

Olde Mill Village Crier

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NOTE DATE CHANGE:

VOMCA Meeting: Wednesday, **August 13, 2014, 7:00 p.m.**
at Olde Mill Pool, preceded by Swim Club Meeting at 6:30



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President's Message

As the days of summer wind down and the activities of the fall and winter await our attention, I wish to thank all of you for the support and help you have given me this year. It has been an experience taking care of the business of Olde Mill, representing you at the county regarding the new development that will one day be built at the corner of Old Mill Blvd. and Oakwood Rd., and directing the activities of the pool and its operation in conjunction with Community Pools.

I have been President, Secretary, Membership Chairperson, and Board member in one of these capacities or another since 2001. It has been a pleasure to serve you and to try to resolve problems that have arisen over the years. New sidewalks at the pool, throughout the neighborhood and repairs to the pool road were made through grants totaling over \$200,000 making significant improvements to our community.

Many services that we have, such as the yearly placement of county dumpsters and the mosquito spraying of our neighborhood, started during the years I was president. Electrical transformers near Barlowe Field will soon be upgraded to help prevent Olde Mill homes from going dark during times of power outages.

It is time for someone new and younger to step up to the plate and take up the business of the people of Olde Mill. Family issues and health issues are asking me to step away and take some time off from this service I have loved. I will not, nor can I, continue in this position for the coming years. I will serve until December 31, 2014, and then someone new must take the reins.

The Village as we know it will depend upon someone caring enough to try to keep this community functioning as it has for over 40 years. We all own the pool and it is one of the most important attributes we have. Without a community association, we would not be able to continue its operation nor would we have the services we have now. It is a job with its own rewards.

One update on mosquito control in Olde Mill: Spraying of mosquitoes this year was done in the month of June. No spraying was done in July because of a staffing shortage.

—Sarah Hakulin, President

Pool Party Coordinator Needed

The community association would like to thank Lynn Miller for her 19 years of service to the Olde Mill Swim Club as Pool Party Coordinator. We want to thank her for her time and caring for the young people of Olde Mill as they moved in and out of their jobs as lifeguards. We wish you well in the years to come. Such volunteer service is something that is a valuable part of our community and hard to come by for so long in today's world. We thank you, Lynn.

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.

Minutes of July 2 Swim Club and VOMCA Meetings

Meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with the swim club. Phil Carter, Regional Manager of Community Pools was our guest. He fielded many questions regarding number of lifeguards and after-hour parties as well as other problems at the pool. It was agreed that after-hour parties would be paid for by the member renting the pool by issuing a check which would be deposited, and when CP invoiced the Swim Club the bill would be paid to CP. Community Pools would be reimbursed for the amount of the invoice for the guards.

Unused guard hours would be used to extend the pool hours from 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday to 9 p.m. till the 21st of August. Additional hours would be used to have four guards for Monday thru Sunday; the fourth guard to start work at the busiest time of the day, 1-6 p.m.

Phil also stated that CP was responsible to man the gate, collect guest fees, and maintain the member and guests signing in during the normal working hours of the pool.

The VOMCA meeting combined with the swim club meeting, and all adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

VOMCA \$3,931.29 Checking
 \$1,581.58 Savings

OMSC \$30,322.09 Checking
 \$12,045.13 Savings

September 6 Flea Market Right Around the Corner

FOOM will sponsor a Flea Market and Community Yard Sale on September 6 to benefit the playground fund. For more information see included flyer, or go to: www.friendsofoldemill.webs.com/events

Community Websites/Contacts

VOMCA website: www.vomca.org

Board email: board@vomca.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TheVillageofOldeMill

Swim Club August Events Planned

Olde Mill Swim Club is sponsoring two events during the month of August. On Thursday, August 14, we will host a **Ladies' Night** from 8 to 11 p.m. There will be refreshments, vendors, and swimming! The second event we will host is a **Family Fun Night** on Friday, August 22, from 6 to 10 p.m. There will be games and fun for kids of all ages! Come on out and swim in the dark! These events are free to all members but any non-member is welcome for a \$5.00 fee. See the flyers with additional information in this issue of the *Crier*.

