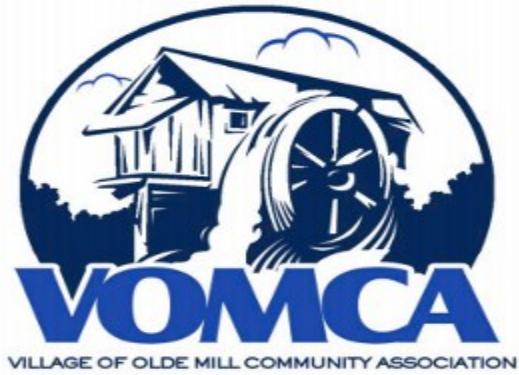


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## January 2024 Calendar of Events

Mon 1/1 NEW YEARS DAY  
Mon 1/1 Pre Orders for Mulch Sale Starts  
Wed 1/3 VOMCA/FOOM Mtg @ Hardee's 7 pm  
Sat 1/6 OMSC Pool Packets Mailed  
Wed 1/10 OMSC Committee Meeting- TBD 7 pm  
Mon 1/15 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY  
Wed 1/17 PCRC -Eastern District Police Station 7 pm

Check us out on the web and  
Facebook:

[www.vomca.org](http://www.vomca.org)

[www.facebook.com/VillageofOldeMill](https://www.facebook.com/VillageofOldeMill)

## Important information:

- \* VOMCA meetings will be held at Hardy's until further notice.
- \* Support the OMSC at Go-FundMe page: <https://gofund.me/9C0D8966>

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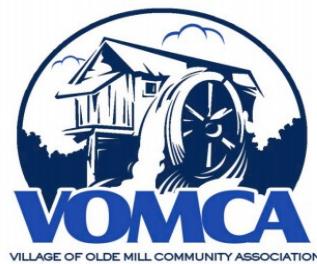
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## **President's Message**

HAPPY NEW YEAR, OLDE MILL COMMUNITY: This will be the best year ever!! We have so many things planned for our great community. Let's take a look at the highlights.

**VOMCA/FOOM Meeting – January 3rd, at 7 – 9 pm at Hardee's:** Let's start the new year by coming out and meeting all your elected officers and hearing firsthand what we have in store for the coming year. Be a part of Olde Mill's decision-making process. You do not need to buy food, but they have great milkshakes if you'd like a little something.

**VOMCA Dues: It's time to pay your 2024 dues to belong to VOMCA.** We've increased them to \$30.00 this year to help us cover the cost of the taxes on Barlowe Field, as well as to help cover all the activities that we put on for the families of Olde Mill and the donations we give during the year. So, now is a great time to send your dues in. Mail them to 490 Chalet Dr. Millersville, MD 21108, or go to [vomca.org](http://vomca.org), click the join link, and pay through PayPal.

**Annual Mulch Sale:** Once again, OMSC will sell mulch to the community and surrounding areas. The sale starts January 1st and runs till March 9th. The mulch will be delivered, free of charge, on Saturday, March 16th. The bags are 2 cubic feet, and once again, they will be available in brown, black, and red. So, plan on ordering your springtime needs and help out the OMSC.

**Pool Packets will be sent on January 6th.** It's the time of year when we can start thinking about our upcoming pool season. The pool packets will look slightly different this year: The letter and registration form, emergency form, and swim team information will be included. If you want a complete packet, go to [vomca.org](http://vomca.org), click the OMSC page, and print one out. There are two significant changes this year. First, because of the cost of chemicals and the substantial rise in minimum wages, the fee will be \$525.00. It is still the cheapest pool in our area. The second change is that we are lowering the price of the pool bond to \$200.00. This is to encourage new members and to help out for those who are joining the swim team. Please send in your membership dues as soon as possible.

**Supporting the OMSC:** Our Go-Fund-Me page will be up until the end of January for anyone who would like to contribute to the pool's continuing needs. Also, please support the fundraisers that are held throughout the year. For further details about any of this, please feel free to call me at 443-852-2098

**Friends Of Olde Mill:** Please check out their monthly article in the Crier. They are having several fundraisers coming up. These will benefit the playground and park areas. The 12th Annual Barlowe Bolt is being held on March 23rd. Several Beautification Days are scheduled throughout the year to keep Barlowe Field looking beautiful. Be sure to read FOOM's article monthly and watch for their flyers.

That's all I have for this month. Come to our meetings. Please support our efforts. Please participate in our activities. That makes Olde Mill a great place to live, work and play.

Chris Szverra  
President, VOMCA



## Mensaje del presidente

FELIZ AÑO NUEVO, COMUNIDAD OLDE MILL: ¡¡Éste será el mejor año de todos!! Tenemos tantas cosas planeadas para nuestra gran comunidad. Echemos un vistazo a los aspectos más destacados.

