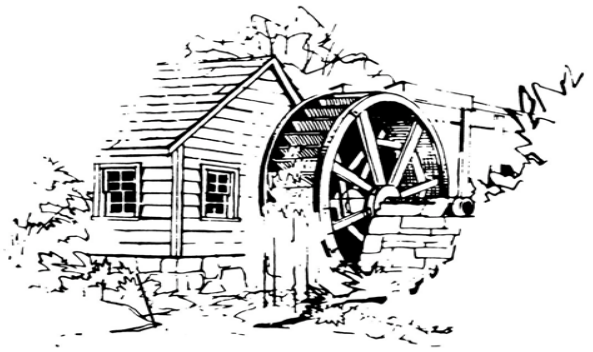


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President's Message

As Christmas draws near and the old year fades into history, we can all still be grateful that we live in the country that we do and reflect on how great our blessings are.

I would like to welcome our new Village of Olde Mill President, Barb Mason. Barb has lived in our community for many years and has been a member of the pool and pool committee. Barb, and her family, have participated in many community activities throughout the years. Thank you for stepping up to serve as President of Olde Mill. Let's all support Barb, our Officers and Board members as we enter 2016. Barb's term of office starts January 6, 2016 at 7PM at OMHS.

I wish to thank all of the people who came out to Friend's Of Olde Mill's November Quarter Auction to benefit Barlowe Field. We all had a great time and lots of people got great gifts for themselves or Christmas.

I wish to thank everyone for their support during my last 2 years of being President of Olde Mill. I have enjoyed serving you for the past 15 years, 9 of which were as President, and the rest in various capacities within the association.

Don't forget Santa's visit on December 19 as he gives out candy to the children and the Glen Burnie Fire Department collects food for our annual Food Collection for the North County Emergency Outreach Program at Christmas. See flyer in page 7.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone in Olde Mill.

—Sarah Hakulin, President of VOMCA board@vomca.org

Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year

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Increase for Swim Club Membership

As you review the proposed budget for the new year, you will note that due to increasing costs of services and aging structure repairs, we had to raise our membership dues and our swim club membership costs. Our taxes, basically because of the rain tax, have gone up about a thousand dollars over the last 2 years and repairs for the aging pool have increased as well. Winter's freezing and thawing have caused repeated repairs to the walls and tiles of the pool. This winter is already projected to be a cold hard one which will not be beneficial to the walls of the pool.



We are therefore increasing pool membership by \$10 and adding some fees for reserving picnic areas at the pool. Please support our efforts to keep our costs low and still provide a great place to spend the summer by becoming a member of the pool.

Swim lesson fees this year will remain the same as last year; however, due to low participation last year, lessons will not be offered on Fridays. Instead, Fridays will be used as make up days when the pool is closed for weather issues.

VOMCA Membership Dues

Our membership has decreased over the years. To date, only 8 percent of the 1,300 families are contributing to the expenses of the community. This year we could not afford to pay for the cost of publishing our newsletter, providing self addressed envelopes, nor pay for a service to deliver them. This being the case, we have raised the membership dues from \$15 to \$20 in hopes of being able to meet the monetary needs of the community.

Last year we discussed the possibility of this community becoming a "Special Tax District" so that our aging pool, bath house and community in general, could benefit from needed repairs and upgrades. Southgate community is a "Special Tax District" as are many other communities in Anne Arundel County. The process to become a "Special Tax District" is a long one. Essentially it would involve every resident and the "tax," which would actually be akin to dues, would be mandatory. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances and difficulty getting volunteers to participate, we were not able to pursue this option this past year. We hope to continue the dialogue next year for we feel that becoming a "Special Tax District" would be advantageous to Olde Mill in many ways and should still be considered to improve our community.

Membership Applications

Please use the application in this newsletter to renew your membership to VOMCA. We apologize for not being able to provide envelopes or house to house delivery of the Crier. Please send your dues to VOMCA, P.O. Box 366, Millersville, Md. 21108.



