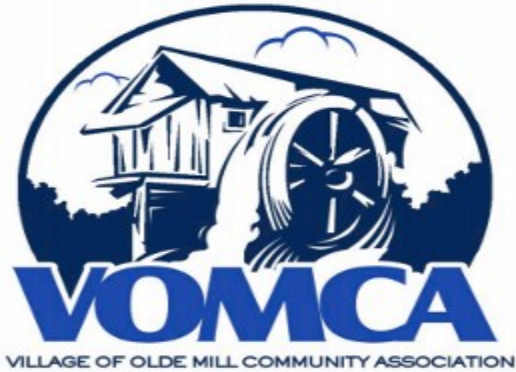


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VOMCA Meeting:
Vomca.org/events



February Calendar of Events

Wed 2/1 VOMCA & FOOM Mtg @ OMHS Cafeteria 7p.m.
Wed 2/15 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 p.m.
Wed 2/22 OMSC Committee Meeting Zoom 7 p.m.

Check us out on the web and
Facebook:

www.vomca.org

www.facebook.com/VillageofOldeMill

VOMCA President's Letter

It's February, and Spring is just around the corner!

I was driving through Olde Mill and saw someone had their house decorated for Valentine's Day. How wonderful! It certainly made me smile. A lot is going on in Olde Mill this month, so let's look at what's coming up and see how we can all help.

Pool Packets: By the time you read this, the pool packets will have been mailed. Thank you all for your patience. Our team was hit hard with whatever is going around, and although we struggled, it put us all a bit behind. But the packets were printed, and they were finally stuffed and mailed. PLEASE, consider joining as soon as you get your information. It's going to be great!! It helps the pool meet its early obligations and gets everyone excited for the upcoming pool season.

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

7th Annual Mulch Sale to benefit OMSC: Get yourself ready for Spring and help your community simultaneously. We offer Free Delivery, the same as last year, at \$ 7.00 per bag. Go to vomca.org and click on fundraisers, then click on the flyer to pay for your purchase online. Or send a check made out to VOMCA to 490 Chalet Dr. Millersville, MD 21108.

Upcoming Meetings:

Join us on February 1st for the VOMCA/FOOM meeting at Old Mill High School cafeteria at 7 PM. We are holding joint meetings now, so you can hear what's happening in both great organizations. And come on out to the PCRC meeting at the Eastern District Police Station on February 15th. We are meeting the incredible men and women responsible for protecting and serving our community.

Barlowe Bolt 5K Run / Walk:

And let's get started on our fitness journey together and help FOOM as they raise funds to continue to maintain the playground, ballfields, and gardens. All the information you need is in this edition of the Crier. So, check it out and plan on joining us for a great experience.

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

Chris Szverra, President, VOMCA

VOMCA / FOOM Meeting Agenda

Date: January 4, 2023

Place: Old Mill High School

Time: 7:11 PM

Members Present

1. Chris Szverra
2. Jessica Smith
3. Lisa England
4. Ken England
5. Paul Shaffer
6. Sarah Hakulin
7. Josiah John
8. Charlotte Rader
9. Lianne Rostad
10. Colleen Flack

Old Business:

1. VOMCA Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Checking: \$298.24
 - b. Savings: \$592.24
2. VOMCA Membership Report: 10 Active members as of 1/4/2023
3. OMSC Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Checking: \$709.13
 - b. Savings: \$310.73
4. OMSC Membership Report 2023:
 - a. Active: 3
 - b. Inactive: 0
 - c. Total: 3
5. Minutes from December Meeting: Approved as written; no changes recommended.
6. VOMCA Meeting Banners: No further updates on acquiring banners to advertise the monthly meetings to get greater community participation.
7. Fundraising Ideas (Krispy Kreme, Wendys, etc.): We are still pursuing fundraising ideas for the various community organizations. Any suggestions are greatly appreciated.
8. OMSC Membership Drive: We have a volunteer (Jessica Smith) that will be calling all of the members from 2021 who did not renew their membership in 2022 to see if we can get them to return as members (active or inactive).
 - a. We have raised the annual dues this year to \$475 due to an increase in fees/costs.
 - b. We increased the season guest pass from \$100 to \$150
 - c. We decreased the certificate fee for new members from \$400 to \$300.
9. Crier Delivery for February: We are planning to do a hand delivery of the February Crier. We anticipate doing the delivery around the first weekend in February. This will be an abbreviated version of the regular Crier for that month.
10. Dues are in order for 2023: You must be a paying member of VOMCA in order to vote on issues discussed at the monthly meetings; you do not need to be a paying member to be present at the meetings.
11. Crier Articles & Advertisers:

New Business:

1. Calendar for 2023: The updated calendar has been posted in the January 2023 Crier.
2. Pipes at OMSC/Parking Lot: One of the main underground pipes broke outside the pool Christmas Eve. We were able to get the county to shut the water off that evening. Currently we are working on trying to determine the extent of the issue and whether it is something we can repair ourselves and save money or if it is something that we will need to get a licensed contractor to take care of. We will need to get the issue fixed by March in order to be ready for when Ace comes to prepare our pool for the upcoming season.
3. Barlowe Bolt: Barlowe Bolt is March 25th. The event is a 5K Run/1 Mile Walk.
4. Mulch Sale: Sales have officially started. We will be advertising it on Nextdoor and Facebook. The price is \$7 for a 3 cu ft bag of brown or a 2 cu ft bag of red or black mulch. All proceeds go to benefit Olde Mill Swim Club.
5. Ideas/Brain Storming: We are always open to any ideas/suggestions to help raise money for the various community organizations. We are also looking for suggestions to get the word out about our various community organizations and events held throughout the year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.