**Reunión VOMCA/FOOM – 3 de enero, de 7 a 9 pm en Hardee's:** Comencemos el nuevo año saliendo y conociendo a todos sus funcionarios electos y escuchando de primera mano lo que tenemos reservado para el próximo año. Sea parte del proceso de toma de decisiones de Olde Mill. No necesitas comprar comida, pero tienen excelentes batidos si quieres algo.

**Cuotas VOMCA: Es momento de pagar tus cuotas 2024 para pertenecer a VOMCA.** Los hemos aumentado a \$30.00 este año para ayudarnos a cubrir el costo de los impuestos en Barlowe Field, así como para ayudar a cubrir todas las actividades que organizamos para las familias de Olde Mill y las donaciones que damos durante el año. Entonces, ahora es un buen momento para enviar sus cuotas. Envíelas por correo a 490 Chalet Dr. Millersville, MD 21108, o visite [vomca.org](http://vomca.org), haga clic en el enlace para unirse y pague a través de PayPal.

**Venta anual de mantillo:** una vez más, OMSC venderá mantillo a la comunidad y sus alrededores. La venta comienza el 1 de enero y se extenderá hasta el 9 de marzo. El abono se entregará, de forma gratuita, el sábado 16 de marzo. Las bolsas miden 2 pies cúbicos y, una vez más, estarán disponibles en marrón, negro y rojo. Entonces, planee ordenar sus necesidades de primavera y ayude al OMSC.

**Los paquetes de piscina se enviarán el 6 de enero.** Es la época del año en la que podemos empezar a pensar en nuestra próxima temporada de piscina. Los paquetes de piscina se verán ligeramente diferentes este año: se incluirán la carta y el formulario de inscripción, el formulario de emergencia y la información del equipo de natación. Si desea un paquete completo, vaya a [vomca.org](http://vomca.org), haga clic en la página OMSC e imprima uno. Este año hay dos cambios significativos. Primero, debido al costo de los químicos y al aumento sustancial de los salarios mínimos, la tarifa será de \$525,00. Sigue siendo la piscina más barata de nuestra zona. El segundo cambio es que estamos bajando el precio del bono común a \$200,00. Esto es para animar a nuevos miembros y ayudar a aquellos que se unen al equipo de natación. Por favor envíe sus cuotas de membresía lo antes posible.

**Apoyando al OMSC:** Nuestra página Go-Fund-Me estará abierta hasta finales de enero para cualquiera que desee contribuir a las necesidades continuas del fondo. Además, apoye las recaudaciones de fondos que se llevan a cabo durante todo el año. Para obtener más detalles sobre cualquiera de esto, no dude en llamar al 443-852-2098.

**Amigos de Olde Mill:** consulte su artículo mensual en el Crier. Están teniendo varias recaudaciones de fondos próximamente. Estos beneficiarán las áreas de juegos y parques. El 12º Barlowe Bolt anual se llevará a cabo el 23 de marzo. Se programan varios días de embellecimiento a lo largo del año para mantener el hermoso aspecto de Barlowe Field. Asegúrese de leer el artículo de FOOM mensualmente y esté atento a sus folletos.

Eso es todo lo que tengo para este mes. Ven a nuestras reuniones. Por favor apoye nuestros esfuerzos. Por favor participa en nuestras actividades. Eso hace de Olde Mill un excelente lugar para vivir, trabajar y jugar.



**Raising money for a new playground**

**To all who love our community**

Happy New Year everyone!

So, what did you do for New Year's Eve? It was my 64th birthday, so I did what I usually do: watch TV; yep, old guy here. But I also spent a lot of time reflecting on 2023 and with renewed energy planning for 2024. There is a lot I would like to see done.

Back at the beginning of 2020, my employer let me work from home, along with millions of other employers, and it enabled me to get a lot done at Barlowe Field; my commute is 90 minutes each way, so that was 3 hours of free time pick up all by itself. I worked with other volunteers and put a lot of time into clearing around the woods; we pushed the growth of trees and bushes back from the outfield fence almost to where it needed to be, but enough that people could walk there, and we could move vehicles through that area to continue working.

Adjacent to the basketball court was a mess; we literally had trees growing beyond the fence into the court area; the volunteers again came in and cleared it back to how it was intended to be to allow people to walk through that area between the woods and the basketball court chain link fence. Wow, we moved a lot of dirt and installed a drainage system.

As part of that restoration process, we kept a small area of woods, a small oasis, along that pathway designated as the Back Memorial Garden (the Front Memorial Garden is adjacent to the parking lot entrance), and in a selfish move, I called dibs on a little part of it to put in a memorial bench for my mother-in-law Edna Jane McClelland. She lived to be almost 101. She passed on December 8. We already have one memorial bench in that garden; it was an Eagle Scout project. I intend to install a second bench to remember my mother-in-law in time to have a little dedication to her life and generosity on her next birthday, March 31.