FOOM Donations

Please consider the donation letter for FOOM. It is a 501 c(3) organization which means all of the money you donate to the playground fund can be deducted from your income tax. Invest in your community and in our children.





**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

VOMCA PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2016		
	VOMCA	Notes
<u>Income</u>		
Membership	\$2,500.00	125 Members @ \$20
Field Rentals	\$1,000.00	
Transfer from pool	\$2,500.00	Tax Prepration
Total	\$6,000.00	
<u>Expenses</u>		
Crier Advertising	\$200.00	
Membership	\$100.00	
Bank Fees	\$20.00	
Presidents Fund	\$100.00	
PO Box	\$130.00	
Insurance	\$720.00	
Real Estate Tax	\$1,500.00	Rain Tax \$1500
Personal Prop Tax	\$240.00	
Tax Preparation	\$2,800.00	
Egg hunt	\$60.00	
NCEON donation	\$100.00	Santa's Visit
Yard Sale Advertising	\$30.00	
Total	\$6,000.00	



SWIM CLUB PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2016		
	Swim Club	Notes
<u>Income</u>		
Active dues	\$61,875.00	165 members @ \$375
Inactive dues	\$4,250.00	50 members @ \$85
New certificates	\$2,800.00	7 @\$400
Transfers	\$50.00	5 transfers @\$10
Lessons	\$3,800.00	Member \$55 / Non \$70
Youth party	\$100.00	5 Youth Parties
Pool rentals	\$465.00	7 Parties @\$65
Guest fees	\$5,000.00	\$5.00 flat fee til 5PM--\$3 after 5PM
Total	\$78,340.00	
<u>Expenses</u>		
Advertising	\$200.00	
Office	\$100.00	
Bank	\$50.00	
Insurance	\$3,000.00	
Hospitality	\$690.00	
First Aid	\$50.00	
Amusement tax	\$600.00	
Barlowe Field	\$4,900.00	\$4900 Field / \$400 Flower Boxes FOOM
Building Structure	\$1,500.00	
Decks/sidewalks	\$525.00	
Fire Extinguishers	\$100.00	
Furniture	\$1,000.00	
Lawn/grounds	\$200.00	
Pump/filtration	\$2,500.00	
Supplies/chemicals	\$1,500.00	
Trash removal	\$900.00	
Propane	\$200.00	
Membership	\$1,400.00	Printing, Stamps, envelopes, etc.
Health	\$500.00	
Mngt Fees	\$45,000.00	
Supplies	\$200.00	
Swim Supplies	\$475.00	\$240 Red Cross Certificate, equip....
Instructors	\$2,950.00	
Electricity	\$4,300.00	
Telephone	\$500.00	
Water	\$2,500.00	
Transfer to VOMCA	\$2,500.00	Insurance
Total	\$78,340.00	

VOMCA Meetings

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Wednesday, January 7, 2016

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

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.

Your Community News



**Become a
VOMCA Board
Member**

**Elections will be held at
the December 2nd
meeting. Hope to see
you there!!!!**

**December 2
VOMCA Meeting**

**December 7
Friends of Boy Scout Troop 975
Quarter Auction**

**December 19
Santa Visit**

**January 7
VOMCA Meeting**

Annapolis City Tree Lighting at the City Dock
November 29, from 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Lights on the Bay at Sandy Point State Park
5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., November 21, 2015 through
January 2, 2016 (weather permitting)

Midnight Madness at the shops of Downtown Annapolis
Thursday, December 3 and Thursday, December 10, 6:00pm-Midnight

New Year's Eve Celebration, Annapolis City Dock

Ring in the New Year with this family-friendly celebration. Children's activities including music and face painting start at 3:00pm. Fireworks at 7:30pm and at Midnight, to accompany the countdown to 2016. Thursday, December 31, 3:00pm to Midnight



