

Olde Mill Village Crier

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VOMCA Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
Old Mill High, Room A272, preceded by Swim Club meeting at 6:30



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President's Message

Elections are Wednesday, October 1, at the Old Mill High School, Room A272. All officer positions are open to volunteers who would like to run for, President, Vice President, Secretary, Membership, Treasurer. Please consider saving your community association by keeping it going and giving your time to help make it better.

With October come pumpkins, mums, apple cider, and Halloween. This year there will be a Trunk and Treat Vendor Halloween event in the pool parking lot at Barlowe Field. This is a fundraiser for the planned new playground but it is something fun and new for everyone, especially the children. Bring the kids October 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. down to Barlowe Field in their best costumes and enjoy the fun. The admission cost is free (see included flyer).

The FOOM-sponsored Quarter Auction on November 15 will be at the American Legion Hall in Severn from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. to also raise money for the playground. Lots of vendors and business-donated baskets, gift cards, and merchandise for your Christmas shopping to choose from. A fun night out with a delicious menu to keep you happy—mark your calendars.

Watch out for trick-or-treaters walking through Olde Mill on Friday, October 31, after 6 p.m. They may have trouble seeing cars while in costume. Happy Halloween to everyone!

—Sarah Hakulin, President

Minutes of September 3 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Sarah Hakulin, President of VOMCA and Pool Director. Management issues were on the agenda and a new management company was invited to discuss a proposal for managing our pool next year.

Matt Helfrich from Continental Pools went over information about the company and answered questions on their proposed contract. He stated that we did not have to sign up for a 3-year contract with an option to renew but we could try his company for 1 year instead. He spent time answering all questions and concerns. Contract proposal was \$43,650.00 for one year. New proposal with changes were sent next day in a very timely fashion.

(*Note: The above estimates for all proposals that were requested ran roughly eleven thousand dollars less than the previous Community Pools contract that concluded this season at \$54,100 for the year.)

It was suggested that the pool gate cash box be reconciled every week. It was agreed that \$20 will be used

as a bank when pool opens for guest fees.

It was discussed keeping a copy of pool membership forms to have email addresses from them to send out pool news and info via email. A space for email addresses with a choice of allowing such usage or not will be included in the membership application.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to start accepting credit cards for pool membership. More information to come.

As of 8/31/14, the Swim Club savings has \$12,047.18; checking has \$31,664.84.

There was discussion about getting one more proposal from American Pools, and that a decision on who to go with be made prior to October 1.

The pool companies contacted were DRD, Continental, American, and Community Pools.

—*Respectfully submitted by Lisa England, Secretary*

Olde Mill Pool News

In evaluating the swim season this past year, we have been reviewing multiple proposals from various pool management companies. We have tried to incorporate all of the issues and problems observed this year into the contract to correct them while keeping an eye on the cost as well. A decision will be made by October 1.

Any input you may have regarding the pool season can be emailed to board@vomca.org. Community involvement is important this year as every year.

The final membership count for 2014 was 165 active members, 48 inactive members. Thank you all for your support of our pool this summer.

FOOM Update

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

We'd like to thank everyone who donated items to FOOM for our Fall Flea Market this year. I feel like we had a great turnout of "shoppers" this time and we sold almost everything we had donated to us!

We are getting so excited about starting the first phase of our playscape! In the next couple weeks a climbing wall is going to be installed over at Barlowe Field. This will be something all children will be able to use and access. There will be hand-holds to enable children to climb up on the wall and we will also have "peek-a-boo" cutouts so children who aren't yet able to climb on it will be able to play "peek a boo" with mom, dad and friends! Keep your eye out on the progress over there! We'll post pictures on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TheVillageofOldeMill> and our website at www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org.

We had a group of vendors contact us recently about teaming up with us to offer a "Trunk or Treat" event for our community children this year. It is scheduled for Sunday, October 19, from 1 to 4 pm at the Olde Mill Swim Club parking lot at 490 Chalet Dr. Children are encouraged to dress up in their costumes for a costume contest! There will be over 20 vendors in attendance with decorated trunks for the children to enjoy and they will be passing out candy to the children. There will be a face painter, moon bounce, popcorn, and cotton candy for the kids to enjoy. The vendors will be selling raffle tickets and raffling off a basket. The vendors have graciously agreed to make a donation from this event to FOOM to go directly towards our playscape fund! FOOM will be in attendance with a decorated trunk, goodies for the kids, and grilling up hot dogs to sell—make sure you stop by our table and talk to us! See flyer in this month's *Crier* for more information. You can also go to our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TheVillageofOldeMill> or our website www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org for more information on the event.

We are also holding our fall Quarter Auction on Saturday, November 15. The auction will be held at the American Legion at 8068 Quarterfield Rd., Severn, MD. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and bidding starts at 7 p.m. This time you can "pre-purchase" paddles for \$5.00 through our website—www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org. Paddles will be \$7.00 at the door. We are looking for anyone who is interested in giving us a donation to auction off or fill a theme basket for us to contact me at cautionkidsatplay@gmail.com. Thanks!

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 donate 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!

—Andi Campbell

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

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.

Trunk Or Treat

We will have over 20+ vendors and trunks to shop and treat from. Something for everyone!

Games, Treats, Face Painting, Popcorn, Cotton Candy,
Moon Bounce, Costume Contests, Basket Raffle

Sunday, Oct. 19th 1-4pm
Barlowe Field Parking Lot
490 Chalet Dr., Millersville 21108

Proceeds will be donated to F.O.O.M's Playscape,
Autism and Child Loss

Vendor Ladies of Olde Mill
Questions/Info call: Janet 443-413-0297
Veronica 443-799-6300 or
Erin 443-905-0279

FREE
ADMISSION

Quarter Auction

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

Saturday, November 15th
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

Prepay \$5 for 2 paddles at www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org
Or \$7 at the door

BRING YOUR QUARTERS!

(Rolls of quarters will also be available)

ENJOY AN EVENING OF FUN AND WINNING!
SHOP FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS!

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
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For more information – www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org

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