We will be weeding the garden, putting in a small tree dedicated to her, a concrete pad, and a bench with a plaque, as well as putting down weed barrier and mulch. We also have another bench to install at the Front Memorial Garden, and these items are very important to me. So, I would ask anyone who would like to join us in this work please come by over the next 3 months. Let us know if you have lost someone important to you and would like a spot to remember them. We have 3 such items already and will add 2 more soon: a simple plaque, perhaps a tree in one of the gardens, or located in a place chosen by your heart. This is an important component of our community park.

If you have been reading my notes in the past, you know most of what we are up to. We do this through the work and dedication of volunteers, and those same volunteers perform all of the work required for our events to raise the necessary money to do these things, to maintain and improve our park. We have a meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. Come and join us, share your thoughts and ideas, and meet the people dedicated to giving you, your family, and, yes, your dog a place to play, think, and enjoy. 2024 is going to be amazing. Come enjoy it with us.

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Raising money for a new playground

### A todos los que aman nuestra comunidad.

¡Feliz Año Nuevo a todos!

Entonces, ¿qué hiciste en Nochevieja? Era mi cumpleaños número 64, así que hice lo que suelo hacer: mirar televisión; Sí, viejo aquí. Pero también pasé mucho tiempo reflexionando sobre 2023 y con una planificación energética renovada para 2024. Hay muchas cosas que me gustaría que se hicieran.

A principios de 2020, mi empleador me permitió trabajar desde casa, junto con millones de otros empleadores, y eso me permitió hacer muchas cosas en Barlowe Field; Mi viaje diario es de 90 minutos en cada sentido, por lo que fueron 3 horas de tiempo libre para recogerlo por sí solo. Trabajé con otros voluntarios y dediqué mucho tiempo a limpiar el bosque; Empujamos el crecimiento de árboles y arbustos desde la cerca del jardín casi hasta donde debía estar, pero lo suficiente como para que la gente pudiera caminar hasta allí y pudiéramos mover vehículos a través de esa área para continuar trabajando.

Junto a la cancha de baloncesto había un desastre; literalmente teníamos árboles creciendo más allá de la cerca hacia el área de la cancha; Los voluntarios entraron nuevamente y lo limpian para dejarlo como estaba previsto para permitir que las personas caminaran por esa área entre el bosque y la cerca de tela metálica de la cancha de baloncesto. Vaya, movimos mucha tierra e instalamos un sistema de drenaje.

Como parte de ese proceso de restauración, mantuvimos una pequeña área de bosque, un pequeño oasis, a lo largo de ese camino designado como Back Memorial Garden (el Front Memorial Garden está adyacente a la entrada del estacionamiento), y en un movimiento egoísta, llamé Aprovecha una pequeña parte para colocar un banco en memoria de mi suegra Edna Jane McClelland. Vivió casi 101 años. Falleció el 8 de diciembre. Ya tenemos un banco conmemorativo en ese jardín; era un proyecto Eagle Scout. Tengo la intención de instalar un segundo banco para recordar a mi suegra a tiempo para tener un poco de dedicación a su vida y generosidad en su próximo cumpleaños, el 31 de marzo.

Desmalezaremos el jardín, colocaremos un pequeño árbol dedicado a ella, una plataforma de concreto y un banco con una placa, además de colocar barreras contra las malezas y mantillo. También tenemos otro banco para instalar en Front Memorial Garden, y estos elementos son muy importantes para mí. Por lo tanto, le pediría a cualquiera que quisiera unirse a nosotros en este trabajo que venga durante los próximos 3 meses. Háganos saber si ha perdido a alguien importante para usted y le gustaría tener un lugar para recordarlo. Ya tenemos 3 de estos artículos y pronto agregaremos 2 más: una simple placa, tal vez un árbol en uno de los jardines, o ubicado en un lugar elegido por tu corazón. Este es un componente importante de nuestro parque comunitario.

Si ha estado leyendo mis notas en el pasado, sabrá la mayor parte de lo que estamos haciendo. Hacemos esto a través del trabajo y la dedicación de los voluntarios, y esos mismos voluntarios realizan todo el trabajo requerido para nuestros eventos para recaudar el dinero necesario para hacer estas cosas, mantener y mejorar nuestro parque. Tenemos una reunión el primer miércoles de cada mes. Ven y únete a nosotros, comparte tus pensamientos e ideas y conoce a las personas dedicadas a brindarte a ti, a tu familia y, sí, a tu perro, un lugar para jugar, pensar y disfrutar.

2024 va a ser increíble. Ven a disfrutarlo con nosotros.

