

Olde Mill Village Crier

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Meeting is the First
Wed of Each
Month

Contact:

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VOMCA Meeting: Feb 2, 2022, 7 PM
@ OMHS cafeteria
Vomca.org/events



February Calendar of Events

Wed 2/2 VOMCA Meeting @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm

Wed 2/9 FOOM Meeting @ TBD 7 pm

Wed 2/16 PCRC – Eastern District Police Station 7 pm

Wed 2/23 OMSC Pool Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

President's Message

I volunteer in Olde Mill because I love this community. I've been here a long time and there's no place else I'd rather live.

I've made some wonderful friends here over the years. I've seen good people move out and other good people move in. I've been involved for many years in this community and I've raised my family here.

I want to make a difference. I want this to continue to be the place to live, work and play. And I'd love for each and every one of you reading this to consider joining me in this effort.

Check out vomca.org and look around at all the incredible opportunities to participate in the life of Olde Mill. Come join all of us and see how you can make a difference in this great place we live called Village of Olde Mill.

Chris Szverra

President, VOMCA

Check us out on the web and
Facebook:

www.vomca.org

www.facebook.com/VillageofOldeMill

VOMCA Meeting Minutes – Happy New Year

Date: January 5, 2022

Time: 7:06 PM

Location: ZOOM

Old Business:

VOMCA Treasurers Report:

Checking: \$1,037.13

Savings: \$1,591.93

Swim Club Treasurers Report:

Checking: \$1,316.85

Savings: \$523.65

Minutes from December meeting reviewed and accepted unanimously.

VOMCA Tree Lighting: event was postponed to the following weekend due to weather issues. Event coincided with the Santa ride through the neighborhood, so we were able to include GBVFD in supporting the event after the neighborhood drive-through. We also took several Christmas cards from the event to the senior center next to the hospital.

VOMCA Santa's Ride: We donated several bags full of non-perishable goods that were collected during the Santa Ride to NCEON as well as \$100 of donated cash.

Dues are in order: Need to pay as soon as able.

February Crier: We will be distributing physical copies of the February Crier to all houses within VOMCA to improve neighborhood awareness of our community activities and get new members into VOMCA and OMSC.

Volunteers to help deliver:

Josiah John

Sarah Hakulin

Megan Greenwell

Moriah Haefner

Lisa England

Chris Szverra

Randal Stites

Mary Stites

Chris Hilton

Paul Shaffer

John Tilden

Lianne Rostad

OMSC Mulch Sale: Mulch will be sold for \$7 a bag with free delivery on Saturday March 19th. Last date to place orders is March 12th. Mulch can be ordered

through the VOMCA website.

Crier – News – Community Events – Advertisers: Looking for suggestions on ways to improve the Crier.

Barlowe Bolt: Currently have 4 participants registered. We are working on confirming our sponsors from last year and potentially looking for new sponsors for the event. We are also still discussing the color scheme for this year's event.

New Business:

FOOM Updates: We will be getting 50 trees planted by the end of January free of charge by the Watershed Stewardship Academy. We are looking at a potential fundraiser through them to “rent” live Christmas trees to people in the neighborhood. The tree would come in a pot and would be replanted by Watershed after the holidays.

OMSC Updates: 170 membership packets have been sent out. Additional packets will be placed in the dispensers at the pool gate.

Fundraisers: We are looking for ideas/opportunities for fundraisers to support OMSC, VOMCA and FOOM.

Changes in January Calendar: OMSC meeting was shifted to January 12th to finalize preparations for the February Crier and handle budget issues. FOOM meeting was shifted to January 16th.

February VOMCA meeting: We anticipate having the meeting in person at OMHS. Allison Pickard will be a guest speaker at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:43pm.