Friends of Boy Scout Troop 975



Quarter Auction

Monday Dec.7th, 2015

Doors open at 6:00; 2 hour Auction begins promptly at 7:00 PM

Moose Lodge
1911 Crain Hwy
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

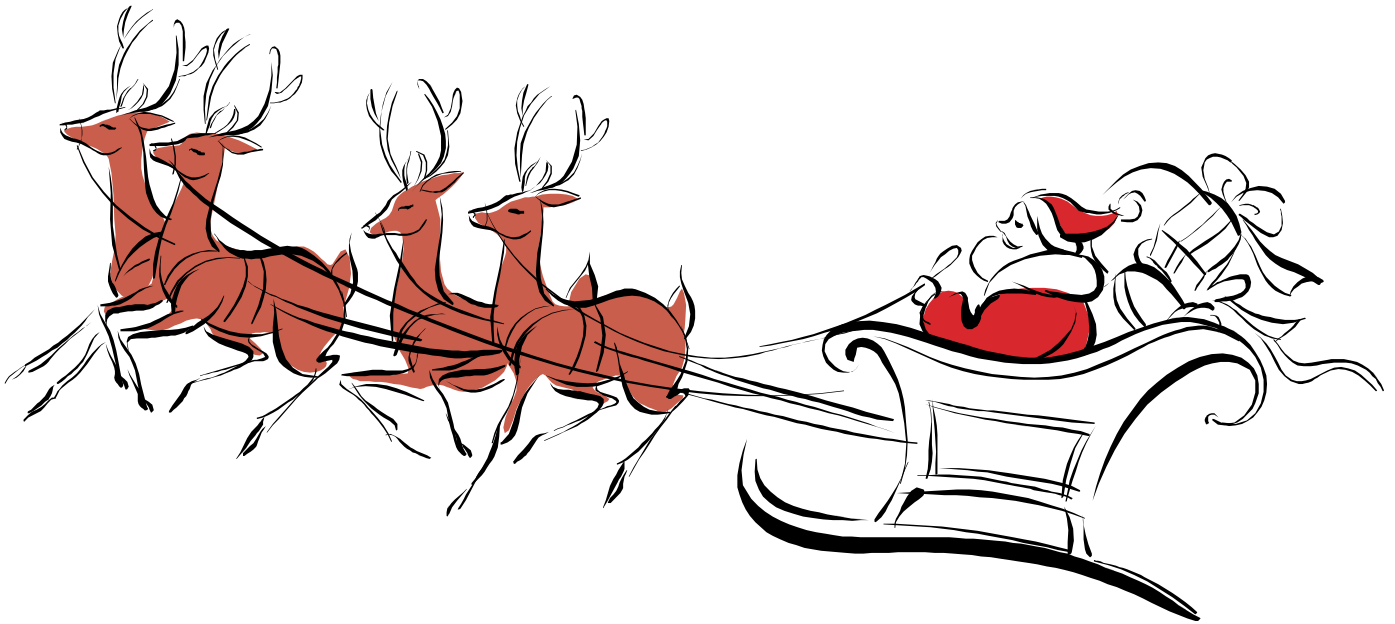
Bring this Flyer for Admission
\$5.00 includes 2 paddles

Each additional paddle is \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00
Bring your Quarters

Vendors: Celebrating Home/Home Interiors, Pampered Chef,
Carolyn's Creations, Origami Owl, *Purse Snickety*, 31 gifts,
K&L Crafts, Longaberger, Quarter Bags and more

50/50 Raffle
Charity Bidding Rounds and Bake Sale
Food and refreshments available for purchase
But feel free to bring your own

Never been to Quarter Mania?? You don't know what you are missing! Bid with quarters on Wonderful Products from all of our vendors. Prize values range from \$15.00 - \$100.00 and bids will NOT exceed \$1.00! You could go home with \$100.00 worth of products for just quarters...



**SANTA CLAUS IS COMING
TO OLDE MILL
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2015**

2:10 Brandon N.	3:05 Ahearn Dr. & Rd.
2:15 Weyburn Rd.	3:10 Chalet Dr.
2:25 Kenora Dr. N.	3:15 Condo I
2:30 Williamstowne Dr.	3:25 Chalet West
2:40 Gartlemill Rd.	3:30 Craver Rd. & Kenora S.
2:50 Condo II & III	3:35 Brandon Dr. S.

