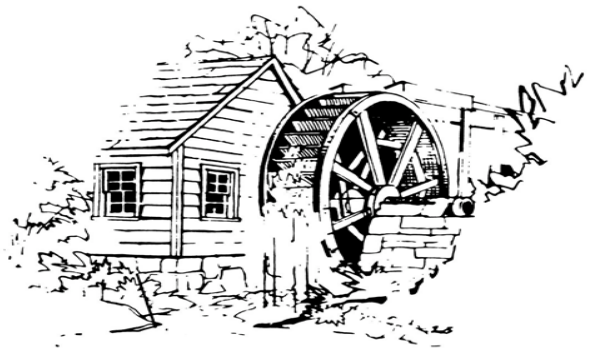


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President's Message

Welcome Spring with open smiles. With the warmer weather please keep an eye out for children who may dart out in the streets. Please be mindful of people walking dogs and ask before approaching them. Please help the community get ready for the warmer weather and longer evenings.

I would like to thank all involved with the Egg Hunt in March. Thank you to all who helped. We had a good turnout of teenage help. Thanks to the Easter Bunny for stopping by and Anne Arundel Easters District for coming by to visit and say hi. Thank you to Andi Campbell, Foom, John Mason, and Shannon Owens for raising money for the community and the pool. The Girl Scouts who with out their help we would still be stuffing eggs. Let's keep working together to make this a better community. I would like to thank Mrs. Maryellen Muliken, the VOMCA Board and its members and FOOM.

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We are looking for a few good people who would like to help on the pool Committee and VOMCA Board. If interested please email us at board@vomca.org.

April 26th is our time to get out and vote at our local polling facilities. We are gearing up to begin working on the pool for the Summer. It is hard to believe that in a little over a month the pool will be open. We are looking for anyone who has spare time to help with getting the pool ready to open the end of May. Pool Memberships are available. Come join the pool and have a great summer.

Barbara Mason, President of VOMCA
board@vomca.org

COMMUNITY NEWS



We did not have a quorum so VOMCA business was not conducted.

Wednesday, April 6

Wednesday, May 4

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.

SWIM CLUB NEWS

Swim Club memberships are available!

Our Swim Club will open on May 28th, weekends only, until schools let out. The club offers discount swim lessons for members and we have a swim team (additional cost). Pick up a membership packet on the front gate or call for information.



Please use the application in this newsletter to renew your membership to VOMCA. Please send your dues to VOMCA, P.O. Box 366, Millersville, Md. 21108.

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Email articles, announcements, and events to crier@vomca.org

Submissions are due by the 21st of the month in order to be included in the upcoming issue.



The Olde Mill Swim Team, the Torpedoes, will be holding an organizational meeting on Sunday, May 1st at the Olde Mill Community Pool starting at 5:30 pm.

We are looking into the possibility of changing practice times to evening hours in hopes of attracting more swimmers.

Connect with us on facebook at OMST Torpedoes for updates and information! Contact John Campbell if you are interested in joining the swim team or have questions. John can be reached at jdcampbell-soup@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Friendly reminders—

Swim Club Board needs members. VOMCA membership dues are \$20.00

VOMCA has a vacant seat on its board.



Make sure your vehicle doors are locked - there are kids going through the neighborhood again

checking for unlocked vehicles and stealing items from the vehicles. If you see something, please call 911!

http://patch.com/maryland/annearundel/s/fnzgn/boys-from-12-to-15-years-old-charged-in-vehicle-break-ins?utm_source=alert-breakingnews&utm_medium=email&utm_term=police+%26+fire&utm_campaign=alert

24 Unit Townhouses on Old Mill Rd.



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A meeting to present plans for a 24 unit townhouse development had 6 people including the minister of the church in attendance on March 9th at Church on The Rock. Traffic on Old Mill Road was the main concern as well as parking for the new residents.

As of right now, schools are closed to new students now so the project cannot move forward with the county for 2 to 2 and a half yrs. out or until the schools' capacity can accept more students.

The property area is zoned R15 or 15 units to the acre. They will be using 2 properties, the houses that are side by side at the Church on the Rock. This is how they can erect 24 unit townhouses and the builder is Ameristar. Rough estimate of the price was \$300,000. The location of the proposed project is 653 Old Mill Rd, TM 22, BLK 5, Parcel 404 . No further information was available at this time.

