

# Olde Mill Village Crier

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## President's Message

“March winds blow and we shall have snow and what shall poor robin do then?” Wait for “April showers to bring May flowers.” We are all waiting for April’s flowers (like crocuses), showers, and sunshine and Easter’s promise of new life.

Congratulations to Bernie Quarrick who received the Rotary Club’s 3rd Annual Award for “Service Above Self,” which honors community members for their volunteer service. Bernie has served the community since 1974 when he moved to Olde Mill and has served as both an officer and board member of VOMCA. He has been the backbone of *The Village Crier* since its early days as courier, editor, and coordinator of ads and delivery to homes in Olde Mill. He is still the editor of the *Crier* since it went online several years ago. Thank you Bernie for your many, many years of committed service to Olde Mill.

Thanks to those who came to the meeting on March 5, to learn about Councilman Grasso’s proposal for a Citizen’s Patrol. Your interest was much appreciated and we are hoping to reschedule for the May meeting when more people will hopefully show up.

FOOM’s 2nd annual hugely successful Barlowe Bolt 5K on March 22 celebrated the start of spring with 123 registered runners from ages 6 to 68 years, and included babies in strollers. They came from 14 areas, such as Millersville, Davidsonville, Beltsville, Columbia, Stevensville, Jessup, Bowie, Arnold, North Beach, Glen Burnie, Severn, Odenton, and Ft. Meade. They ran to raise money for our playground. Local children walked to raise money so that they could have a new playground. Friends of Olde Mill (FOOM) have been working hard to make this dream a reality. You can be part of it by donating your time, your resources, and money to this exciting adventure. Go to [www.friendsofoldemill.org](http://www.friendsofoldemill.org). Way to go, Team FOOM!

Our 12th annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 12, at Barlowe Field. As usual this is an event for children up to the age of 11 to race through the field to find an egg with the word “prize” on it as well as candy. The Hunt will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a visit from the Easter Bunny. The event is free but there will be baked goods and a raffle for the benefit of the playground. Donations will also be accepted and news about the playscape that is planned for the playground area. Rain date will be Sunday, April 13. To help or ask questions, contact [board@vomca.org](mailto:board@vomca.org).

Remember to send your Swim Club membership checks to: Olde Mill Swim Club, 490 Chalet Drive, Millersville, MD 21108. The fee is \$365 if postmarked by April 15 and \$390 if postmarked after April 15. Checks are to be made payable to *Olde Mill Swim Club*. This is your swim club, come out and support it. Swim club packets can be found on the gates to the pool. Phone 410-987-7890 for more information.

Join VOMCA for \$15.00 and show your support for your community. Membership form is online (see [www.vomca.org](http://www.vomca.org)) or found in this newsletter. Swim Club meeting at 6:00 p.m. and VOMCA meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Old Mill High School Room A-258 on April 2. See you there.

—Sarah Hakulin, President VOMCA

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

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the 5K runners and 1 mile fun run / walk participants who came out to support our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Barlowe 5K Bolt! We had 123 participants this year and 26 local businesses who sponsored us. Our community children "The Sunrise Kids" raised over \$1,200 in sponsorship money from family and friends who showed their support in our children who walked / ran in this event. Friends Of Olde Mill (FOOM) raised approximately \$6,100.00 (we still have a few expenses to finalize) and all money raised will go directly towards our unique playscape!

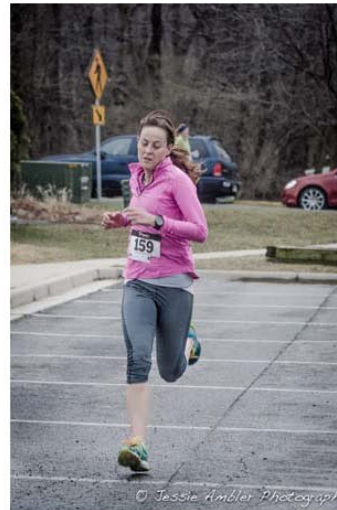
Want to see pictures or results from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Barlowe 5K Bolt – go to our website at [www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org](http://www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org) and click on the appropriate link listed under **Barlowe Bolt 2014** or "like" our facebook page – Barlowe Bolt or The Village of Olde Mill Community.