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## VOMCA / FOOM Meeting Agenda

**Date:** December 6, 2023

**Place:** Hardee's Restaurant – Crain Hwy.

**Time:** 7 PM

### **VOMCA BUSINESS:**

1. VOMCA Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Checking: \$300.26
  - b. Savings: \$592.35
  - c. LOC paid on time. The current payoff amount is \$10,205.47.
2. VOMCA Membership Report 2024 – Dues for 2024 are in order:
3. OMSC Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Checking: \$2,226.85
  - b. Savings: \$515.81
4. Minutes from November Meeting were reviewed and accepted as written by members present.
5. VOMCA Meeting Place & Insurance Update:
  - a. No change from previous months. We will be meeting at Hardee's until further notice.
  - b. Insurance is still pending. We need roughly \$1,400 to make the initial payment for the new insurance policy. The new policy will cover both property and liability; previously we had two separate policies.
6. Annual Tree Lighting & Decorating 12/9/23: The event will start at 3pm. Volunteers will be showing up at around 11am to complete the final set-up. Randal and Josiah will be cooking hamburgers, hot dogs, and pizzas.
7. Santa Fire Truck Visit 12/16/23: The Glen Burnie VFD visit is confirmed for this date. VOMCA Volunteers will be following behind the route to collect non-perishable food for NCEON.
8. Delivery of Crier: We are still planning on doing distribution of an abbreviated Crier in February. We're currently working on the specifics for printing the Crier prior to distribution. We plan to do the distribution in the first or second week of February.
9. Grant Meeting update: Colleen has the proposals and is filling out the paperwork to submit for the grant.
10. OMSC / Ace Update:
  - a. We currently owe \$4,785 from the 2023 contract. In addition, we owe \$902.70 in fees for swim meets and a party that were held during the 2023 season.
  - b. Currently, we do not have a pending contract for 2024. Ace is not willing to extend a contract with our outstanding debt. The anticipated 2024 contract is approximately \$70,000.

### **FOOM BUSINESS:**

1. Financial Report:
2. OMSC Packets: We will be creating a smaller packet with basic forms this year. The packet will include a 2-sided sheet with the registration forms and an informational letter with information on where to find the full packet online.
3. Mulch Sale: We are currently planning on selling the mulch bags for \$7 per bag. The bags will be 2 cubic foot bags. We may also work out a deal with Rental Works for a trailer in exchange for an advertisement either in the Bolt flyer or in the Crier.
4. Barlowe Bolt: We are planning to run the event by the same timeline as last year. We are still working on how we are going to order the T-shirts. The event is currently scheduled for March 23, 2024.
5. Snack Shack/Storage Area Work Day: We will need to go through all of the boxes and relabel them with the correct contents.
6. We currently owe our accountant \$3,300 for tax preparation for the last two tax years (2021 and 2022).

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- 1.Chris Szverra    2.Jessica Smith    3.Josiah John
- 4.Charlotte Rader    5.Lisa England    6.Randal Stites
- 7.Mary Stites    8.Chris Hilton

**Fecha: 6 de diciembre de 2023**

**Lugar: Restaurante Hardee's – Crain Hwy.**

**Hora: 7 p.m.**

**NEGOCIO VOMCA:**

1. Informe del Tesorero de VOMCA:

a. Cuenta corriente: \$300.26

b. Ahorros: \$592.35

C. El COL pagó a tiempo. El monto de pago actual es \$10,205.47.

2. Informe de membresía de VOMCA 2024: las cuotas para 2024 están en orden:

3. Informe del Tesorero de OMSC:

a. Cuenta corriente: \$2,226.85

b. Ahorros: \$515.81

4. Las actas de la reunión de noviembre fueron revisadas y aceptadas tal como estaban escritas por los miembros presentes.

5. Lugar de reunión de VOMCA y actualización de seguros:

a. Sin cambios respecto a meses anteriores. Nos reuniremos en Hardee's hasta nuevo aviso.

b. El seguro aún está pendiente. Necesitamos aproximadamente \$1,400 para realizar el pago inicial de la nueva póliza de seguro. La nueva póliza cubrirá tanto la propiedad como la responsabilidad; anteriormente teníamos dos políticas separadas.

6. Iluminación y decoración anual de áboles 9/12/23: El evento comenzará a las 3 p.m. Los voluntarios llegarán alrededor de las 11 a. m. para completar la configuración final. Randal y Josiah cocinarán hamburguesas, hot dogs y pizzas.

7. Visita del camión de bomberos de Santa 16/12/23: La visita al VFD de Glen Burnie está confirmada para esta fecha. Voluntarios de VOMCA seguirán la ruta para recolectar alimentos no perecederos para NCEON.

8. Entrega de Crier: Todavía estamos planeando distribuir un Crier abreviado en febrero. Actualmente estamos trabajando en los detalles para imprimir el Crier antes de su distribución. Planeamos hacer la distribución en la primera o segunda semana de febrero.

9. Actualización de la reunión de subvención: Colleen tiene las propuestas y está completando la documentación para presentarla para la subvención.

10. Actualización de OMSC/Ace:

a. Actualmente debemos \$4,785 del contrato de 2023. Además, debemos \$902.70 en honorarios por competencias de natación y una fiesta que se realizaron durante la temporada 2023.

b. Actualmente, no tenemos un contrato pendiente para 2024. Ace no está dispuesto a extender un contrato con nuestra deuda pendiente. El contrato previsto para 2024 es de aproximadamente 70.000 dólares.