Raising money for a new playground

To all of The Village of Olde Mill, happy New Year, Happy Valentines Day

Here in FOOM and at Barlowe Field, we have all invested so much time, energy, and money, and we survived Covid, but we cannot slow down. We need your help at the park: Trash has gotten out of control around the park and in our section of the woods, or maybe it has been months since we were able to spend time gathering it up. If you all can pitch in just a little to help us gather and dispose of it, our park will be in better shape when the flowers bloom. Our biggest fundraiser of the year, the event that pays for everything at the park, is occurring on March 25th in our community.

The 5k bolt and 1-mile walk is a lot of fun and inexpensive and is how we buy the trees, plants, mulch, fencing, and even garbage bags. Please, there is something for everyone; run, walk, or help us at the tables. Yes, it is early; we set up starting at 5 am, the race begins at seven and is over, and we are cleaning up by 8. I know it is winter, but things will start to bloom before you know it. I love to garden, and if you do too or want to help, we will be gardening as soon as the weather allows. If you or your family would like to sponsor a specific garden area, we can do that. There is a large pile of rough mulch in the basketball court area. We need some help to move that to the edge of the woods as part of our park management.

Let me know if you can lend a hand.

Many people worked very hard to recapture the area at the edge of the woods; we created a garden that the boy scouts, invested time and money, and dedicated a bench to a loved one, unfortunately, that garden has been overrun by wild vegetation (read "weeds"), and I need some volunteers to specifically restore it to its former glory by removing the weeds, laying weed block fabric down and putting in new mulch, give me a shout if you would like to help.

The bottom line is we have lots of fun things to do, but we need some help. Typically, it is just 2 to 4 hours a month on a Saturday or Sunday (depending on you), and we can achieve so much more. Give me a shout if I can add you to our volunteer call list to give back to our park.

Randal R Stites 202-441-1232 rstites@polingerco.com I am waiting to hear from you.

MULCH FUNDRaiser



To Benefit The

Olde Mill Swim Club

5th 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 18th

Visit VOMCA.org to place your order and pay up to 10am on
Saturday March 11th

For additional Information email Randal Stites

rstites@polingerco.com

11th 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 25, 2023

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

Register on

www.Active.com

or by mail

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

Early bird registration until February 25, 2023
fee is \$35 for 5K or 1 Mile Fun Run / Walk

Registration fee after February 25th is \$45 for 5K or 1 Mile Fun Run / Walk
(T-shirts aren't guaranteed after Early Bird Registration date of February 25th, 2023)

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



JOIN
US!

Annual Easter EGG HUNT



VOMCA
VILLAGE OF OLDE MILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

1 pm

Barlowe Field
490 Chalet Drive

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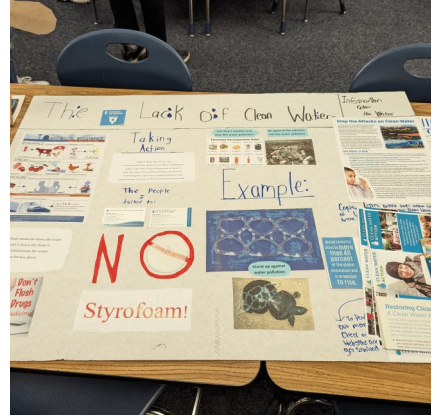
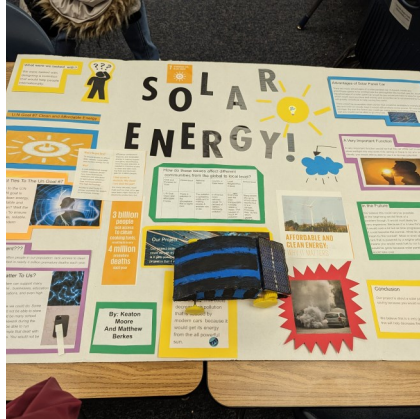
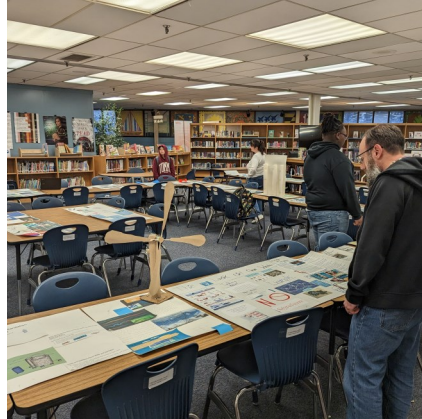
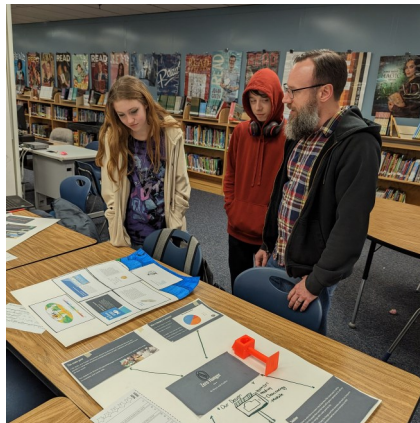


Photos with Easter Bunny, Win Prizes, Music, Bake Sale, Raffles, and Much More!