We'd like to thank all our sponsors again – Acorn Renovations; Arbonne; Arundel Pediatric Dental Care; Auto Sense; Automotive Direct USA; Bear Landscaping; Caution! Kids At Play Child Care; Cha Ching Consignments; Feel Better Fitness; Fieldstone Animal Inn; First Home Mortgage; Fleet Feet Sports; Helen Michelle's Handmade Cards; Jessie Ambler Photography; John Grasso, Councilman; Kerley Signs; Martini's Lawn Service; Networking Concepts Inc; Orthodontics of Maryland; Rhonda's Karate; Saavy Consignments; State Farm, Patrick Cloyd; VOMCA; Weir Pest Control; Winchester Construction Company and WNAV 1430.

Pictured below is our overall male and female runner for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Barlowe 5K Bolt.



Luis finished in 18:07



Kristine finished in 23:08

**READY TO JOIN US NEXT YEAR?! SAVE THE DATE!**



Tax season is wrapping up but if you still need to have your taxes done, please consider calling Liberty Tax (Gambrills office only!) to 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 opportunity 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.

FOOM will be holding a raffle again at this year's Easter Egg Hunt – keep an eye on our facebook page for pictures prior to the Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 1 pm. At this year's Easter Egg Hunt FOOM also plans on unveiling our playscape design! We can't wait to share this concept with you guys! Please make sure you stop by our table to see all the excitement!



Got quarters? Come to our next quarter auction! It is scheduled for Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. The doors open at 6 pm and the games start at 7 pm and will be held at The Howard L Turner American Legion, Post 276, 8068 Quarterfield Rd, Severn, MD. 21144. Once again we are looking for donations from the community. If you are interested in donating items to the 2014 Spring Quarter Auction please contact Andi Campbell at [cautionkidsatplay@gmail.com](mailto:cautionkidsatplay@gmail.com).

Who is looking forward to spring? Are you spending these first days of spring "spring cleaning"? Do you have items you are looking to get rid of? FOOM's Spring Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org) or email Michelle at [Michelle@friendsofoldemill.org](mailto:Michelle@friendsofoldemill.org).

Wondering what other fun events we have planned so far? We have included a calendar you can print off and hang on your fridge for future reference! Look for it in this month's edition of the *Crier*.

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](http://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](mailto:cautionkidsatplay@gmail.com).

## **WANTED: Help for Summer Pool Repairs**

Volunteers are needed to help Rick Behringer, Maintenance Person for our pool, to ready the pool for summer fun. Below is a message from Rick:

"The pool draining will begin on May 1, which is a Thursday. I will begin with repairs on Friday. The actual repairs may take me a week. So any volunteers who wish to help out can start on Saturday, May 3. If for some reason I'm out getting materials there will be a project list on the bulletin board. I will try to have materials available for each project laid out." —Rick Behringer

This is a big job so please plan ahead to help with getting the pool ready for the summer. Contact [board@vomca.org](mailto:board@vomca.org) with any questions.

## **Helpful Numbers for County Assistance**

Animal Control: 410-222-8900

Traffic Maintenance: 410-222-1940

Trash Collection & Bulk Pick Up: 410-222-6100

Northern District Roads: 410-222-6120

Note: Memorial Day, May 26, is on Monday; curbside trash and recycling pick-up will occur on Tuesday.

## **Recycling**

In the latest postcard that was sent out a couple of weeks ago by the county, the Village of Olde Mill received a B+ or a 49% rate of recycling in what they designate as Area 7. Keep up the good work, but let's try to get that number into the mid-60% range!

## **Yards and Lots Must Be Kept Mowed**

County property owners may not allow weeds or grass to grow 12 inches or higher on their yards and lots. These eyesores can be reported to the county at 410-222-7582 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., M-F. Questions regarding this legislation should be directed to Bureau of Highways 410-222-7321. If the owner does not respond to a request from the county to clean up the property after it is inspected, within 7 days the county will cut it and all charges go to the property owner. They can also be fined as much as \$500 for each time they fail to cut their property and a tax lien can be attached to the property along with penalties up to \$1,000.

Bottom line, mow your property.

## **Calendar of Spring & Summer Events**

April 12—Easter Egg Hunt at Barlowe Field, 1:00 p.m. (rain date April 13)

May 9—Quarter Auction at American Legion, 8068 Quarterfield Rd., Severn, MD. Doors open at 6 p.m., game starts at 7 p.m.