**NEGOCIO FOOM:**

1. Informe Financiero:

2. Paquetes OMSC: Este año crearemos un paquete más pequeño con formularios básicos. El paquete incluirá una hoja de dos caras con los formularios de inscripción y una carta informativa con información sobre dónde encontrar el paquete completo en línea.

3. Venta de mantillo: Actualmente estamos planeando vender las bolsas de mantillo a \$7 por bolsa. Las bolsas serán de 2 pies cúbicos. También podemos llegar a un acuerdo con Rental Works para un remolque a cambio de un anuncio en el folleto de Bolt o en el Crier.

4. Barlowe Bolt: Estamos planeando realizar el evento en el mismo cronograma que el año pasado. Todavía estamos trabajando en cómo vamos a ordenar las camisetas. El evento está actualmente programado para el 23 de marzo de 2024.

5. Día de trabajo en el área de almacenamiento/tienda de refrigerios: Tendremos que revisar todas las cajas y volver a etiquetarlas con el contenido correcto.

6. Actualmente le debemos a nuestro contador \$3300 por la preparación de impuestos de los dos últimos años fiscales (2021 y 2022).

Se levantó la sesión a las 8:25 p. m.

**MIEMBROS PRESENTES:**

1. Chris Szverra 2. Jessica Smith 3. Josiah John

4. Charlotte Rader 5. Lisa Inglaterra 6. Randal Stites

7. Mary Stites 8. Chris Hilton

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Para beneficiar a la

## Club de Natación Olde Mill Venta de mantillo

**\$8 por maleta**

Bolsas de 2 pies cúbicos: negras, marrones o rojas

**Entrega gratuita en Olde  
Mill el sábado 16 de Marzo**

Visite [VOMCA.org](http://VOMCA.org) para hacer su pedido y pague hasta las 10 a.m.  
del sábado 9 de Marzo

Para obtener información adicional, envíe un correo electrónico a  
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**BARLOWE**

**BOLT**

**2024**

**MARCH 23**



JOIN  
US!

# Annual Easter EGG HUNT



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Barlowe Field  
490 Chalet Drive

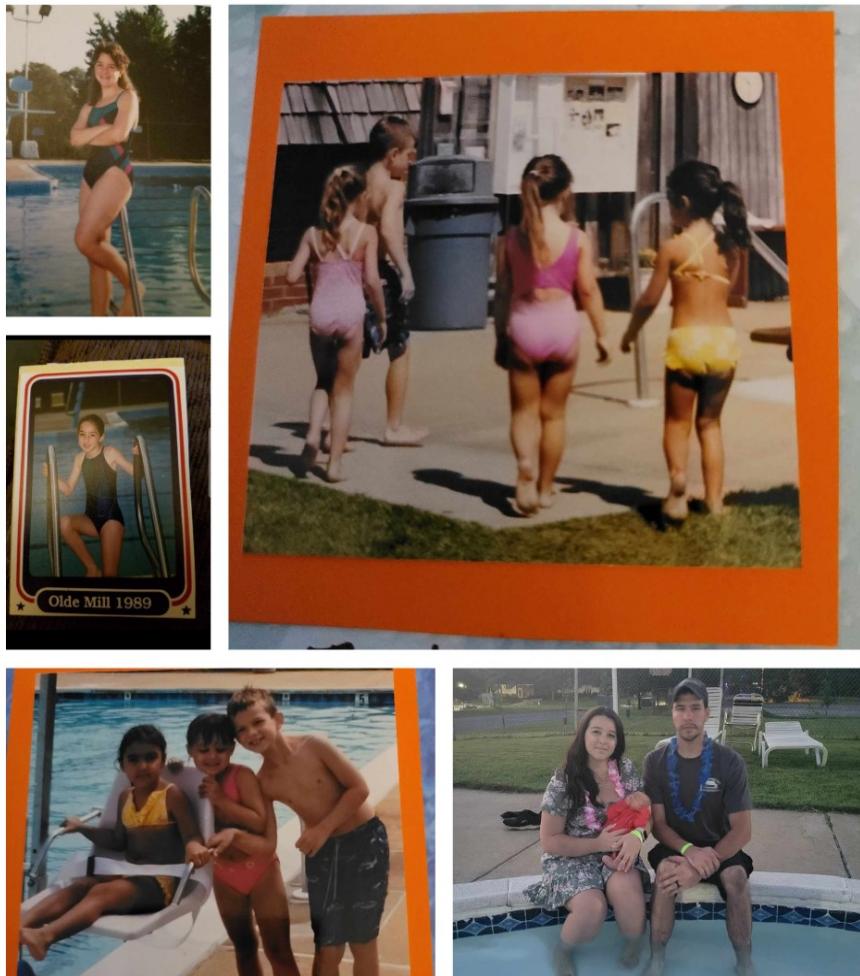


March  
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Photos with Easter Bunny, Win Prizes, Music, Bake Sale, Raffles, and Much More!

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Beginning January 1, 2024,  
retailers will no longer put  
your purchases in plastic  
bags at checkout. All  
shoppers are encouraged  
to bring reusable bags for  
shopping. Retailers will  
provide paper or reusable  
bags at checkout  
for purchase.

