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DECEMBER

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Tom Dixon, longtime VOMCA president and lifelong public servant, dies

November 15, 1948 – November 22, 2022

Tom Dixon devoted his life to building people and communities through public service. He was a lifelong resident of Anne Arundel County and lived in Olde Mill for more than 25 years. Tom was very civic-minded and spent more than 15 years as President of the Village of Olde Mill Community Association, was a founding member of the Greater Ferndale Community Civic Association, former President of the Rippling Woods Parent Teachers Association, former Little League coach, member of the Glen Burnie Improvement Association, and member of several other community organizations.



Tom cherished his position as an official helper to Santa Claus and assisted the Glen Burnie VFD with Santa rides through the Olde Mill and Fox Chase communities, as well as annual home visits to many families in Olde Mill and beyond. Tom visited some families year after year and became as much a part of their family Christmas tradition as putting up the tree. His longest running annual stop was to a family he first visited when their child was born – and continued every year until she turned 20.

Tom served the people of Maryland through nearly 35 years of State service, including 31 years at the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund. Prior to his retirement, he was the Associate Director of Human Resources and Administration at MAIF. Human resources was not just a career choice for Tom, it was a way of life. He utilized the qualities learned on the job – strong leadership, good communication, problem-solving, being people-focused, and building consensus – in all parts of his life. Tom served the people of

Anne Arundel County as a former Chair of the Democratic Central Committee and continued to be a strong advocate for the Democratic Party throughout his life. He served the District 32 Democratic Club for more than two decades in numerous positions, most recently as President Emeritus, and was awarded the Club's Unsung Hero award in 2011.

When not helping others, Tom enjoyed fishing, watching the Ravens and Orioles, and playing softball. Most Sundays you could find Tom at Sunset Restaurant watching the Ravens with friends. Despite more than 40 years playing baseball and softball and many championships, Tom's favorite softball memories were playing alongside his son in the Olde Mill Adult Slow Pitch League.

Tom was the proud father of Tom Dixon (Christine Potter) of Phoenix, MD and Jaclyn Hartman (Robert) of Millersville and loving husband and lifelong friend to Judy Dixon of Millersville. Tom loved his family and friends deeply and was always willing to help them. A celebration of life will be held on December 11 at the American Legion Post 109 in Halethorpe. In honor of Tom's many years as Santa's helper, in lieu of flowers, donations of new, unwrapped toys or monetary donations can be made to Toys for Tots.

VOMCA President's Message:

Happy Holidays to all of Olde Mill!! It's so hard to believe that the year is almost over. There has been a lot of good and a lot of challenges but we've come through to say good bye with a wonderful holiday filled with lots of good things and a brand new year facing us. So let's see what we have to celebrate with.

Condolences and much love to the family of Tom Dixon on his untimely passing. Many of you have known Tom through his wonderful leadership of our community association. I spoke to Sarah Hauklin and she is pretty sure that Tom was our first VOMCA president, a post he held for many years. He severed in the Democratic Party holding many offices and post. I had the privilege of knowing him for many, many years. I had his daughter Jaci in Girl Scouts. We worked together on many events. He was also our Santa Clause on the GBVFD for a long, long time, until his health prevented him from getting in and out of the firetruck. He was a wonderful man and a great leader and he will be sorely missed.

December: Our monthly meeting will be held at the OMHS on December 7th at 7 pm. Once again on December 17th the GBFD will bring Santa and Friends to visit the children of Olde Mill. Plan on donating canned goods to go to the NCEON in Glen Burnie. This is a great way to give back at Christmas time. Also, Santa will have candy canes for all the little ones. His ride starts at 2pm. See schedule in the Crier. You can leave your canned goods at the curb or we will have volunteers to pick them up from your porch. And last but certainly not least is our annual Tree Lighting at Barlowe Field from 3 – 7 on the 10th of December. We will have cookies, carols and a visit from the big guy himself, Santa.

Annual Dues: It's time to support your community again. Our annual dues are only \$25.00 and it goes to pay our taxes on Barlowe field as well as fund all of the wonderful actives that we put on for the community, like the Easter Egg Hunt, the Fall Fest and our wonderful Santa Firetruck Ride and our Community Tree Lighting. So send in those checks or go to vomca.org and follow the like to use PayPal.

Bringing Back Our Annual Tree Lighting Contest: An independent panel of judges will go around and look at all the house with their beautiful Light displays for the holidays. We will be awarding prizes. First place \$100.00, Second Place \$50.00 and Third place \$25.00 gift cards. So show your holiday spirit and join the fun.

We have an awesome community filled with great people. Be an active part of it. Come out to the VOMCA meetings and participate in our community events. Olde Mill is a great place to live, work and play. And I'm proud to be your neighbor.

