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President's Message

THINK WARM...THINK POOL...LOOK FOR YOUR POOL PACKET COMING SOON!

Thanks to everyone who came to the February 4th meeting. We had 21 members show up to hear a representative, Chris Casey, from the County Executive's Constituent Service Office give a presentation on how Special Tax Districts work for communities like ours who do not have enough voluntary dues participation from residents to afford improvements and repairs to their pools, playgrounds, landscaping, and other needed amenities. (96 families out of 1300 in Olde Mill have joined.)

After the presentation, a vote was taken and all of those present voted to proceed with plans to change Olde Mill into a Special Tax District.* It is a long procedure requiring homeowners to vote on it and a lot of work, but with the support of everyone, the effort will be amazingly beneficial at its completion. We need 51% cooperation for this plan to be implemented. Additional information and questions can be directed to board@vomca.org. We would become part of the 90 community organizations in Anne Arundel County that have already adopted this way of paying their dues for services and repairs in their communities.

The Eastern District of the county police department has reached out to us to attend a future meeting to discuss any crime or traffic problems that are causing residents concern. We will try to schedule a speaker for our meeting in April. Check the next *Crier* for further information.

On March 28th VOMCA and FOOM are again sponsoring the free Easter Egg Hunt for children at Barlowe Field at 1 p.m. If you can donate any wrapped candy sized to fit in plastic Easter Eggs, please contact Sarah Hakulin at oldemill72@aol.com. Raffles and prizes will be part of the festivities.

Remember to support Friends of Olde Mill who are sponsoring the Barlowe 5K Bolt on March 21 at Barlowe Field. A new playground is their ultimate goal and with your continued support we will all achieve that goal. "Like" their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BarloweBolt

See you at the March 4th meeting at 7 p.m. at OMHS. **Check your email for any cancellations due to weather conditions.**

*The law concerning Special Community Benefit Districts appears in Article 4, Title 7 of the AACO code which is available at the county's website at www.aacounty.org under Special Community Benefit Districts.

—Sarah Hakulin, President of VOMCA

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General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, February 4th at 7:05 p.m. by President Sarah Hakulin. A quorum was present (20 members).

Concerns:

The pool has a major crack in 1st stairwell at the water line and the baby pool has pump inside which is frozen, and needs removal. The Treasurer is setting up credit cards for pool access. It was agreed that solar panel will be considered for the pool.

Activities:

The Barlowe Bolt will take place on 3/21/15. Register at www.active.com. Early bird registration is \$25.00 and after March 1st, it is \$35.00. This will be a 5K or 1 miles fun run / walk. Sponsor applications and registration information can be found on www.facebook.com/BarloweBolt or www.facebook.com/TheVillageofOldeMill. This is tax deductible for participants and benefits the playground.

This year's Easter Egg Hunt is March 28th. We are seeking candy donations to fit into the plastic eggs. Please call 410-987-1239 to donate. This is tax deductible and benefits the playground.

Speaker for the special tax district discussion:

Mr. Chris Casey, Constituent Service Office. The purpose for this is to petition funds for special projects or services for the community that would not otherwise be received. The money would be collected from each property owner in the community in lieu yearly dues. These special items could include special security or police protection, insect and pest control, maintenance of private roads, improvement to community facilities. The Board would designate a uniform special tax rate per tax account to accommodate this special tax district. A petition for approval of the community would be circulated to the community after approval by the county's Office of Budget. At least 51% approval by the community must be received to be considered. Cycle begins in October and ends January 31st to be submitted to the County. The special tax cannot take on debt. This special tax is considered property tax and is tax deductible. It is done on an annual basis. The county takes a 5% admin fee. The state can randomly audit the funds and once every 4 years the audit is mandatory.

A vote was taken and all 21members present voted to pursue the steps necessary to become a "Special Tax District". There are 90 such districts in AACO such as The Provinces, Southgate, and Crofton.

—Respectfully submitted by Ruth Popek, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

VOMCA: Checking \$2,521.71 and Savings \$1,582.52 as of 2/4/15

Swim Club: Checking \$22,714.64 and Savings \$12,052.23 as of 2/4/15



VOMCA Meetings

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

7:00pm at

Old Mill High School,

Room A-272

Meetings are generally held the first Wednesday of the Month.

