Olde Mill Village Crier

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President's Message

Presidential Candidates Needed....Presidential Candidates Needed

Save your Community and Pool.....Step up and be a candidate for office for your association. Get INVOLVED....Make a DIFFERENCE...Experience working with others. This is the Year....you finish it....

As every year, elections are held in October. Please consider being a candidate for office in your Community Association. It is very important that you become involved so that the pool can continue to operate and communication with the County for services does not cease.

If you have not joined the association, there is an application on the last page of this newsletter. Just \$15 per year, and you have a vote in the affairs of the community. You can pay using Paypal or send a check for \$15 to VOMCA, Box 366, Millersville, Md. 21108. vomca@vomca.org

You must be a member to vote or run as a candidate, by September 1, for any office or Board member seat. 2 Board positions need to be filled and we need candidates for all other positions, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership. Contact board@vomca.org.

FOOM will have its annual Fall Flea Market on September 12, 2015 starting at 6:30a.m. More information can be found in FOOM news on page 6.

On behalf of the membership of the Olde Mill Swim club, I would like to thank Continental Pools Management for a super summer this, their first year. We also thank all the volunteers who gave of their time and talent to make the pool a fun place to spend the summer. Be sure to come back next year. Have a safe Labor Day weekend!

—Sarah Hakulin, President of VOMCA <u>board@vomca.org</u>

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The meeting was called to order by President Sarah Hakulin on August 5, 2015 at 7PM at the pool. 11 members were present constituting a quorum.

Paul Shaffer, Swim Club Treasurer reported:

Swim Club....Savings \$12,058.00 Checking \$33,273.00

Taxes for Barlowe Field: \$1,521.57

Topics discussed:

• Security Cameras for pool area and clearance of unused back stop area to promote security for the pool and residents. Due to expense of cameras and an estimate of almost \$1,000.00 to clear the area, the proposals were tabled.

- Cubmaster, Pack 957 (sponsored by VOMCA), Ben Eloff contacted VOMCA & FOOM in an effort to combine neighborhoods for mutual benefit for scout members.
- Planned speakers, Ben Eloff and Swim Team Representative, Mary Albrecht-Jordan could not make the meeting due to unplanned circumstances.
- Debbie Sansone, Swim Lesson Coordinator, reported that the swim lessons did not bring in much money due to lack of participation to the point of nearly cancelling the last 3 sessions. Paychex, who pays the instructors proved expensive in the processing of each check averaging \$50 per check. It was suggested that in then future, we try more expansive advertising for students.
- Questions regarding new inclusions in the contract for next year were also tabled until a future meeting.
- Rental fees for reserved picnic tables & grills during the day were also discussed as a means of paying for the propane for the grills and table space to enhance needed revenue.
- Continental offered to reduce the guard fee to \$20/guard/hour due to lack of after hour parties. A vote was taken and passed for the reduction. Continental has been notified.
- The Community Clean Up scheduled for September 11th & 12th has been cancelled.
- The September meeting date has been changed to September 9th at the pool. The need for Officer/Board candidates was stressed. New candidates for President...extremely important. Current President resigning. Elections will be held at the October 7th meeting at OMHS at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted for vacant Secretary position, by Sarah Hakulin, President.

2015 Officers and Board Members

President: Sarah Hakulin Board Members (term runs until end of year shown)

Vice President: Beverly Parker 2015: Paul Shaffer, Andi Campbell

Treasurer: Colleen Flack 2016: Lisa England Secretary: vacant 2017: Drew McKay

Membership: Sandy Sacra

VOMCA Meetings

Wednesday, September 9, 2015 6:30pm at the Pool 3 Guest Speakers will be in attendance!

Wednesday, October 7, 2015 7:00pm at OMHS

Meetings are scheduled to be held the first Wednesday of the month. However, check your email for any meeting cancellations or postponements due to weather related problems, etc.







September 9 VOMCA / Swim Club Meeting

September 12 FOOM Fall Flea Market

October (date to be determined)
Fall Fest

November 14
Fall Quarter Auction



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.

LABOR DAY weeker



OLDE MILL POOL HOURS

Friday, September 4.....12pm-8pm Saturday, September 5...12pm-10pm Sunday, September 6....12pm-10pm Monday, September 7....12pm-9pm





http://www.marylandstatefair.com

LABOR DAY WEEKEND EVENTS

Sep. 3, 2015 - Sep. 6, 2015

National Hard Crab Derby and Fair
Somers Cove Marina, Crisfield, MD
The 2015 Monty Alexander Jazz
Festival

Easton, MD

Aug. 6, 2015 - Sep. 6, 2015
The Addams Family
Annapolis Summer Garden Theatre

Sep. 5, 2015 - Sep. 7, 2015
"Paint the Town", Kensington Labor
Day Art Show Kensington, MD
56th Annual Deal Island Skipjack
Races and Festival Deal Island, MD

Friends of Olde Mill (FOOM)

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

HELP WANTED: FOOM has been working hard on trying to keep the playscape and Barlowe Field area looking nice. If you have teenagers who need community service hours for school or scouts please feel free to contact us and we can put them to good use pulling weeds or general clean up of the area. Go to, http://www.friendsofoldemill.org/contact-us to contact us if you or your teenager can help We'd really appreciate any extra hands!