To view exceptions and additional information, visit  
[aacounty.org/bring-your-own-bag](http://aacounty.org/bring-your-own-bag)





# BUDGET TOWN HALLS

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Join County Executive Pittman and your Councilmember to share your priorities for the next county budget.

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🕒 6pm - 8pm

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Register Now:



**More Information, Visit:**  
[aacounty.org/  
budget-town-halls](http://aacounty.org/budget-town-halls)

**District 1 with  
Councilmember Smith**

January 31, 2024

North County High School Auditorium

**District 2 with  
Councilmember Pickard**

January 23, 2024

Corkran Middle School Cafeteria

**District 3 with  
Councilmember Volke**

January 30, 2024

Chesapeake High School Auditorium

**District 4 with  
Councilmember Hummer**

February 6, 2024

Arundel High School Cafeteria

**District 5 with  
Councilmember Fiedler**

January 25, 2024

Severna Park High School Cafeteria

**District 6 with  
Councilmember Rodvien**

January 17, 2024

Annapolis High School Auditorium

**District 7 with  
Councilmember Leadbetter**

January 9, 2024

Southern High School Auditorium

**County-Wide  
Spanish Language Town Hall**

February 7, 2024

Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library



# BUDGET ADVOCACY WEBINAR

**Learn how to effectively advocate  
for your community within the  
County's annual budget process.**

**Thursday, January 4  
@ 6pm on Zoom**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER**

Learn more at [aacounty.org/budget-town-halls](http://aacounty.org/budget-town-halls)



# 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](mailto: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](http://vomca.org) and click on OMSC Membership.



## Photos from around Olde Mill Tree Lighting December 9, 2023



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**Photos from around Olde Mill  
Santa Clause Firetruck Visit to collect for NCEON  
December 16, 2023**





## Cohort Training Opportunities Spring 2024

### \*\*\* STRATEGIC PLANNING \*\*\*

- PURPOSE** → Assist 10 nonprofits with their strategic planning process. Participants will begin an environmental scan and leave with a draft work plan to complete the full process within their expected timeline.
- DATES** → **In-Person Sessions:** Jan 17, March 13, April 10  
**Online Sessions:** Jan 31, Feb 14, Feb 28, March 27
- INFO** → **Wednesdays 3:00pm - 5:00pm**  
Independence Room, 2666 Riva Rd, Annapolis, MD

### \*\*\* GRANT WRITING \*\*\*

- PURPOSE** → Guide 12 nonprofits through the grant writing process. Participants will write several sections of a competitive grant proposal of their choice, access grant search tools, and identify opportunities for collaboration.
- DATES** → **In-Person Sessions:** Feb 8, Mar 7, April 4, May 30, June 27  
**Online Sessions:** Feb 22, Mar 21, April 18, May 2, May 16, June 13
- INFO** → **Thursdays 3:00pm - 5:00pm**  
Severn Center, 1160 Reece Rd, Severn, MD

### FOR BOTH PROGRAMS

**Applications Open:** November 17, 2023  
**Application Deadline:** December 8, 2023  
**Notification Date:** January 3, 2024

501(c)(3) organizations can apply to both programs but, if selected, will only be able to attend one.

Detailed information and a link to the application is available at the address below.

Send questions to:  
[nonprofitcenter@aaccount.org](mailto:nonprofitcenter@aaccount.org)



### BUILDING CAPACITY Advancing Health & Wellness

Visit [aaccount.org/NPC](http://aaccount.org/NPC) for more information about the Nonprofit Center @ 41 Community Place.



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
BALTIMORE WASHINGTON  
MEDICAL CENTER

# HUNGRY HARVEST COMMUNITY MARKET

Come shop your local neighborhood market and build the produce bag that's just right for you!



Bi-weekly on Wednesdays  
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Markets may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

For specific dates, visit [umbwmc.org/calendar](http://umbwmc.org/calendar).

Executive Center Parking Lot  
Behind the Bus Stop

300 Hospital Drive  
Glen Burnie, MD 20161

Produce may vary each market.  
We accept cash, debit or credit.



# **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR PARENTS, YOUTHS AND FAMILIES**



**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY CRISIS WARMLINE**  
**410-768-5522**

**MARYLAND YOUTH CRISIS HOTLINE**  
**1-800-422-0009**

**STUDENT SAFETY HOTLINE**  
**1-877-676-9854**

**NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINES**  
**1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)**  
**1-800-273-TALK (8255)**

AAHEALTH.ORG



## Anne Arundel County **Veterans Services Coordination Center**

Anne Arundel County's Department of Aging and Disabilities is proud to partner with the Veterans Affairs Commission to provide coordinated care for veterans and their families.

The Veterans Services Coordination Center serves as a **SINGLE ACCESS POINT** for local, state, and federal government services and resources available to veterans and their families.