Members Present

Lisa England

Josiah John

Randal Stites

Megan Greenwell

Paul Shaffer

Moriah Haefner

Chris Hilton

Sarah Hakulin

Chris Szverra

Charlotte Rader

Lianne Rostad



To All of the current and future Friends of Olde Mill

This edition of the Village Crier is all about a big effort to reach out to those in our community who may not currently be aware of what is occurring all around them in The Village of Olde Mill. All of us who volunteer for the communities' needs are constantly amazed that we hear comments like "I didn't know we had a park" or "Olde Mill has a pool?" or "I see you guys out there doing stuff but didn't really understand what was going on". This month we are not only sending out our Village Crier to the email list of VOMCA members and others who have signed up, but we are producing an old fashioned (somewhat condensed) version that we are going to distribute to every home in the community. We post on Facebook, Nextdoor, we have our own websites, we put up signs and banners continuously to try and get the word out so that everyone can enjoy and if desired join in. There are no clicks, no one is harassed, we do not chase power or anything else, in fact it is rare indeed that there is ever a conflict in any of the things we do, workdays, meetings, events, everyone just pitches in, and everyone is welcome. Still, we hear feedback that indicates we need to do a better job on outreach, and so we are trying. I hope these notes, this information is reaching a few people perhaps who have not seen it all before but here are some of the things that Friends of Olde Mill (FOOM) has been working on in the recent past and will be soon.

Gardens – we love gardens and every year we try to clean them up and improve them, we always need people who love plants, young or old, everyone can take pride in something beautiful

Trees – Anything you read these days is likely to reference the environment and many of you recognize that development and trees do not always go together, we have our patch of woods at Barlowe Field, it takes TLC to keep it green, and along with the counties Watershed Stewardship Academy we are planting new trees around our park, in just a few weeks a variety of 50 new ones will be installed

The Playground – a highlight of Barlowe Field, many dedicated volunteers have managed, improved, and renovated the playground to try and keep it fresh, and fun. For the past decade we have approached it with a green, natural approach for our young and not so young community members. Even though we just added a metal swingset and are about to add a climbing/sliding assembly we are still working to make the area as natural looking as we can, the new paint that will go on the equipment once it is installed will be various greens to reflect our belief that this is a healthy approach.

Events - we love events, and anyone who has attended any of our events, there is fun, laughter, music, and food at most of them. Yes, we must raise money for the park, after all we are wholly community owned and maintained, there are no grants, taxes, or other source of income to allow us to do what we do, but who says fundraising must be dull and boring?

So come out, stop by, if you want to lend a hand, please feel free to do that, if you just want to see what is going on, we would love to talk with you, if you have ideas, we need them, and if you have talent or expertise we can use it, but will promise not to exploit it.

We love our community; we think it is exceptional and part of what makes it that way are the people who choose to live here. Come out for the first time, or come out again, you will have a wonderful day.

Randal R Stites
President of Friends of Olde Mill

10th Annual

Barlowe 5k Bolt

5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

Proceeds will help in the continuing improvements and maintenance of Barlowe Field.



Saturday, March 26, 2022

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

Register on

www.Active.com

or by mail

On-site registration (cash only) and packet pick up start at
6:00am and the run/walk starts at 7:00am!

Early bird registration until March 4, 2022

fee is \$35 for 5K or 1 Mile Fun Run / Walk

Registration fee after March 4, is \$45 for 5K or 1 Mile Fun Run / Walk
(T-shirts aren't guaranteed after Early Bird Registration date of March 4, 2022)

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

F.O.O.M.
FRIENDS OF OLDE MILL



Barlowe 5K Bolt 2022 Sponsorship Form

Thank you for deciding to partner with Friends Of Olde Mill (F.O.O.M.) and become one of our Barlowe 5K Bolt Sponsors. The 10th Annual Barlowe 5K Bolt will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022. Proceeds from this race and other fundraisers we are holding in 2022 will benefit our playground and the athletic fields at Barlowe Field.

We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which means your donation is 100% tax deductible and when we receive your donation/sponsorship we will provide you with a tax letter with our tax ID number.

We have different levels of sponsorship depending on the **size advertisement you would like in the Race Programs** and if you'd like the prominence of your **logo on the Race T-shirts** and your **advertisement on our Community Facebook Page**, www.Facebook.com/VillageOfOldeMill. See the next page for Sponsorship level options. All sponsors who submit their logo prior to March 4th will see it included on the picture backdrop banner at the event.

Early bird special! Get your completed form, logo and check to FOOM, Inc, P.O. Box 151, Millersville, MD 21108 no later than **Friday, February 26th** and receive a **FREE Race T-shirt** in the size of your choosing!