Wade's Grant Subdivision Exception Approved

On July 11, Snyder Development Corp. was awarded the special exception it had sought for Wade's Grant—a PUD (Planned Unit Development) of 119 homes/townhomes on 45 acres of the Wade property which adjoins the east side of the Village of Olde Mill. The proceedings of the new hearing that took place on July 2, including comments and questions from some Olde Mill residents who attended, are in the Wade's Grant Exception PDF document posted on the VOMCA website www.vomca.org.

The latest plan for Wade's Grant follows below:

Wade's Grant Latest Plan, July 2014



BOYD & DOWGIALLO, P.A.
ENGINEERS*SURVEYORS*PLANNERS

Wade's Grant
Snyder Development Corp.

Scale: 1" = 100' Date: 7-1-14

Zeman Assemblage Subdivision Plan Shows Little Change

Another close-by housing subdivision that is planned in the near future is Zeman Assemblage, off Obrecht Rd. bordering the southern edge of our Olde Mill community. Elm Street Development held a post-submittal community meeting on August 4 to update residents on its progress. Their development plan has some

minor revisions from the one presented last year, which was published in the June 2013 *Village Crier*. They have modified the community pool and poolhouse in the center of that development off Zeman Dr., adding a parking area.

The 70-acre Zeman parcel is zoned R1, R2, and R5, allowing up to 220 homes. The latest plat shows 99 single-family houses and 98 townhomes, with two entrances off Obrecht Rd. The Elm Street Development rep said they will preserve 50% of the open space, including 21 acres of woods. Construction will not begin for another 12-18 months.

Here is a snapshot of their most recent plan; unfortunately a good file was not available, so all we have is this photo of the diagram that was displayed at the meeting:

Zeman Assemblage Revised Plan, August 2014



FOOM Update

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

It might look like things are quiet with FOOM right now, but we are busy “behind the scenes” writing up some grant paperwork trying to get some help with grant money. We are waiting for our detailed list of materials from our playscape designer so we can start planning out the phases in which we will start to build!

Once again we will be sponsoring our Fall Flea Market on Saturday, September 6. The Flea Market shopping hours will be from 8-1. For more information, if you are interested in renting a spot, or if you have

items you'd like to donate to FOOM for us to sell, please contact Michelle at michelle@friendsofoldmill.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—we are always looking for new members!

VOMCA Appeal Should Lower Community Rain Tax Assessment

The county property tax bill for Olde Mill's community recreation space at Barlowe Field came in recently. VOMCA President Sarah Hakulin felt that the total of \$1,347.92 (stormwater tax for Barlowe Field of \$1,159.20 plus \$188.72 for the real estate tax) seemed too high, so she questioned the county on it. They reviewed it and have indicated that there is a miscalculation.

We have stormwater ponds which they were not aware of, and they counted the playground as having impervious concrete where the wood chips are. Sarah has submitted an appeal form, along with the deed for Barlowe Field and information on the location of stormwater ponds. Thanks to her efforts, we are expecting the bill to be reduced.

See flyers of upcoming events on the following pages

Ladies Night

August 14, 2014

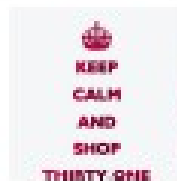
8:00-11:00 PM



Ladies 21 and over... come join us for a fun filled evening of wine & cheese and swimming, while shopping our local vendors!

*Free event for members of the pool.
\$5 charge per guest you bring!*

Vendors Include:



Don't miss Caroline's Creations - she has a wonderful variety of hand painted items!



**OLDE MILL SWIM CLUB
IS HOSTING
A
FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Date: Friday, August 22nd

Time: 6 – 10 pm

Fee: Free to all members of Olde Mill Swim Club.

\$5.00 fee for non members

**Come on out and join us for
an evening of games, fun and
swimming!**

Pool noodles welcome!

**Bring your luck in collecting
coins from our coin toss!**

**Get a relay team together
for our kids vs parents wet
sweatshirt relay races!**

SEE YOU THERE!



Olde Mill Fall Flea Market

@
Barlowe Field/Swim Club Parking Lot



September 6, 2014

(No scheduled raindate)

8AM to 2PM

Reserve a space: \$10.00

This event is sponsored in your neighborhood by Friends of Olde Mill to raise money for the **improvement and upkeep of the playground and 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 new playscape fundraising campaign.

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)

A \$10.00 space rental is the size of a parking space.



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