For more information, contact  
the Veterans Services Coordination Center

[veterans-assistance@aacounty.org](mailto:veterans-assistance@aacounty.org)

**410-222-3500**



[www.aacounty.org/services-and-programs/  
veterans-services-coordination-center](http://www.aacounty.org/services-and-programs/veterans-services-coordination-center)

## **Services & Resources**

- **Veteran Benefits Assistance**
- **Housing Stabilization**
- **Food Stability**
- **Mental Health Resources**
- **Substance Misuse Recovery Resources**
- **Transportation to Appointments**
- **Employment Readiness**
- **Career Placement Assistance**
- **Burial Assistance**
- **Legal Assistance Referral**



# Wellness Walk



**TIME CHANGED TO 9AM**

1st Thursday of the Month 9AM  
Sawmill Creek Park  
7405 Charley Eckman Ln,  
Glen Burnie, MD

3rd Thursday of the Month 9AM  
B&A Trail  
801 Aquahart Rd,  
Glen Burnie, MD

Anne Arundel County  
Police

Improve your physical,  
mental and social health  
by joining us for a  
community walk at your  
pace. No agenda just  
community

**NorthernPACT@aacounty.org**

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**School Bus/  
Van Drivers,  
Bus Monitors,  
& Crossing Guards**



Companies Are Hiring Now For Part-Time And  
Full-Time Jobs, Training Provided If Needed

**Older Adults  
Encouraged to  
Apply!**

Please email your name, number,  
and position desired to  
**recruiter@aawdc.org**  
or call **410-787-0543**



**AAWDC**  
ANNE ARUNDEL  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION

AAWDC's Career Development Services are funded in part by federal funds. Please visit [www.aawdc.org/fundingsource](http://www.aawdc.org/fundingsource) for the current program year funding levels.  
AAWDC is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities, call the Career Center or Maryland Relay 711.  
72 hours in advance or email [CareerCenter@aawdc.org](mailto:CareerCenter@aawdc.org) to request reasonable accommodations. Translation Services are available upon request.

**24-hour EMERGENCY service for water,  
solid waste, and wastewater:**  
**(410) 222-8400 (South County: (410) 451-4118)**

**Weekdays after 3:30 p.m., weekends, and holiday  
EMERGENCY service for storm drains and roads:**  
**(410) 222-6120 (South County: (410) 451-4118)**

**Weekdays after 3:30 p.m., weekends, and holiday  
EMERGENCY service for traffic lights/signs:**  
**(410) 222-8400 (South County: (410) 451-4118)**

**Are you an Anne Arundel County  
resident in need of assistance?**

**WE ARE  
HERE TO  
HELP**

**For All Emergencies, Call 9-1-1**

If in a fire or if you smell natural gas, first  
evacuate the building, then call 9-1-1

#### FOOD ASSISTANCE

Anne Arundel County's Food Access and  
COVID Care Warmline:  
**410-222-FOOD (3663)**  
[food-access@aacounty.org](mailto:food-access@aacounty.org)

#### OLDER ADULTS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Department of Aging and Disabilities:  
**410-222-4257**  
If you are experiencing hardships and require  
assistance, contact this number for services and  
support

#### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Anne Arundel County Warmline:  
**410-768-5522**  
Mental health, substance misuse, and grief  
counseling, referrals, and support available 24/7

Substance Misuse Treatment Referral and  
Resource Line:  
**410-222-0117**

#### HOUSING & UTILITY ASSISTANCE

American Red Cross: **1-800-REDCROSS**  
Emergency Shelter: **410-417-7260**  
(24-hour support)  
Water Bill Payment Options: **410-222-1144**  
Energy Assistance Relief: **833-888-0401**

#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Annapolis YWCA: **410-222-6800**  
Can connect you with a trained advocate  
to assist victims of domestic violence

National Domestic Violence Hotline:  
**800-799-7233 & TTY 800-787-3224**

#### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance  
to Needy Families (TANF):  
[mymdthink.maryland.gov](http://mymdthink.maryland.gov)

#### CHILDREN & FAMILY SUPPORT

Department of Social Services:  
**410-421-8400**  
Adult and Child Protective and Support  
Services, Homelessness, Financial  
Assistance

Assistance Partnership for Children  
Youth and Family Warm Line:  
**800-485-0041**

The Partnership connects families not  
otherwise eligible for government  
support to meals, clothes, and other  
resources

Maryland Insurance Administration

**1-800-492-6116**  
[insurance.maryland.gov](http://insurance.maryland.gov)  
Offers claims process guidance, state  
and federal resources and disaster  
specific information to support  
residents and businesses.