All completed forms, logos and checks need to be received no later than Friday, March 4th.

Thank you again for your Community support! Together we can accomplish so much more. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Your Friend of Olde Mill,

Randal Stites
F.O.O.M. President
RStites@polingerco.com
202-441-1232
www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org

Please complete the following and return it along with a PDF AND PNG copy of your logo and advertisement emailed to RStites@polingerco.com. *If you prefer, your logo may be used instead of an advertisement for the Race Programs and Community Facebook Page acknowledgment.*

Company name:

Address:

Contact person:

Telephone number:

Levels of Sponsorship in Race Programs *(please check all that apply):*

Ad sizes are approximate

These levels include your logo on the Race T-shirts and your advertisement on our Community Facebook Page:

- \$500 Whole page inside front cover, or inside back cover (Depending on availability)
- \$400 Whole page (5" x 8")
- \$200 Half page (5" x 4")
- \$100 Quarter page (2.5" x 4")

These levels do NOT include your logo on the Race T-shirts nor your advertisement on our Community Facebook Page:

- \$35 Quarter page (2.5" x 4")
- \$10 Neighborhood "Shout Out" spot – 25 word limit. Example: "We BOLT with You! -FOOM"

Write your "Shout Out" here:

Vendor Space wanted on Race Day (\$100 minimum Sponsorship level)? YES

NO

*If YES, please bring your own table.

***Early Bird Special FREE T-shirt Size:** _____. **Form, logo and ad must be submitted no later than Friday, February 7th.**

We appreciate your community support for the 2022 Barlowe Bolt!

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.



Snow Day Fun!





To Benefit The

Olde Mill Swim Club

4th Annual

Mulch Sale

\$7 per bag

Brown 3 Cubic Foot Bag – Red or Black 2 Cubic Foot Bag

Free Delivery in Olde Mill on
Saturday March 19th

Visit VOMCA.org to place your order and pay up to 10am on
Saturday March 12th

For additional Information email Randal Stites
rstites@polingerco.com



FOOM FLEA MARKET FUNDRAISER

Quarter Auction

Saturday, November 19, 2022

Doors open at 6:00pm; Auction begins at 7:00p

Howard L. Turner Post 276 of the American Legion
8068 Quarterfield Road
Severn, MD 21144

\$5.00 (in advance) / \$7.00 (at the door)
(Cost includes admission and TWO (2) paddles)

To Benefit Friends of Olde Mill

Vendors: Cash Surprise, No-Sew Blankets, Handmade Wreaths,
Tastefully Simple/Tupperware, Liquor, Scratch Offs, and More!

Lucky Ball, 50/50, Bake Sale

Food and Refreshments available for purchase.
Alcohol will be available for purchase as well.

To purchase tickets, call – Chris at 443-852-2098;
Or go online at VOMCA.org to use our PayPal option
Questions contact Teri Cunningham at 410-794-6278



Saturday, May 21, 2022,
from 8 am-12 pm

Rain date: Sunday, May 22, 2022

Location: Barlowe
Field/Community Pool parking
lot

490 Chalet Dr., Millersville,
MD 21108

FOOD & Beverages provided by F.O.O.M.

We will have breakfast, hamburgers, hotdogs, & beverages!

For Information: please contact

Ms. Chris: mdwhere4u@aol.com or 443-852-2098

Olde Mill 2022 Event Calendar

FEBRUARY

Wed 2/2 VOMCA Meeting @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm
Wed 2/9 FOOM Meeting @ TBD 7 pm
Wed 2/16 PCRC – Eastern District Police Station 7 pm
Wed 2/23 OMSC Pool Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

MARCH

Wed 3/2 VOMCA Meeting @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm
Sat 3/5 Community Day #1 @ Barlowe Field 7 am
Wed 3/9 FOOM Meeting @ TBD 7pm
Sat 3/12 Last Day for Mulch Orders
Wed 3/16 PCRC – Eastern District Police Station 7 pm
Sat 3/19 Mulch Delivery
Wed 3/23 OMSC Pool Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm
Sat 3/26 Barlowe Bolt 5K Run/Walk@ 490 Chalet Dr. 7am