PLAY BALL! Want to play in a "pick up" volleyball or kick ball game over fall? We'd love to see about organizing it and enjoying some community fun at Barlowe. If you are interested send us an email and we'll start pulling together some dates that will work those interested. . . http://www.friendsofoldemill.org/contact-us - thinking of a Friday or Saturday early evening timeframe so our kids and parents can enjoy the fun.

GOT DIRT? We are in search of 40 yards of top soil for the next phase of our playscape. We are looking for top soil to build up our 'hill' for our hill slide. If you know of any company that would be willing to donate top soil to a great cause please contact us - http://www.friendsofoldemill.org/contact-us. Or if you are great at researching companies who might be willing to donate and would like to help us that way too we would really appreciate it! Just a reminder - we are a non-profit organization so their donation to us would go a long way for both of us! As soon as we get top soil we can schedule the next Community Build Weekend – I'd love to be able to do that in September.

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!



Saturday, September 12th

IMPORTANT CHANGE starting with this year's Fall Flea Market: In an effort to help streamline the registration process we are now taking all registrations online through Paypal and once your registration is received you will receive an email back from a FOOM member letting you know that you are registered, what your assigned spot number(s) will be for this year's flea market and time/parking information.

Please plan on arriving prior to 6:30 am this year if you want to be able to park in the grass across from your vendor spot. At 6:30 am the entrance to the parking lot will be blocked off for vehicles and anyone arriving after 6:30 am will be asked to park on the street for the safety of our pedestrians. As with all our previous flea markets we are asking that you be watchful as you drive in the parking lot area for any pedestrians at any time.

As a reminder this year's Fall Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, September 12th and for your convenience you can click here to register for it - http://www.friendsofoldemill.org/fall-flea-market-yard-sale by Thursday, September 10th. Remember our flea markets are always a huge success so please reserve your spot today to ensure you have it!

As always we are accepting donations for FOOM to sell. Please contact us at http://www.friendsofoldemill.org/contact-us to coordinate pick up / drop off of donation items.

If you register through Paypal and DO NOT see an email back to you confirming everything, please feel free to contact me, Andi, at 410-903-2136 or at cautionkidsatplay@gmail.com.

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.

"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

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Raccoon Oral Rabies Vaccination Project Begins September 1, 2015

The Anne Arundel County Department of Health will conduct the Raccoon Oral Rabies Vaccination (ORV) Project, beginning Tuesday, September 1st. Baits will be placed throughout Anne Arundel County to vaccinate raccoons against rabies. The project should be completed by September 30, weather permitting.



The Baits...

- Contain liquid rabies vaccine.
- Will be placed in neighborhoods by ground teams of trained Department of Health staff. Teams will wear shirts with Department of Health logos and travel in marked County vehicles.
- Will be dropped from a low-flying County Police helicopter in less-populated areas.
- Come in two styles. One looks like a ketchup packet with a light brown waxy coating. The other looks like a small brown brick, is approximately 0.75 inches thick by 1.25 inches square, and has a plastic packet inside. In both styles, the vaccine is contained within the packet.
- Are marked with a 1-800 phone number. Anyone who comes in contact with the bait or has a pet that finds the bait is asked to call that number or 410-222-0056, ext. 3025.

The Vaccine...

- Immunizes raccoons when the animal bites into the packet that contains the vaccine.
- Cannot cause rabies and is not harmful to raccoons, pets or other animals.
- Is felt to be a low human health risk. However, it is advised that the following individuals avoid handling the bait:
- People younger than 18 years old
- Anyone with a chronic skin condition
- Pregnant women
- Anyone with a compromised immune system

The Department of Health recommends that pet owners keep their pets confined or on a leash during the baiting and for two weeks thereafter. Should your pet find a bait, take care in removing the bait from your pet's mouth.

For more information about the ORV Project, visit www.aahealth.org/orv. The ORV Project receives support from the Office of the County Executive and the County Police Department.

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> 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

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https://www.facebook.com/TheVillageofOldeMill

Who We Are

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.

Crier Editor: April L. Johnson

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.