Your Community News

SWIM CLUB NEWS

Remember to look for your swim club membership packets in the mail for this summer.



Membership is \$365 again this year and you will be able to pay for your membership with a credit card.

Payments can be made on the VOMCA website www.vomca.org in the near future. Also, WiFi is planned as a new feature for pool members to enjoy. We look forward to a fun season in the sun.

• New Party Coordinator: Barb Mason

• New pool management company: Continental Pools

Price increase for swim lessons:

- Olde Mill members \$55 instead of \$45
- Non-Olde Mill members \$70 instead of \$60

New Partnerships with...
Cha-Ching Consignment and
Red Balloon Children's
Consignment stores.

2015 Officers and Board Members

President: Sarah Hakulin

Vice President: Beverly Parker

Treasurer: Colleen Flack

Secretary: Ruth Popek

Membership: Sandy Sacra

Board Members (term runs until end of year shown)

2015: Paul Shaffer, Andi Campbell

2016: Lisa England

2017: Drew McKay

Villas Added to Planned Zeman Subdivision

Below is a letter from the engineers who are developing the Zeman subdivision adjoining Olde Mill's property lines. There were some changes to the previously submitted plans which added 18 additional units in the form of "villas" and reduced the number of single family homes.

As reported last summer, the Zeman/Neidert property which abuts the south side of Olde Mill is slated for development in the near future. (See the August 2014 Crier for the article about Zeman Assemblage.) The original site plan called for 98 townhouses and 99 single-family homes, to be accessed from Obrecht Rd. The developer has modified that plan to change some of the single-family units to semi-attached villas. A pre-submission community meeting was held at Heritage Community Church in Severn on February 9, 2015, to explain the details. Approximately 17 people attended the meeting, along with the developer and the engineer's representatives. The following summary of the presentation was sent to nearby property owners from the Messick Group, which is doing consulting engineering for the subdivision developer Elm Street Development:

Jim Krapf, the Project Manager and Vice President with Elm Street Development, opened the meeting by explaining that Elm Street Development is a land development company that has been developing land in Anne Arundel County for the past 30 years. Elm Street is the contract purchaser of the properties. The reason for the meeting is to inform the community of any changes that have been taken place during the final plan process. This is a requirement of the county code.

We are currently in the final plan process. The site plan is actually the same since we had our last community meeting in August of 2014, with the exception of a few changes to the building product in the central area of the site, where a villa product is now being proposed. A villa product is a semi-attached, 2 story dwelling with an optional first floor master bedroom. The villa is a smaller product than a single-family home and is being proposed in response to market demand for a different type of product. A total of 46 villas are shown on this plan. The number of new single family homes has decreased from 99 to 71. A total of 18 more units will be added by incorporating the villa product.

Regarding the timing of this project, we plan to submit the revised Final Plans in approximately 1-2 weeks from now. We are hoping to get final plan approval in approximately 6 months, with the project starting (development work) in about 12 months from now.

The floor was then opened for questions and the following questions and answers were given:

Q–In the northeast corner of the plan where the townhouses are showing, has that changed?

A–No, it has always been planned as townhouses. The villas are proposed in the central area of the site, which is the only thing that has changed since the last meeting.

Q–Are the villas a lower priced product?

A–No. They will be 2-story, 2-car garage, 30-35 feet wide like the product present in the development at Shipley's Crossing near the round-about on Brightview Drive.

Q–Was a traffic study done?

A–It was and the villa product reduces the number of trips compared to the single family homes that were replaced.

Q–What about the road widening? Any changes?

A–It has stayed the same as previously proposed.

Q–Will there be 71 villas?

A–No, 46 villas and 71 single family homes are currently planned.

Q–Have you had a naturalist review and walk the property?

A–No, we have not. The site plan will now have a lesser impact on the forested area you are talking about.

Q–Does the longer street come out onto Obrecht Road?

A–No. The primary access is existing Zeman Drive and the 2nd access is located about 1000 feet to the east of Zeman Drive.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m. Several attendees stayed following the meeting and spoke to Mr. Krapf individually.



Easter Egg Hunt Raffle Bake Sale

Saturday, March 28, 2015 @ 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)

New Playscape News
Donations Accepted

***Rain Date: Sunday, March 29, 2015 @ 1PM**

Email VOMCA: board@vomca.org
Go to FOOM's website for more information:
www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org



Do you have a small business that you would like to promote? Have a pool certificate that you would like to pass on to another community member? Celebrating a graduation, promotion, retirement, or wedding?