Chris Szverra, President of VOMCA



Raising money for a new playground

Happy Holidays from Friends of Olde Mill!

This year has gone on for about 80 weeks, but we got a lot done. I want to thank all the volunteers who gave their time, effort, and sometimes dollars to get FOOM through the year. We just held one of our big fundraisers at the American Legion Hall; we raised over \$2,500 at our Quarter Auction. It was a lot of work and a lot of fun. We were finally able to open the climbing area. We made some very nice improvements to our gardens and had several successful fundraisers to pay for most of it. We will make a few minor changes next year to identify new volunteers to help with the projects and events at the park.

Remember that Barlowe Field is a community park wholly owned by the Village of Olde Mill Community Association. Because of that, we receive no funds from the county or state. Maintaining and improving the park is solely based on these fundraisers and volunteer time and effort. Please come and help us take care of this community amenity that so many use and enjoy. We do a little construction and a lot of gardening; those are fun, but we also need volunteers to help pick up trash and pull and dispose of the trash bags from the cans. We restriped the parking lot and basketball court a couple of years ago. We need to seal the cracks in those asphalt areas in the coming year to keep them from deteriorating. We need volunteers to clear the curb areas and edge the grass at the sidewalks. We need to stake some of those new trees so they can thrive. Of course, we have a pile of mulch a local sawmill donated that we want to spread along the edge of the woods to keep the excess growth back.

We hope to apply a weather protection coating on the wood structures this spring, and we need to replace a few boards on the benches. Projects on our wish list include an enclosed dog run area, an improved basketball court, and a pickleball court, and we need to add mulch to the playground area. We would love to replace the 2x12 boards around the mulch area with 6x6 or 8x8 timbers and utilize the 2x12s to repair benches and bleachers. Caring for the park for those who use it today and into the future is an ongoing activity that has brought the current volunteers great pleasure.

We look forward to next year and how much we can get done with some extra help. Our next event is the Barlowe 5K Bolt in March; find all the information on the VOMCA.net website and help us fund the park maintenance and improvements. Contact me any time at rstites@polingerco.com.

VOMCA/FOOM Meeting 11/2/2022

Location: Old Mill High School

Time: 7:04PM

Old Business

1. VOMCA Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Checking: \$376.64
 - b. Savings: \$1,592.20
 - c. LOC Progressing as normal.
2. VOMCA Membership Report: 96 Members
3. OMSC Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Checking: \$839.71
 - b. Savings: \$95.72
4. OMSC Membership Report (2023):
 - a. Active: 2
 - b. Inactive: 0
 - c. Total: 2
5. Minutes from October Meeting approved as written.
6. Flea Market Update:
 - a. \$127.31 (spaces)
 - b. \$29.50 (donations)
 - c. \$159 (food/flea market items)
 - d. \$315.81 total profit
7. Fall Fest Update:
 - a. \$265 (food)
 - b. \$80 (pumpkins)
 - c. \$115 (raffles)
 - d. \$460 (total)
 - e. Expenses: \$140 for face painter
8. VOMCA Meeting Signs: Proposed purchase of signs to be placed at both ends of Chalet Drive to advertise the upcoming meeting each month. Plan to acquire before next meeting.
9. Quarter Auction (Nov 19th): We will be doing steak subs with various sides just like last year. We are working on a system to improve the ordering system for the steak subs to streamline the process.

10. Fundraising Ideas:

- a. Krispy Kreme:
- b. Ledos:
- c. On the Rocks
- d. Brian Boru (FOOM):

New Business

1. 2023 Election of Board Members:

- a. President: Chris Szverra
- b. Vice President: Randal Stites
- c. Secretary: Josiah John
- d. Treasurer: Chris Hilton
- e. Membership: Lisa England
- f. Board Member: Paul Shaffer
- g. Board Member: Sarah Hakulin
- h. Board Member: Colleen Flack
- i. Board Member: Veronica Hilton
- j. Board Member: Jessica Smith