Wade Property

Checking with the county this week, I found that the Wade Property on Elvaton Rd and Oakwood Rd. that has been on the table for at least 10 years, is approximately 1 month away from its final phase for submissions to the county. They have 1 year in which to start the development process or they can start it the day after the County approval is given.

This is the development that will impact traffic on the sharp curve at Old Mill Blvd. and Oakwood Rd. It is a large development and the County allowed them to have a one way in and out access despite fire department and emergency access issues. Information provided by the planner working the project.

Zeeman Property

This property of over 200 homes/villas is about a year out from final submission of their plans to start building. This property taps into our water supply and sewerage. It's borders abut Bernard Dr. S. and Ahearn Ct. as far down as Minton Ct. and as far over as Obrecht and Brightwood Roads. Their developers are having problems with home owners whom the developers claim have built on property that they want to build on. The name of this development has changed a couple of times and it is uncertain just what the name will be in the final stage. Information provided by the planner working the development paper work for the County.



SUPPORT OUR 'RELAY FOR LIFE' TEAM

Ruth Eason School is sponsoring a team for the North Anne Arundel County Relay for Life on May 14th-15th. As a fundraiser, our team is holding a Pit Beef Sale in the parking lot of Northway Liquors on Saturday, April 9th from noon until 4:00 p.m. (rain date: April 10th). 100% of the proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. Cancer has touched all of us in dramatic ways, so please come out and support our efforts in raising funds for this very worthwhile cause.

If you are unable to attend the Pit Beef Sale but still want to support our team, you can mail a check made out to the American Cancer Society to Ruth Eason School (Attn: Relay For Life Team), 648 Old Mill Road, Millersville, MD 21108. Thank you, in advance, for your support!

“Alone we can do so little and together we can do so much”

2016 Officers and Board Members

President: Barbara Mason

Board Members (term runs until end of year shown)

Vice President: Beverly Parker

2016: **Vacant**

Treasurer: Colleen Flack

2016: Andi Campbell

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2017: Drew McKay

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2018: Paul Shaffer

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Friends of Olde Mill (FOOM)

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

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all the 5K runners and 1 mile fun run / walk participants who came out to support our 4th Annual Barlowe 5K Bolt! We LOVE seeing repeat runners and walkers. We really thank you for supporting our efforts! We had 98 participants this year and 24 local businesses who sponsored us.

We'd like to thank all our sponsors again – **REPEAT SPONSORS:** Acorn Renovations; Bear Landscaping; Beidle Insurance; Caution! Kids At Play Child Care; Cha Ching Consignments; Christina Joseph's Salon and Studio; Eagle Signs, Inc.; Helen Michelle's Handmade Cards; Jessie Ambler Freelance Photographer; Martini's Lawn Service; Orthodontics of Maryland; Repke Fitness; Sysco; A neighbor for VOMCA; Weir Pest Control; Winchester Construction Company and our **NEW SPONSORS:** 5 Peaks Martial Arts Academy; Contemporary Christian Worldwide Academy; MKC Karate; Merritt Athletic Club; Severn Christian Learning Center; Wegmans; Who Cares? We Do Walk-in Family Urgent Care; and Zarbin Law.

We'd also like to thank all the volunteers we had for the race because without them – it wouldn't be possible! THANK YOU!

For the 3rd year in a row our overall finisher was Luis Navarro! Great job Luis and thank you, and all the other participants, who have contacted me to compliment our race. It means a lot to us!

Want to see more pictures or results from the 4th Annual Barlowe 5K Bolt – go to our website at www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org and click on **Barlowe 5K Bolt** or “like” our facebook pages – Barlowe Bolt and The Village of Olde Mill Community.





P O Box 151

Millersville, MD. 21108

Dear Neighbor:

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you our passion for the community of Olde Mill and the work we do to provide a safe recreational area for the youth and families in our community. A recreational area provides a safe place for children to play, opportunities for neighbors to come together, and increases the home value for surrounding houses.

In 2003, Friends of Olde Mill (FOOM) was granted 501(c)(3) non-profit status to provide our community a way to make charitable gifts tax-deductible. All proceeds are currently going towards the improvement of our Barlowe Field and playground area. After those areas have been improved we will then decide, as a group, what area in our community that the funds should go towards next. For 13 years, FOOM has been working hard to make improvements to the community.

“Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.” –Helen Keller

Thank you to those who support our events by attending and providing feedback, both positive and negative, with your feedback we have been able to improve our events. We not only need supporters, we also need neighbors to join our efforts. We need **YOU** to step up and join us. Now is not the time to assume that others will volunteer. If you value children’s need for play, if you value a sense of community, if you want to see your home value increase, please contact us and tell us, “I want to help.”

In the past 13 years, our small group has managed to accomplish so much! We:

- Raised \$6,000 to pay for the removal of unsafe equipment
- Provided new swings, a sandbox, and a multi-use playset for children
- Installed new borders and woodchips in the playset area to create an ADA-safe play environment
- Raised \$10,000 to resurface our basketball court and put up new rims and nets
- Revitalized the planter boxes with new plants and mulch
- Installed a volleyball net and sand
- Met with a playscape designer and had a custom, unique playscape designed for our children based off of input from the children who attend and participated in our Junior Design Days
- Built and installed a climbing wall for children of all ages to enjoy

Held numerous, successful, annual fundraisers these last 4 years to enable us to raise almost \$30,000 to go towards the expenses of our unique playscape

While this is wonderful, it is taking us much longer than we hoped to raise the money and make these changes happen. The same current members of FOOM have been working hard for years to make these changes happen, but we NEED more people to join us.

“People coming together as a community can make things happen.” –Jacob Rees-Mogg

What do we need more help doing? Here are just a few examples . . .

- Establishing contact with local businesses
- Writing grants
- Organizing community and fundraising events
- Helping to advertise and market our events
- Participating on our community build days/weekend

Look below to see what our plans are for the next few years. We cannot make these changes happen without more people on our FOOM team. You don't need to have any experience. You just need to have a passion for making our community better!

Phase II (April – December 2016): We need to continue raising funds to put towards Phase III. During Phase II we will:

- Install an embankment slide; stump scramble; bridge and tunnel
- Build and install balance play benches and seating areas
- Build and install a sand play area, sand table and pergola

Phase III (2017): We need to continue raising funds in order to:

- Create an entry arbor
- Install a music and sensory play area
- Create a stage and gathering area
- Lay down a sidewalk leading from the parking lot to the playground area

Ongoing: We will continue our efforts indefinitely to raise funds to ensure the safety of the playscape area, Barlowe Field, and the basketball court along with other areas in our community.

Please join us!

Visit our main website for more information about the efforts Friends of Olde Mill www.friendsofoldemill.org or you can “like us” on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheVillageofOldeMill.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Andrea Campbell via email cautionkidsat-play@gmail.com or call 410-903-2136.

THANK YOU!



Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 16th** and **Sunday, April 17th** for our 2nd Community Build Day! What is a Community Build Day you ask? A Community Build Day is where members of our community meet up at Barlowe Field at 8 am to work on the next phase of our playscape! If you can't come right at 8 – that's fine – come when you can and stay for as long as you can! We need volunteers to help clean up the flower box areas; volleyball court; swing set area and to help get the foundation ready and built for our stump scramble, hill slide and tunnel area. We are so excited about starting this next phase over there and need volunteers to help build it for our children! If you are looking for additional information or want to volunteer your services, equipment, supplies, etc please contact us through our website at <http://www.friendsofoldemill.org/contact-us>. We NEED your help! Please consider volunteering to help improve your community!

Who is looking forward to spring? Are you spending these first days of spring “spring cleaning”? Do you have items you are looking to get rid of? FOOM's Spring Flea Market is scheduled for **Saturday, May 14th**. 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.

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

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

Olde Mill Flea Market & Community Yard Sale Day



Where: Pool Parking Lot, 490 Chalet Dr. Millersville, MD

When: May 14, 2016 (Rain date – May 15), 8am - 12pm

7:30am EARLYBIRDS OK

Sellers: reserve a space for only \$10.00 – go to www.friendsofoldemill.org and contact us to secure your space!

This event is sponsored by Friends of Olde Mill (FOOM) to raise money for the installment of a natural playscape and improvement of Barlowe Field.

Please consider household items you can donate to FOOM to sell at the event.

Donations we are looking for:		
Books	CDs	DVDs
Video Games	Kitchen Items	
Garage Items	House Décor Items	
Outdoor and Garden Items		
(Please no clothes or shoes)		

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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.