The Crier is an excellent way to share your news with your neighbors! Send your information to crier@vomca.org. Include your name and your street address in the email.

Friends of Olde Mill (FOOM)

The following pages highlight events sponsored by FOOM (Friends of Olde Mill)

Calling All Runners: Saturday, March 21, 2015 is our 3rd Annual Barlowe 5K Bolt!

Race starts at 7am! Our course will be the same as last year. Don't worry—it's not too late to sign up!

There are several ways you can sign up for the Barlowe 5K Bolt.

1. You can do so on Active.com at http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=2123294.
2. Included in this edition of the *Crier* is a mail-in registration form that can be mailed to FOOM, Inc., P.O. Box 151, Millersville, MD 21108.
3. You can also register the same day of the race starting at 6 am at the Olde Mill pool.



Would your business be willing to be a sponsor for our Barlowe 5K Bolt or do you know a business that would? If so, please contact them—or us, and we'll contact them!



New Fundraiser!

We know fundraisers are not “one size fits all” so we are always looking for new opportunities and new ideas to offer to our community to help you get involved to help us raise the necessary funds for our playscape at Barlowe Field and other improvements we'd like to tackle afterwards. That being said, here is a new opportunity for us!

FOOM has partnered with both Cha-Ching Consignment and with Red Balloon Children's Consignment stores. With both stores we have an account set up under FOOM's name. When you take items in there just let them know you have items to put on FOOM's account. Both stores will look through your donations and will give you back anything they think will not sell. The items that Cha-Ching returns to you are more than welcome to be dropped off with Jeanne and she will store them for our next Olde Mill flea market. For the items that Red Balloon Children's doesn't take, you are welcome to do with them whatever you'd like. There is a flyer included in this *Crier* with all the details that you can print out and hang on your fridge!

Support The Sunrise Kids

towards a new Playscape!

Friends of Olde Mill (FOOM) is currently preparing for our biggest fundraiser of the year - our 3rd Annual Barlowe 5K Bolt. It is a 7 am race that includes a ONE mile fun run/walk that many of our young neighbors participate in. For the 2nd year our "Little Sunrise Kids" are getting up early, getting all bundled up and participating to help raise funds for their new Playscape at Barlowe Field. Please show them support with a donation, sharing the link on your own Facebook wall and racing with us! This year's goal for The Little Sunrise Kids is \$2,000! Each donation gets us closer to our goal. For questions contact Michelle at Michelleonthego@gmail.com. <https://fundrazr.com/campaigns/evEbb>



Quarter Auction



Got quarters? Come to our next quarter auction! It is scheduled for Saturday, April 11. The doors open at 6 pm and the games start at 7 pm. It will once again be held at the Howard L. Turner American Legion Post 276 located at 8068 Quarterfield Rd., Severn, MD. I know for our Spring Quarter Auction we had a number of tables filled with friends and neighbors from our community. We'd love to see that support again! Once again we will have a number of great items for you to bid on and delicious food to purchase!



AND

Cha-Ching Consignments



HAVE PARTNERED UP!

Friends of Olde Mill (FOOM) is excited to announce our new partnership with Cha-Ching Consignments shop in Olde Mill! They have agreed to let us open up a FOOM account! What does this mean for our community? This means you can drop off your quality clothing and home goods that you no longer use. When they sell these donated items they will give part of the proceeds to FOOM for our playground and community development.

How do you donate?

1. Drop off up to 25 items anytime Tuesday – Friday 11 am to 5 pm or make an appointment for a Saturday drop off.
2. Drop off items to Jeanne Martin’s (jeannekay413@gmail.com) house and she will sort and drop items off for you. Any items not accepted by Cha- Ching will be donated to our community flea market. If you drop your items off with Jeanne she can also provide you a tax itemized receipt.

Cha-Ching is a fantastic store that takes good quality Men’s, Women’s and household items. Please check out their website for their list of “no thank you” donation items:

<http://www.chachingconsignments.com/brands-we-decline.html>



AND



HAVE PARTNERED UP!