2. 2023 Budgets: Proposed 2023 budgets were posted in the November Crier. We will be voting on the proposed budgets at the December VOMCA/FOOM Meeting on December 7.
3. VOMCA/FOOM Meetings: As of the November meeting, we will be combining VOMCA and FOOM into one meeting. This will eliminate the need for a second meeting since most of the issues for the respective organizations are discussed during the VOMCA meeting.
4. 2023 Calendar: Change to the 2023 Calendar will reflect the combined VOMCA/FOOM Meetings until further notice. We are also planning on only having two community workdays (Spring and Fall) instead of the original four days we had in 2022 and prior.
5. Tree Lighting (Dec 10th 3-7pm): We will need volunteers to help with decorating and help on the day of the event with set-up, running the event, and clean-up after the event.
6. Santa's Fire Truck Visit (Dec 17th 2-3:30pm): We will be following behind the fire truck to collect non-perishable items to donate to NCEON. You can hand the food directly to our drivers/vehicles or have it placed out by your mailbox by 2pm to be collected as we come by.
7. OMSC Membership Drive: We plan to have our OMSC membership packets distributed by the first few weeks of January 2023.
8. Crier Delivery (February): We are planning on doing the same delivery plan of an abbreviated paper copy of the February Crier to help garner additional support for our VOMCA and OMSC membership for 2023.
9. Dues for 2023: Annual VOMCA dues are \$25. Please pay your dues as soon as you are able.
10. Crier Articles and Advertisers: We'd like to get more community information into our monthly Criers. If anyone knows of any events (schools, clubs, etc.), please contact us at board@vomca.org so we can get it included in future Criers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

2023 Proposed

OMSC Budget

INCOME

2022 Budget

Active Dues (150 @\$450.00)	\$ 67,500
Inactive Dues (35 @ \$100)	\$ 3,800
New Certificates (8 @ \$400.00)	\$ 3,200
Transfer Fees (6 @ \$25)	\$ 150
Summer Passes (5 @ \$100)	\$ 500
Guest Fees(1000 @ \$10 per person)	\$ 10,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 85,150

EXPENSES

2023

Budget

Banking Charges	\$ 20
Admin(Banking, Accounting, Computing)	\$ -
Advertising	\$ 100
Admin(Office Supplies)	\$ 50
Insurance Park (Nationwide)	\$ 2,383
Insurance for the Pool	\$ 3,360
Amusement Tax	\$ 1,000
First Aid Supplies	\$ 200
Barlow Field Maintenance(Lawn Mowing)	\$ 5,000
Building/Structure	\$ -
Deck/Sidewalk	\$ 100
Fire Extinguisher(Maintenance)	\$ 100

2023 Proposed OMSC	Budget	(cont.)
Furniture		\$ 300
Lawn/Ground		\$ 100
Pool, Pump, Sanitation		\$ -
Supplies		\$ 300
Trash Removal		\$ -
Propane		\$ 60
Membership Records/Mailings		\$ -
Health Permit		\$ 450
Management Fees (Mon off except 3 Holidays)		\$ 56,820
Operating supplies (Filters)		\$ 1,000
Operating Other (Winter Chlorine)		\$ -
Bank Line of Credit Payment		\$ 1,080
Credit Card Payment		\$ 1,440
Hospitality(Lifeguard)		\$ 200
Annual Operating and Maintenance Total		\$ 74,063
Electric		\$ 4,866
Phone		\$ 720
Water		\$ 3,100
Annual Utility Total		\$ 8,686
Transfer to VOMCA(Taxes)		\$ 2,500
Transfer to Savings		\$ -
Annual Transfer Total		\$ 2,500
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 85,249
Annual Net Income		(\$99)
Potential Income from Renting Pool Time to Annapolis Swim Club		\$4,800

2023 PROPOSED

VOMCA BUDGET

INCOME

	Count	Unit Cost	
Membership	75	\$ 25	\$ 1,875
Field Rental (Baseball)	1	\$ 700	\$ 700
Crier Advertising	1	\$ 200	\$ 200
Transfer from Pool (for Tax Preperation)	1	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Various Fundraisers			\$ 2,740
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 8,015

EXPENSES

Membership Supplies			\$ 50
Websites Social Media			\$ 384
Real Estate Tax			\$ 1,800
Personal Property Tax			\$ 300
Personal Insurance (Bonding)			\$ 740
Tax Preparation			\$ 2,500
NCEON Donation			\$ 100
OMST Swim-a-thon Donation			\$ 100
FOOM Barlowe Bolt 5K Run/Walk Donation			\$ 100
OMST Auction Basket Donation			\$ 100
Presidents Fund			\$ 200
Various VOMCA Events			\$ 1,600
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 7,974

Move to savings

\$ 41

VOMCA

4th Annual

Holiday Tree Lighting



DECEMBER 10, 2022, 3 TO 7 PM

*The Village of Olde Mill
Community Association*

Would like to invite you to help us

Free:

light the tree

*Individually wrapped Cookies
Hot Cider & Chocolate*

Visit Santa!

*Create a card to send to
Those who cannot join us*



*Holiday Crafts!
Sing Carols!*

*Bring a toy
to donate*



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ENTRY IS FREE

ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY:

**SUGAR COOKIE DECORATING - PHOTO BACKDROPS -
ORNAMENT MAKING - MUSIC - BOOK FAIR**

PIZZA- POPCORN - WATER- SODA

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

WWW.RWESPTA.MEMBERHUB.COM

RSVP HERE:



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING!