May 17—Flea Market and Community Yard Sale at Barlowe Field

June 14—Family Fun Day at Barlowe Field

September 6—Flea Market and Community Yard Sale at Barlowe Field

More information on these events can be found at these websites:

[www.friendsofoldemill.webs.com/events](http://www.friendsofoldemill.webs.com/events)  
[www.facebook.com/TheVillageofOldeMill](https://www.facebook.com/TheVillageofOldeMill)  
[www.vomca.org](http://www.vomca.org)

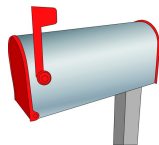
## Letter from Grateful Resident

“I don’t know who the gentleman is, but I would like to thank the man in the red pickup with the plow on front. Unfortunately, I could not read the name on his truck.

I live on Ahearn Drive and both snow storms, he appeared and pushed snow from in front of our driveways.

What a wonderful neighbor! Thank you from a snow-weary old lady.

—Rose Abner



## Library By Mail

### What is Library By Mail?

Anne Arundel County Public Library offers Library By Mail free-of-charge to county residents of all ages who are either temporarily or permanently homebound due to illness, disability, or injury. Library materials are sent via US Mail in a pouch that includes pre-paid postage to return the items to the Library.

### What is available through Library By Mail?

Library materials such as books (including large print versions), magazines, CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks that are available at the Anne Arundel County Public Library or through the Maryland interlibrary loan network may be borrowed through Library By Mail. Materials must, however, fit in the designated mail pouch.

### How do I sign up for Library By Mail?

Call the North County Area Library at 410-222-6270 and ask for Library By Mail or contact by email at [lbn@aacpl.net](mailto:lbn@aacpl.net). Staff will explain the service, answer questions and provide a form, which must be completed by a medical professional and returned to the Library.

Once approved, you will be contacted by the Library By Mail staff to determine your needs and interests. Library materials then will be mailed within a few weeks, or appropriate free services will be offered by the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

**Anne Arundel County Public Library**  
410.222.6270 (voice) • 410.222.6276 (fax)  
[www.aacpl.net](http://www.aacpl.net)

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

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## 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.*

## Church on the Rock Flea Market/Yard Sale

Church on the Rock, on Old Mill Rd., is hosting a community event on May 17 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. to benefit the Church. It will have a flea market/yard sale, free food, family fun, kids' activities and games, booths with info for local organizations, health screenings, a car wash, and more! For more information contact:

[www.mdcotr.org](http://www.mdcotr.org) Church phone: 443-848-9237 Twitter: @erichkrach [Facebook.com/erichkrach](https://www.facebook.com/erichkrach)

## 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*

## March 5, 2014, VOMCA Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Old Mill High School Auditorium, by Sarah Hakulin, President. A short business meeting preceded Councilman John Grasso's presentation about a Citizen's Patrol in Olde Mill.

It was brought up that VOMCA should charge a PayPal fee for those who use PayPal to pay their yearly dues. The amount proposed was \$5.00 to cover PayPal fees or stop accepting PayPal. The motion was tabled due to time restraints for Councilman Grasso's presentation.

Councilman Grasso was introduced. He discussed his proposal for Olde Mill for creating a Citizen's Patrol Program. He acknowledged that Olde Mill did not have a large crime problem, but petty crimes are occurring.

The Citizen's Patrol would have 2 people patrolling the streets together, and if anything was seen that appeared suspicious, it would be reported to police. A spotlight would be attached to the roof of the car but no one would get out of the car. A simple 911 call would be made to allow the police to handle the situation.

He gave tips as well as flyers, on safeguarding your doors and windows to protect your house. Due to the low number of people who showed up it was decided that more flyers would be put out and another meeting be held before the Citizen's Patrol was started. More people would come if it was warmer weather was the hope. Anne Arundel County Police Captain Frank Tewey and Corporal Jimmy Miller were also present to discuss crime in Olde Mill and the Citizen Patrol program.

Captain Tewey also talked about ongoing investigations of crimes in Olde Mill. “We are going to drive down crimes by Community Partnerships,” said Capt. Tewey. Everyone is encouraged to like the Anne Arundel County Police Facebook page and Twitter Feeds. Corporal Miller also discussed the definition of a Neighborhood Watch, and differences between Citizen Patrol and a Neighborhood Watch.

*—Minutes submitted by Lisa England, Secretary*

## 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.

# Quarter Auction

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

All proceeds raised go directly to the Barlowe playscape fund to create our unique playscape for our community and children to enjoy!

