
—Andi Campbell



Improve Our Playground

at Barlowe Field in Millersville

WHEN YOU LET LIBERTY TAX (Gambrills Location Only) PREPARE YOUR
TAXES, THEY WILL DONATE **\$25** TO THE PLAYGROUND FUND!



Se habla
español

443-852-2282

Bring or mention this ad to

LIBERTY TAX SERVICE

1053 MD Rt. 3 N, Gambrills, MD 21054 (410) 721-2491

ACCURATE FAST GUARANTEED

Sponsored by the
Friends of Olde Mill, Inc
www.friendsofoldemill.org

2ND ANNUAL BARLOWE 5K BOLT

5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

Sponsored by **F.O.O.M.**
FRIENDS OF OLDE MILL

Proceeds will help in the creation of our unique playscape for Barlowe Field.

Saturday, March 22, 2014

Starts and finishes at Olde Mill Pool,
490 Chalet Dr, Millersville, MD 21108



On-site registration and packet pick up
starts at 6:00 am and race starts at **7:00 am!**

Packet pick-up: Friday, March 21st from 4 pm - 6:30 pm at
Fleet Feet Sports in Severna Park

Register on www.active.com or by mail

Early bird registration until February 28, 2014
fee is \$25 for 5K or 1 Mile Fun Run / Walk

Registration fee after March 1st is \$35 for 5K or 1 Mile Fun Run / Walk
(T-shirts aren't guaranteed after Early Bird Registration date of February 28th, 2014)

"Like" our facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/BarloweBolt>

Barlowe 5K Bolt Registration Form for 2014

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Male ____ Female ____ DOB _____ Age on Race Day ____

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL Child's S Child's M Child's L

Fees: **Early Bird Registration on or before February 28, 2104 (T-shirt guaranteed)**

5K Age 18 and above \$25 _____

1 Mile Fun Run/Walk \$25 _____

Registration after March 1, 2014 (T-shirt if available)

5K Age 18 and above \$35 _____

1 Mile Fun Run/Walk \$35 _____

By indicating your acceptance, you understand, agree, warrant and covenant as follows:

Waiver: In consideration of me and/or my minor child being permitted to participate in The Barlowe 5K Bolt, I hereby—for myself, my heirs and personal representatives—assume any and all risks which might be associated with the event. I further waive, release, discharge and covenant not to sue VOMCA (Village of Olde Mill Community Association) or FOOM, Inc (Friends of Olde Mill), its officers, sponsors, organizers, volunteers or other representatives or their successors and assigns, for any and all injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever suffered by myself and/or my minor child as a result of taking part in the events and any related activities. I also authorize the use by FOOM, Inc, of any photo, film or videotape taken of me or my minor child at the event for any purpose.

Signature: _____ Print

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mail this form and your check to: FOOM, Inc.; P.O. Box 151; Millersville, MD. 21108. Check should be made payable to: FOOM, Inc. Envelope must be postmarked by February 28, 2014 to guarantee a t-shirt. Applications postmarked after this date will receive a t-shirt if any are still available.



Barlowe 5K Bolt 2014 Business Sponsorship Form

Thank you for deciding to partner with Friends Of Olde Mill (FOOM) and become one of our Barlowe 5K Bolt Sponsors. The Barlowe 5K Bolt will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2014. Proceeds from this race and other fundraisers we are holding in 2014 will benefit our playground and the athletic fields at Barlowe Field. We are a non-profit organization which means your donation is 100% tax deductible and when we receive your donation/sponsorship will provide you with a tax letter with our tax ID number.

We have different levels of sponsorship, depending on what size advertisement you would like in the program and if you'd like to be included on the T-shirt and the prominence of the logo on the T-shirt. Every level includes advertisement for you on our community Facebook page, www.facebook.com/TheVillageofOldeMill:

- \$10 Neighborhood "Shout Out" spot – 25 word limit – no logo on the T-shirt
- \$35 Quarter page (2.5" x 4") – no logo on the T-shirt
- \$100 Quarter page (2.5" x 4") (includes vendor spot if interested – you provide table)
- \$200 Half page (5" x 4") (includes vendor spot if interested – you provide table)
- \$400 Whole page (5" x 8") (includes vendor spot if interested – you provide table)
- \$500 Whole page inside front cover, or inside back cover (includes vendor spot if interested – you provide table)

Please complete the following and return it to me along with a copy of your logo in black and white and advertisement.

Company name: _____

Address: _____

Contact person: _____

Telephone number: _____

Level of Sponsorship (please check one):

- \$10 no logo on the T-shirt
- \$35 no logo on the T-shirt
- \$100 vendor space wanted
- \$200 vendor space wanted
- \$400 vendor space wanted
- \$500 vendor space wanted

Other: _____

Neighborhood "Shout Out" – 25 word limit – no logo on the T-shirt

Contact Person: _____

Telephone Number: _____

"Shout Out": _____

Company logos should be emailed to Andi Campbell, cautionkidsatplay@gmail.com, as a PDF file. Please make sure the subject line says: Logo for (your company) for 5K. Checks should be made payable to Friends of Olde Mill, Inc. Thank you!

Completed form, logo and checks are due to FOOM, Inc., PO Box 151, Millersville, MD 21108 no later than Friday, February 21.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you again,

Andrea Campbell
cautionkidsatplay@gmail.com
410-903-2136
