

# *Olde Mill Village Crier*

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VOMCA Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 3, 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 September makes its entrance and summer winds down, children of all ages are starting to go back to school. Let all of us in Olde Mill make a special effort to watch for unexpected situations on the roads as we drive back and forth to work so that we can keep our children safe.

It has been an eventful year and we still have four months to go. We are hoping to explore new ways to improve our pool membership and our community as a whole. To do this we need to have your support and input. In addition, we seriously need someone to step up to care about our community and take on the responsibility of VOMCA President, as December 31 will mark the end of my term in that position.

FOOM—Friends Of Olde Mill—is working hard to create a new and improved playground for our children. They are having a Flea Market and Yard Sale on Saturday, September 6. Donations are sought for their booth, and rental space is also available for \$10. Advertising will be placed in the *Pennysaver*, the *Maryland Gazette*, and on Facebook. Contact [mbeahm@aol.com](mailto:mbeahm@aol.com) for more information. A Quarter Auction is also planned for November, with more information to come about that in the next *Village Crier*.

Please become involved in your community and help to make it better. Our pool cannot exist without a community association and we cannot qualify for grants or other services that are available from county or state governments. Become involved so that we can continue to have a pool and afford to pay the taxes on Barlowe Field. Prices for contract management of the pool will be going up next year due to the new laws regarding minimum wage, so we will need higher membership numbers to continue to remain open.

—Sarah Hakulin, President

## **Minutes of August Meetings**

The Swim Club meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the pool, followed by the VOMCA meeting at 7:00 p.m. VOMCA did not have a quorum of the required seven members, so the meetings were combined to discuss the Village-owned pool.

We had a representative present from American Pools DRD, Noelle Navarro, to discuss what they could offer in the way of pool management services for next year. Ms. Navarro said prices can be expected to rise the next several years as new minimum wage levels are phased in beginning in 2015. Ideas to improve the pool were also discussed, including restroom floor painting and new style tissue holders. Debbie Sansone presented a detailed report on the swim lesson program this year with recommendations to improve the program and to increase the price of lessons to be more in line with other local pools. Ideas for pool fund-

raisers and pool social time are needed for next year as well. President Sarah Hakulin will also seek bids from other pool management companies.

The budget meeting will be held in November. Anyone with any suggestions or requests needs to contact the board at [board@vomca.org](mailto:board@vomca.org) or be at the meeting; date to be announced.

The swim club had a good year even though attendance was down. We had 160 returning active members, which included 8 new members.

—Sarah Hakulin, Pool Director, Swim Club Committee

## Pool Party Coordinator Needed

The community association is still seeking an Olde Mill Swim Club Pool Party Coordinator. Contact Sarah Hakulin at 410-987-1239 if you can take on this important duty, so capably handled by Lynn Miller for the past 19 years.

## FOOM Update

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

Don't forget we will be sponsoring our **Fall Flea Market on Saturday, September 6**. The Flea Market shopping hours will be from 8-1. There are still spots available. For more information or if you have items you'd like to donate to FOOM for us to sell, please contact Michelle at [michelle@friendsofoldmill.org](mailto:michelle@friendsofoldmill.org).

**HELP WANTED:** FOOM has been working hard on trying to keep the playground and Barlowe Field area looking nice. If you see weeds to be pulled or trash to be picked up and thrown away, please feel free to do so! We'd really appreciate any extra hands!

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)—we are always looking for new members!

**JOIN VOMCA NOW SO YOU CAN VOTE IN THE UPCOMING FALL ELECTIONS!**

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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.*

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# 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](mailto: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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