APRIL

Wed 4/6 VOMCA Meeting @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm
Sat 4/9 VOMCA Easter Egg Hunt – Barlowe Field 1 pm
Wed 4/13 FOOM Meeting - TBD 7 pm
Wed 4/20 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station – 7 pm
Wed 4/27 OMSC Pool Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

MAY

Wed 5/4 VOMCA Meeting @ OMSC Pool 7 pm
Wed 5/11 FOOM Meeting - TBD 7 pm
Sat 5/14 Community Day #2 @ Barlowe Field 7am
Wed 5/18 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 pm
Sat 5/21 FOOM Flea Market @ 490 Chalet Dr. 8-12 am
Wed 5/25 OMSC Pool Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm
Sat 5/28 Memorial Weekend - OMSC Opens

JUNE

Wed 6/1 VOMCA Meeting @ OMSC Pool 7 pm
Wed 6/8 FOOM Meeting - TBD 7 pm
Sat 6/11 Spring Fling at Barlowe Field
Wed 6/22 OMSC Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

JULY

Mon 7/4 Night Swim/4th of July Event OMSC 8-10pm
Wed 7/6 VOMCA Meeting @ OMSC 7 pm
Wed 7/13 FOOM meeting - TBD 7 pm
Sat 7/16 Community Day #3 @ Barlowe Field 7 am
Wed 7/27 OMSC Pool Committee Meeting – ZOOM 7 pm

AUGUST

Wed 8/3 VOMCA Meeting @ OMSC 7 pm
Wed 8/10 FOOM Meeting - TBD 7 pm
Wed 8/24 OMSC Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

SEPTEMBER

Mon 9/5 Labor Day – Last Day of OMSC 2022 Season
Wed 9/7 VOMCA Meeting @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm
Wed 9/14 FOOM Meeting - TBD 7 pm
Wed 9/21 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 pm
Sat 9/24 Community Day #4 @ Barlowe Field 7 am
Wed 9/28 OMSC Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

OCTOBER

Wed 10/5 VOMCA Meeting @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm
Sat 10/8 Fall Flea Market @ 490 Chalet Dr – 8am – 12pm
Wed 10/12 FOOM Meeting - TBD 7 pm
Wed 10/19 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station - 7 pm
Sat 10/22 VOMCA's Fall Fest @ Barlowe Field 11am-3pm
Wed 10/26 OMSC Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

NOVEMBER

Wed 11/2 VOMCA Meeting @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm
Wed 11/9 FOOM Meeting - TBD 7 pm
Wed 11/16 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station - 7 pm
Sat 11/19 FOOM Quarter Auction – American Legion Post 276 – 6 – 9 pm
Wed 11/23 OMSC Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7 pm

DECEMBER

Wed 12/7 VOMCA Meeting @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm
Sat 12/10 VOMCA Tree Lighting @ Barlowe Field 3-7pm
Wed 12/14 FOOM Meeting @ Ledo's Pizza 6 pm
Wed 12/17 Santa's Fire Truck Visit – 2 pm
Wed 12/21 PCRC – Eastern District Police Station - 6 pm
Weds 12/28 OMSC Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7pm



“Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud.”

- Helen Dyer



Current Officers are:

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

Board Members are:

2022 Meghan Greenwell
2023 Paul Shafer
2024 Sarah Hakulin
2025 Vacant
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.

30% off if you choose to advertise for a year.

Advertise in The Crier

Lower Prices This Year! \$25 Full Page

\$18 1/2 Page

\$10 1/4 Page

PDF Flyers, Word Documents &

Pictures (tiff, png, gif)

oldemill72@aol.com

Eastern District Police:

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

Northern Roads: 410-222-6120 Roads, etc.

Questions? Email:

oldemill72@aol.com

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- ◆ *Great place to work out, great staff, great equipment! Love the AF App that allows you to record your workouts while syncing with the equipment. - M. Lawrence*

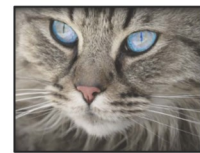
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The **Companion Bridge** community contains on-line resources with links to board certified veterinarians, rehab specialists, vendors and educational information about keeping pets healthy.

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.

 CompanionBridge

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 <https://companionbridge.org/>