# Olde Mill Village Crier

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at Olde Mill Pool, preceded by Swim Club Meeting at 6:30



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## President's Message

Thanks to all the parents and children who came out for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 12 at Barlowe Field. The field looked amazing in pink and blue and green and purple colored eggs that the Girl Scouts had stuffed and planted. Easter baskets, flowers, raffles, and wonderful baked goods donated by Olde Mill's best bakers, YOU, made the day a big success for the Bunny and the children. It was a beautiful day and we thank everyone who came out to celebrate the beginning of spring. Thanks to all who gave their time to this event. See photos below.

The Friends of Olde Mill unveiled their plans for the new Playscape to replace our current playground. Many positive comments were made and the thermometer on the snack shed shows the progress they are making toward making their goal a reality. Thanks to everyone who has supported and given their efforts in any way...we need and appreciate your help.

Olde Mill is unique in that we are a volunteer community organization with many advantages that Home Owner Associations cannot offer, but who charge mandatory fees for living in their developments. We have a swimming pool, the least expensive in the area, a ball field that has an active softball league, children have soccer and open space to





play, and we are currently looking into adding a bike trail. FOOM has also added a volleyball court for your enjoyment.

Because we live in an area near the airport, that qualifies for some grants through the Maryland Transportation Fund. Requests that are transportation related can receive funds for various enhancements to their communities. A bike trail qualifies for these funds and will be another enhancement for the community for runners and bicyclists of every age. The trail would surround the perimeter of the ball field and would qualify for a grant request.

Please support us by joining our pool so that these wonderful amenities can continue to be part of our lives. The cost to keep these

offerings going is close to \$100,000 per year. We need you to be part of all these endeavors by joining the pool and the community association. Our email is <a href="mailto:board@vomca.org">board@vomca.org</a>

Note that Memorial Day, May 26, is on a Monday, so our curbside trash and recycling pick-up will occur on Tuesday. See you on May 7 at the pool. Pool meeting is at 6:30 p.m. and VOMCA meeting at 7:00 p.m.

—Sarah Hakulin, President

#### **Pool Help Urgently Needed**

The pool needs to ready for opening on Memorial Day weekend, and Rick Behringer is working hard to do that. But he can't do it all alone. Rick needs some volunteer help on the weekends, starting May 3. Below is his Pool Project List, most of which are simple tasks that would take only an hour or two of your time:

- Power wash deck. Need power washers; the one the pool owns isn't working. The area where the chairs are is the first priority.
  - Uncover and clean chairs.
  - Pull mats from bathrooms. Power wash the bathroom floors, then the mats.
- Cut grass, then apply weed-and-feed. (We do not currently have a spreader or the weed-and-feed). Not sure of the status of gas for the mower. Blade needs to be sharpened first.
  - Clean and get grills ready.
  - Sand and stain the benches.
- Go through first-aid supplies. There's a list somewhere that needs to be checked before pool inspection can take place.

Thanks, *Rick Behringer* 

## **FOOM Update**

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



Got quarters? Our next quarter auction is coming up on Friday, May 9. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the games start at 7 p.m. It will be held at the Howard L. Turner American Legion Post 276, 8068 Quarterfield Rd., Severn, MD 21144. Our vendors for this quarter auction will be 31, Caroline's Creations (beautiful hand-painted wine glasses and other items), Origami Owl, Tastefully Simple, Tupperware, and Wine and Gift Baskets. In addition to these vendors we (FOOM) will have 2 tables filled with wonderful items for you to choose from, such as Coach, 31, Diamond Candles, theme baskets, and gift cards—to dinner and movies, massage, facial, and Erin Condren to name a few. We'd love to see you come on out and win some great items we have for you!

FOOM's Spring Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, May 17. FOOM will be collecting 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 <a href="https://www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org">www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org</a> or email Michelle at <a href="mailto:Michelle@friendsofoldemill.org">Michelle@friendsofoldemill.org</a>.

We are busy planning ideas for our 2014 Family Fun Day! This year's Family Fun Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 14. If you would like to help us, please contact Andi Campbell at <a href="mailto:cautionkidsatplay@gmail.com">cautionkidsatplay@gmail.com</a> and let her know.

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*.

Summer is quickly approaching—I hope you all are as excited about it as I am! I am so tired of being cooped up in the house and not able to get out and have fun. Well, as you are looking for something fun to do, grab your volleyball and head on down to Barlowe Field to enjoy a game of volleyball with family and friends. A HUGE thank-you to John Campbell and Kenny Rzepkowski for installing the new volleyball court for our community! Without their help and John's friend with a bobcat, who was able to level the area and transport and spread all the sand, we wouldn't have been able to get this done. If you haven't seen the court yet, stop on by and check it out. Enjoy a game or two! Oh, and don't forget, this court is strictly BYOVB—Bring Your Own Volley Ball! (Continued on next page)



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—we are always looking for new members!

## **Quarter Auction**

Sponsored by FOOM.

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

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

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

## **BRING YOUR OUARTERS!**

(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 Mandy Rzepkowski, 443-867-2429 or <a href="mailto:mrzepkowski08@gmail.com">mrzepkowski08@gmail.com</a>

For more information - www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org

## **Minutes of April 2 VOMCA Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Sarah Hakulin, President. A quorum of 11 members was present so business could be conducted.