Photos from Around Olde Mill 2022

January Photos

Picnics at Barlowe & OMMN Design Expo



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 in 2022.

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.



Olde Mill 2023 Event Calendar

February

Wed 2/1 VOMCA & FOOM Mtg @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 p.m.

Wed 2/15 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 p.m.

Wed 2/22 OMSC Committee Meeting Zoom 7 p.m.

March

Wed 3/1 VOMCA & FOOM Mtg @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 p.m.

Sat 3/11 Last Day for Mulch Orders

Wed 3/16 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 p.m.

Sat 3/18 Mulch Delivery

Wed 3/22 OMSC Pool Committee Meeting Zoom 7 p.m.

Sat 3/25 Barlowe Bolt 5 K Run @ 490 Chalet Drive 7 a.m.

April

Sat 4/1 VOMCA Easter Egg Hunt @ Barlowe Field 1 p.m.

Wed 4/5 VOMCA & FOOM Mtg @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 p.m.

Wed 4/19 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 p.m.

Wed 4/26 OMSC Pool Committee Meeting Zoom 7 p.m.

May

Wed 5/3 VOMCA & FOOM Mtg @ OMSC Pool 7 p.m.

Sat 5/13 Community Day @ Barlowe Field 7 a.m.

Wed 5/17 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 p.m.

Sat 5/20 FOOM Flea Market @ 490 Chalet Drive 8-12

June

Wed 6/7 VOMCA & FOOM Mtg @ OMSC Pool 7 p.m.

Fri 6/16 Tentative Last Day of School for Students

Wed 6/28 OMSC Committee Meeting Zoom 7 p.m.

July

Tue 7/4 Night Swim/4th of July Event @ OMSC 8-10 p.m.

Wed 7/5 VOMCA & FOOM Mtg @ OMSC 7 p.m.

Wed 7/26 OMSC Pool Committee Meeting Zoom 7 p.m.

August

Wed 8/2 VOMCA & FOOM Mtg @ OMSC 7 p.m.

Wed 8/23 OMSC Committee Meeting Zoom 7 p.m.

Mon 8/28 First Day of School

September

Mon 9/4 Labor Day – Last Day of OMSC 2023 Season

Wed 9/6 VOMCA & FOOM Mtg @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 p.m.

Wed 9/20 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 p.m.

Sat 9/23 Community Day @ Barlowe Field 7 a.m.

Wed 9/27 OMSC Committee Meeting Zoom 7 p.m.

October

Wed 10/4 VOMCA & FOOM Mtg @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 p.m.

Sat 10/7 Fall FOOM Flea Market @ 490 Chalet Drive 8-12

Wed 10/18 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 p.m.

Sat 10/21 VOMCA's Fall Fest @ Barlowe Field 11-3

Wed 10/25 OMSC Committee Meeting Zoom 7 p.m.

November

Wed 11/1 VOMCA & FOOM Mtg @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 p.m.

Wed 11/15 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 p.m.

Sat 11/18 FOOM Quarter Auction @ American Legion Post 276
6-9 p.m.

Wed 11/22 OMSC Committee Meeting Zoom 7 p.m.

December

Wed 12/6 VOMCA & FOOM Mtg @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 p.m.

Sat 12/9 VOMCA Tree Lighting @ Barlowe Field 3-7 p.m.

Sat 12/16 Santa's Fire Truck Visit 2 p.m.

Wed 12/20 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 p.m.

Wed 12/27 OMSC Committee Meeting Zoom 7 p.m.



*Happy
Valentine's Day*

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:

2023 Paul Shafer
2024 Sarah Hakulin
2025 Colleen Flack
2026 Veronica Hilton
2027 Jessica Smith



To renew your 2023 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

2023 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)

webadmin@vomca.org

Useful Phone Numbers

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Street Light Outages:

1-800-685-0123 BGE

Animal Control: 410-222-7582

Trash Pick Up: 410-222-6100 Complaints

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

Eastern District Police:

410-222-6145

Non-emergency questions:

410-222-8610

Water & Wastewater

Emergency:

410-222-8400

County 311...For Information

Questions? Email:

webadmin@vomca.org



Companion Bridge provides support to low income individuals or those who have fallen upon a recent economic hardship and cannot afford a medical crisis with their companion pets. In cases where an animal can be saved, we work directly with the veterinarian, striving to end economic euthanasia.



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/>