Auction to be held on **Friday, May 9, 2014**  
At the **Howard L. Turner American Legion Post 276**  
**8068 Quarterfield Rd, Severn, MD. 21144**

**Doors open at 6 pm** for auction preview  
**Bidding starts at 7 pm**

**ENJOY AN EVENING OF FUN AND WINNING**

and

Don't forget Mother's Day is May 11<sup>th</sup> . . .  
Come win something for mom!

Fee: \$5.00 for 2 paddles Additional paddles - \$2.00

**BRING YOUR QUARTERS!**

(Rolls of quarters will also be available)



Featuring items from: Tastefully Simple, Tupperware, 31, Wine & Gift Baskets, Caroline's Creations, theme baskets, gift cards, Coach purses, Michael Kors and Vera Bradley items to mention a few!!!

Also available for purchase – Food – Pulled BBQ Pork sandwiches, baked beans, chips, drinks, baked goods and more plus a 50/50 Raffle!

For more information or to reserve a table for 8 - please contact:  
Andi Campbell, 410-903-2136 or [cautionkidsatplay@gmail.com](mailto:cautionkidsatplay@gmail.com)  
Mandy Rzepkowski, 443-867-2429 or [mrzepakowski08@gmail.com](mailto:mrzepakowski08@gmail.com)

For more information – [www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org](http://www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org)

# OLDE MILL FLEA MARKET

Located at the Olde Mill Swim Club Parking Lot

## Community Yard Sale Day



# MAY 17, 2014

*(no scheduled raindate)*

**8AM to 2PM**

**(7:30 EARLYBIRDS OK)**

**Reserve a space: \$10.00**

*(Spaces are the size of parking spot)*

This event is sponsored in your neighborhood by Friends of Olde Mill to raise money for the **design and build of our new unique playscape and upkeep of the basketball courts.** Please consider household items you can donate to FOOM to sell at the event.

Contact us with any questions or to set up a pick-up time at:

[michelle@friendsofoldemill.org](mailto:michelle@friendsofoldemill.org)

**Donations are urgently needed as the extra funds raised go toward our unique playscape.**

### **Items we are looking for:**

Books/CDs/DVDs/Video Games, Kitchen Items, House Décor Items

Outdoor and Garden Items, Garage Items, etc.

*(Please no clothes or shoes)*



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Always looking for new members!

[www.friendsofoldemill.org](http://www.friendsofoldemill.org)



## **DONATIONS NEEDED!**

**Please consider any items for Friends of Olde Mill to sell at the Spring Flea Market. Your donations to F.O.O.M for the spring and fall flea markets help increase funds raised toward the new Barlowe Field Park. Every Bit Helps**



**Donations are urgently needed as the extra funds raised go toward our New Playground Fundraising Campaign.**

Items we are looking for:

Books/CDs/DVDs/Video Games, Kitchen Items, House Décor Items

Outdoor and Garden Items, Garage Items, etc.

KIDS TOYS AND GEAR

CRAFTS

HAND BAGS – JEWELRY



# Easter Egg Hunt Raffle Bake Sale

**Saturday, April 12, 2014 @ 1pm**  
**Barlowe Field**  
490 Chalet Drive Millersville, MD 21108

Bring Your Own Basket!  
**Children To Age 11 For The Hunt**  
Take Your Pictures With the Bunny  
Raffles and Prizes for the Children

Sponsored by VOMCA (Village of Olde Mill Community Association) and FOOM (Friends Of Olde Mill)

**F.O.O.M. To Unveil Design For New Playscape!!!**

**\*\*Donations Accepted\*\***

Email VOMCA: [board@vomca.org](mailto:board@vomca.org)  
Go to FOOM's website for more information:  
[www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org](http://www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org)



**2014 Events  
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(Friends Of Olde Mill)**

April 12  
Easter Egg Hunt

May 9  
Spring Quarter Auction

May 17  
Spring Flea Market

June 14  
Family Fun Day

September 6  
Fall Flea Market

November TBA  
Fall Quarter Auction

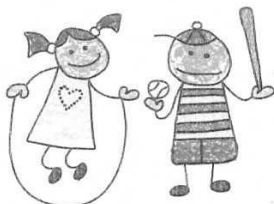
For more details:  
**[www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org](http://www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org)**



# 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!



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español

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