Mark Chang from Senator DeGrange's office was present; he is currently a candidate for the House of Delegates. Candy Fontz, our current representative from the County Executive's Constituent Office, was also present.

Bernie Quarrick was recognized for his Rotary Club Award for "Service Above Self." Bernie has served our community since 1974 in various Association positions and capacities, is still the editor of our *Village Crier* newsletter and has been for many years. Thanks to Bernie for all you have done and all you do! He received a round of applause.

Paul Shaffer, Swim Club treasurer, reported that there was \$18,747.90 in the checking account and \$12,041 in the savings.

Andi Campbell, President of Friends of Olde Mill, reported on the activities of their fundraising event, the Barlowe 5K Bolt. It was a success and many people from Olde Mill participated in the race this year. She also unveiled the plan for the new "Playscape" in the playground area. She also reported that the sand for the volleyball court was being delivered and that they were looking for help to defray the cost of the sand of \$1600. A motion was made to contribute \$500 from the VOMCA account. After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

Sandy Sacra, Membership Chair, reported 75 members thus far this year. We need to increase this number to keep our community viable. Residents are needed to join VOMCA and participate in things that affect the community. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

-Respectfully submitted by Sarah Hakulin, Acting Secretary for Lisa England

## **Mosquito Control**

Once again this year, Olde Mill will participate in the Md. Dept. of Agriculture Mosquito Control Season. It is hard to make this list as there is limited money and many other communities are on a wait list to be included.

Regular surveillance and control of adult mosquitoes starts on June 1 and continues til September. We will be assigned a specific night as in the past when spraying will occur. I will let you know what night that is in the June *Crier*. The Md. Dept. of Agriculture inspector will determine if spraying is necessary. More information can be found at their website: http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito control.aspx

Residents who wish to have their property excluded from adult mosquito control must notify the Maryland Department of Agriculture by submitting a completed exemption form by going to their website at <a href="http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Documents/mcsprayexemption.pdf">http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Documents/mcsprayexemption.pdf</a>

## **Community Clean Up Dumpsters Planned for June 11-13**

Anne Arundel County's Community Clean-up Program is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11. A dumpster will be arriving at the pool parking lot at noon, and replaced as it is filled. Please *do not* leave items on the ground if the contained is filled; come back when a new dumpster is brought in. The last dumpster will be picked up by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, June 13. A list of items that are not acceptable will be posted by the dumpster.

## **Boy Scout Fundraisers Successful**

Thanks to all who supported Boy Scout Troop 975 by buying mulch for their gardens. They raised about \$1,200 which will go toward new equipment for camping that all the boys will use. They also had a food drive called Scouting for Food and collected 925 pounds of food through the Troop activity, which was mostly from Olde Mill. Over 3,100 pounds were donated from all Scout units as of this writing.

## Subdivision Signs at Old Mill Blvd. & Oakwood Road

The subdivision that several years ago was proposed for this property is back under a different name, Wades Grant, and to be built by Snyder Development. According to the application for a permit, "A special exception to allow a planned unit development of detached and townhouse dwellings on land zoned R-2 and R-5 property located 255 feet on the East side of Old Mill Blvd, 0 feet East of Oakwood Road."

## 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

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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www.friendsofoldemill.org

#### **Activities For May**

May 9—Quarter Auction at American Legion Post 276, 8068 Quarterfield Rd., Severn, Md., 6:00 p.m.\* May 17—Flea Market and Community Yard Sale at the Olde Mill Pool parking area\*

\*Advertised in *Pennysaver* and *Maryland Gazette* by VOMCA

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 t	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 Hosting Its Fair & Flea Market

Church on the Rock is hosting a community event on its grounds at 649 Old Mill Rd. on Saturday, May 17, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. to benefit the church. They 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:

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## **Wades Grant Development Letter Sent to Some Homeowners**

The following letter was sent to a Pond Court resident whose property will abut the planned Wades Grant subdivision off Elvaton Rd. It refers to a May 21 "open-house style meeting" that may be of interest to other Olde Mill residents. Also see the development plan on page 8.

April 24, 2014

Re: Wades Grant Elvaton Road Millersville, MD 21108

Dear Neighbor,

On behalf of the owners of the above referred property, Boyd & Dowgiallo P.A., is preparing a sketch plan for submittal to the Office of Anne Arundel County Office of Planning & Zoning to create one hundred nineteen (119) lots from the property. Furthermore, the sketch plan is a resubdivision of the property shown on the plat entitled Wade Property recorded in Plat Book 300 Page 20. A copy of the proposed layout is attached for your review.

The subdivision process requires a community meeting with neighbors of the subject property prior to submittal of the sketch plan. An open-house style meeting will be held on May 21, 2014 at 407 Headquarters Drive, Suite 6 Millersville, MD 21108 between 6:00pm and 7:00pm to review the plan and answer questions.

If you have received this notice, you are invited to stop in, but attendance is neither mandatory nor required. A map is also attached to show the location of the meeting.

If you have questions or would like more information, please attend the meeting on May 21, 2014

Sincerely, Boyd & Dowgiallo P.A.

## **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