Saturday, December 17th

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.
	3:30 Looping through The Point at Harpers Mill

Santa arrives on a Glen Burnie VFD Fire Truck with good wishes for all the children. VOMCA volunteers will collect bagged, non-perishable food for NCEON Food Bank, leave it by your mailbox or hand it to our volunteers as we drive behind the Santa Truck

Thank you for your donation and a

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

from the Village of Olde Mill Community Association!

Photos from Around Olde Mill 2022

November Quarter Auction



Olde Mill Swim Club (OMSC) Needs your support!

Join The Swim Club, Volunteer, or Donate! We Need You!

Did you know that we have a neighborhood Community Pool? When you become a member, there is no need to pay every time you want to swim, like at the Aquatic Center, or pay higher membership fees like the other community pools in the area.

Your membership helps us hire lifeguards for the season, improve the pool area, and host member events (some family and some adult only)!

Our newly renovated (2021) Snack Shack is very popular. During the 2020 season, we revamped the pool's top edge, including new tiles and coping stones, retrofit the pool area lights to LED, and replaced all the pumps! The addition of new shade structures is in our 2022 program.

Are you interested in joining? We accept new members all year! January through April are the primary months for renewing memberships and help us to better budget for any current or upcoming improvements.

Become a member in 4 easy steps:

1. Purchase a Certificate of Membership
2. Pay your Annual Dues
3. Submit a family photograph electronically (email it to omsc.membership@vomca.org)
4. Submit Emergency Contact/Procedure Form

You can fill out the form by downloading a copy at our website: Vomca.org and mailing it to OMSC 490 Chalet Drive, Millersville, MD 21108

Our Swim Season officially starts Memorial Day weekend! Meet your neighbors, sign up for the Torpedo's Swim Team, and help us continue our mission to:

- Sponsor an enjoyable swim team that also instills a sense of accomplishment.
- Provide a facility for exercise, athletics, and socialization.
- Maintain a safe, relaxing, and pleasant environment.
- Offer our members a facility for their private parties.
- Support other community groups through appropriate access to the facility.
- Hold enjoyable special events that reinforce the feeling of belonging and build a sense of friendship and community.

To learn more and find the membership documents, head on over to our website: vomca.org and click on OMSC Membership.



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December 23-30



Wash your hands often.

Use soap and water and wash for at least 20 seconds.

Cover your coughs & sneezes.

Use a tissue or your upper sleeve, not your hand.

Stay home when you're sick.

Keep sick children home, as well.

Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.

Clean & disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

Such as door knobs and mobile devices.

Get your flu & COVID shots.

Contact your primary care provider, pharmacy or find a flu clinic at [MarylandVax.org](https://www.marylandvax.org).

Consider wearing a mask.

It's **safe and effective** for children to receive a flu shot and COVID-19 vaccine on the same day. Find a flu clinic or COVID-19 vaccine at <https://www.marylandvax.org> or contact your primary care provider, pharmacy, or [local health department](#).

Food Access Warm Line

410-222-3663

Monday - Friday, 8 am to 6 pm

Are you in need of resources for food? Call the food access Warm Line to find resources that meet your needs. This Line will connect families and individual callers with seasoned case managers for customized food resource navigation.

Current Officers are:

President: Chris Szverra 443-852-2098
Vice President: Randal Stites 202-441-1232
Membership: Lisa England
Treasurer: Veronica Hilton
Secretary: Josiah John

Board Members are:

2022 Meghan Greenwell
2023 Paul Shafer
2024 Sarah Hakulin
2026 Colleen Flack



To renew your 2022 VOMCA membership or become a member

Send a check or go to vomca.org to pay your dues (\$25):

Mail to:

VOMCA Membership, 490 Chalet Dr., Millersville, Md. 21108

2022 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, 490 Chalet Dr. , Millersville, MD 21108.

The membership fee for your household's annual **Dues \$25.00**

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 emailed to you.

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\$25 Full Page
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Pictures (tiff, png, gif)

webadmin@vomca.org

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410-222-6145

Useful Phone Numbers

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Non-emergency questions:

Street Light Outages:

410-222-8610

1-800-685-0123 BGE

Water & Wastewater

Animal Control: 410-222-7582

Emergency:

410-222-8400

Trash Pick Up: 410-222-6100 Complaints

County 311...For Information

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The **Companion Bridge** community contains on-line resources with links to board certified veterinarians, rehab specialists, vendors and educational information about keeping pets healthy.

Companion Bridge is a not for profit 501(c)3 that is 100% donation funded and 100% volunteer staffed.



Please help our/your community by making a tax-deductible donation to Companion Bridge. Every penny makes a difference in the life of your neighbor and their pet when they are facing a difficult time.

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