Friends of Olde Mill (FOOM) is excited to announce our new partnership with Red Balloon Children’s Consignment Shop in Pasadena! They have agreed to let us open up a FOOM account! What does this mean for our community? This means you can drop off your quality children’s clothing that your children have out grown! When they sell these donated items they will give part of the proceeds to FOOM for our playground and community development.

How do you donate?

Drop items off between the 1st – 15th of each month. They will look through your items while you wait. Anything they aren’t interested in accepting (items they don’t think will sell or items they currently have too many in their inventory of) they will return to you.

Please “like” Red Balloon Children’s Consignment Store’s facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Red-Balloon-childrens-consignment-shop/182575591764370>

Spring

FLEA MARKET

Who is looking forward to spring? Are you spending these cold winter days spring cleaning? Do you have items you are looking to get rid of? FOOM's **Spring Flea Market** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 16.**

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 or email Michelle at Michelle@friendsofoldemill.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 cautionkidsat-play@gmail.com.

“Like us” on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheVillageofOldeMill or visit our webpage at www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org for information and events for our community.

—Andi Campbell

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

3RD ANNUAL BARLOWE 5K BOLT

5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

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

Proceeds will help in the creation of our unique playscape for Barlowe Field.

Saturday, March 21, 2015

Starts and finishes at Olde Mill Pool,
490 Chalet Dr, Millersville, MD 21108

Packet Pick up at Fleet Feet Sports
500 Ritchie Hwy; Severna Park, MD
Friday, March 20th from 3 -6 pm



On-site registration and packet pick up
starts at 6:00 am and race starts at **7:00 am!**

Register on www.active.com or by mail

Early bird registration until February 28, 2015
fee is \$25 for 5K or 1 Mile Fun Run / Walk

Registration fee after March 1st is \$35 for 5K or 1 Mile Fun Run / Walk
(T-shirts aren't guaranteed after Early Bird Registration date of February 28th, 2015)

"Like" our facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/BarloweBolt>

Barlowe 5K Bolt Registration Form (2015)

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Male ____ Female ____ DOB _____ Age on Race Day ____

Adult T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL XXXXL

Child's T-Shirt Size Child's S Child's M Child's L

Fees: Early Bird Registration on or before February 28, 2015 (T-shirt guaranteed)

5K \$25 _____

1 Mile Fun Run/Walk \$25 _____

Registration after March 1, 2015 (T-shirt if available)

5K \$35 _____

1 Mile Fun Run/Walk \$35 _____

By indicating your acceptance, you understand, agree, warrant and covenant as follows:

Waiver: In consideration of me and/or my minor child being permitted to participate in The Barlowe 5K Bolt, I hereby—for myself, my heirs and personal representatives—assume any and all risks which might be associated with the event. I further waive, release, discharge and covenant not to sue VOMCA (Village of Olde Mill Community Association) or FOOM, Inc (Friends of Olde Mill), its officers, sponsors, organizers, volunteers or other representatives or their successors and assigns, for any and all injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever suffered by myself and/or my minor child as a result of taking part in the events and any related activities. I also authorize the use by FOOM, Inc, of any photo, film or videotape taken of me or my minor child at the event for any purpose.

Signature: _____ Print

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mail this form and your check to: FOOM, Inc.; P.O. Box 151; Millersville, MD. 21108. Check should be made payable to: FOOM, Inc. Envelope must be postmarked by February 28, 2015 to guarantee a t-shirt. Applications postmarked after this date will receive a t-shirt if any are still available.

Village of Olde Mill
Community Association

P.O. Box 366
Millersville, MD 21108

We're on the Web
www.vomca.org

Have a question or suggestion for VOMCA?

Contact us at board@vomca.org

Please include your name and your street in the email.

Email article submissions to crier@vomca.org

FOOM, Inc.

P.O. Box 151 Millersville, MD 21108

www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org

<https://www.facebook.com/TheVillageofOldeMill>

Who are We?

We are your friends and neighbors in Millersville, Maryland. VOMCA is a voluntary association that acts as the only voice for your neighborhood with Anne Arundel County and Maryland State Government. Since we're a voluntary association, we are dependent upon your dues and your involvement to keep us effective.

VOMCA owns and maintains the Barlowe Field area including the Olde Mill Swim Club. We sponsor several community events, including an Easter Egg Hunt, a Christmas visit from Santa Claus, and a December holiday lighting contest.

We'd love to have you join us as we continue to plan and organize events.

2015 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.