Santa arrives on a Glen Burnie VFD Fire Truck with candy canes for all the children. Santa's helpers will collect bagged, non-perishable food for NCEON Food Bank, from your doorstep.

If you won't be Home, please leave your donation on your front step or drop it off at HAIR EXPRESSIONS in the Olde Mill Shopping Center starting Dec. 7 and until 1 P.M. December 19, 2015

Thanks and Have a Very MERRY CHRISTMAS from
Village of Olde Mill Community Association



Theft in Olde Mill

Homeowners in the areas of Ahearn Rd, Bernard Dr. and surrounding areas, there have been some reports of theft from storage sheds of missing items and equipment. During this time of Christmas shopping and gift giving, be aware of locking your homes, your sheds and your cars.

If you see anything suspicious or experience unexplained loss, please report it to the police so that they can have a history of missing items, and modes of operation in order to catch the intruders. All calls go through 911 and the police will come and investigate. If they do not investigate, you can report the lack of follow up to Pat Daly, Constituent Services Officer for Executive Schuh, 410-222-1183 or email pat.daly@aacounty.org.

Animal Control on Maxwell Frye Road is always in need of old towels and blankets. Unfortunately, they do not accept comforters because they will not fit into their washers and driers. So think about them when you clean out your linen closets.



Hello everyone:

The county Department of Public Works would greatly appreciate hearing from residents and communities that see the need for any signs that need to be replaced or reinstalled along our county roadways. If you know of anything that should be reported please contact Matt Diehl at DPW at [\(410\)222-7582](tel:4102227582).

Thanks very much and have a good holiday.

Receive a discount of \$10.00 off the first hour when you mention this ad.— Applies to normal business hours of 9am-5pm.



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2016 Officers and Board Members

President: Barb Mason

Vice President: Beverly Parker

Treasurer: Colleen Flack

Secretary: Lisa England

Membership: Sandy Sacra

Board Members (term runs until end of year shown)

2015: Paul Shaffer, Andi Campbell

2016: *vacant*

2017: Drew McKay

VOMCA Board members are pending elections at the December meeting

share*it!

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)

To: The Community of Olde Mill

Friends of Olde Mill (F.O.O.M.) is a committed group of volunteers who have been working hard to renovate and upgrade our playground at Barlowe Field. A safe and thriving play space is an asset to any community. It increases the appeal and value of homes as well as provides a fun learning experience for children of all ages and capabilities.

We have held several successful events over the past two years including bake sales, the first Annual 5K in Olde Mill history, flea markets, restaurant nights, a craft show, a Trunk or Treat Halloween event, and quarter auctions to raise money for this enormous task.

We plan to replace the present structure and have a natural playground created for the children of Olde Mill. We have a volleyball sand court and a climbing wall already and have displayed, at various events, the plans for the new playscape at Barlowe Field which you all have the chance to help create through your time, support and donations.

Our goal is to raise a total of \$50,000. Through the support of the community and local businesses, we have raised over \$18,000 towards our goal! This is an awesome amount for a community that does not have a homeowners association and only been fund raising for 3 years. Your support has been amazing!

At this time of giving, we are asking for your help to make this project a reality. Friends of Olde Mill, Inc. is a 501(c)3 private foundation that accepts tax-deductible donations. We are solely staffed by volunteers; therefore, your donations are used 100% for the playground equipment! Please consider investing in your community.

You can make your check payable to FOOM, Inc. and mail it to FOOM, Inc.; P.O. Box 151; Millersville, MD 21108 or visit our website at www.friendsofoldemill.org to make a donation directly from the website. You will receive a Thank You note acknowledging your donation and for use for tax purposes.

Thank you and Happy Holidays from the Friends of Olde Mill.



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!



www.friendsofolde.com 1770537

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

From our family to yours



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www.vomca.org

[www.facebook.com/
TheVillageofOldeMill](http://www.facebook.com/TheVillageofOldeMill)

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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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.

2016 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. You can also pay using PayPal by going to VOMCA@VOMCA.org

The membership fee for your household's annual dues is \$20.00.

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.