**410-222-0600**

Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Management



# Olde Mill 2024 Event Calendar

## January

Mon 1/1 NEW YEARS DAY  
Mon 1/1 Pre Orders for Mulch Sale Starts  
Wed 1/3 VOMCA/FOOM Mtg @ Hardee's 7 pm  
Sat 1/6 OMSC Pool Packets Mailed  
Wed 1/10 OMSC Committee Meeting- TBD 7 pm  
Mon 1/15 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY  
Wed 1/17 PCRC -Eastern District Police Station 7 pm

## February

Fri 2/2 GROUNDHOG DAY  
Wed 2/7 VOMCA/FOOM Mtg @ Hardee's 7 pm  
Sat 2/10 ASIAN (CHINESE) LUNAR NEW YEAR  
Wed 2/14 VALENTINES DAY & ASH WEDNESDAY  
Wed 2/14 OMSC Committee Meeting—TBD 7 pm  
Mon 2/19 PRESIDENTS DAY  
Wed 2/21 PCRC - Eastern District Police Station 7 pm

## March

Fri 3/1 - Tue 3/19 Bahá NINETEEN DAY FAST  
Wed 3/6 VOMCA/FOOM Mtg @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm  
Sat 3/9 Last Day for Mulch Orders  
Mon 3/11 START OF RAMADAN  
Wed 3/13 OMSC Committee Meeting – TBD 7 pm  
Sat 3/16 Mulch Delivery  
Sun 3/17 SAINT PATRICKS DAY  
Tue 3/19 START OF NAW RUZ (Baha'i NEW YEAR)  
Wed 3/20 PCRC - Eastern District Police Station 7 pm  
Sat 3/23 Barlowe Bolt 5 K Run@ 490 Chalet Drive 7 am  
Sat 3/24 START OF PURIM  
3/29 GOOD FRIDAY  
Sat 3/30 VOMCA Easter Egg Hunt—Barlowe Field 1 pm  
Sun 3/31 EASTER DAY

## April

Wed 4/3 VOMCA/FOOM Mtg @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm  
Wed 4/10 EID AL FITR  
Wed 4/10 OMSC Committee Meeting—TBD 7 pm  
Wed 4/17 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 pm  
Sat 4/20 Spring Planting @ Barlowe Field 7 am to 12 pm  
Mon 4/22 START OF PASSOVER

## May

Wed 5/1 VOMCA/FOOM Mtg. @ OMSC Pool 7 pm  
Fri 5/3 Eastern Orthodox HOLY FRIDAY (Good Friday)  
Sun 5/5 HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY  
Wed 5/8 OMSC Committee Meeting—TBD 7 pm  
Sun 5/12 MOTHERS DAY  
Wed 5/15 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 pm  
Sat 5/18 FOOM Flea Market @ 490 Chalet Drive 8 am-12pm  
Sat 5/25 OMSC Opens  
Mon 5/27 MEMORIAL DAY

## June

Wed 6/5 VOMCA/FOOM Mtg @ OMSC Pool 7 pm  
Sat 6/8 Beautification Day @ Barlowe Field 7 am-12 pm  
Wed 6/12 OMSC Committee Meeting—TBD 7 pm  
Fri 6/14 FLAG DAY  
Sat 6/15 OMSC Ice Cream Social 4-7 p.m.  
Sun 6/16 FATHERS DAY & EID AL ADHA  
Wed 6/19 JUNETEENTH

## July

Wed 7/3 VOMCA/FOOM Mtg @ OMSC 7 pm  
Thr 7/4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 4th OF JULY  
Thr 7/4 Night Swim/4th of July Event @ OMSC 8-10 pm  
Wed 7/10 OMSC Pool Committee Meeting - TBD 7 pm

## August

Sat 8/3 Enchanted Evening ( Kids) 7-8 pm  
Wed 8/7 VOMCA/FOOM Mtg @ OMSC 7 pm  
Sat 8/10- Beautification Day @ Barlowe Field 7 am - 12 pm  
Wed 8/14 OMSC Committee Meeting - TBD 7 pm  
Sat 8/24 Island Dinner (Adults) 7-10 pm

## September

Mon 9/2 LABOR DAY – Last Day of OMSC 2024 Season  
Wed 9/4 VOMCA/FOOM Mtg @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm  
Wed 9/11 OMSC Committee Meeting - TBD 7 pm  
Wed 9/18 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 pm

## October

Wed 10/2-4 ROSH HASHANAH  
Wed 10/2 VOMCA/FOOM Mtg @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm  
Sat 10/5 Fall Flea Market @ 490 Chalet Drive 8 am-12 pm  
Wed 10/9 OMSC Committee Meeting - TBD 7 pm  
Fri 10/11 YOM KIPPUR  
Sat 10/12 Beautification Day @ Barlowe Field 7am- 12pm  
Wed 10/16-23 SUKKOT  
Wed 10/16 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 pm  
Sat 10/26 VOMCA's Fall Fest @ Barlowe Field 11am -3pm  
Thu 10/31 HALLOWEEN & DEEPAVALI/DIWALI

## November

Wed 11/6 VOMCA & FOOM Mtg @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 p.m.  
Mon 11/11 VETERANS DAY  
Wed 11/13 OMSC Committee Meeting - TBD 7 pm  
Wed 11/20 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 pm  
Sat 11/16 FOOM Quarter Auction - TBD 6-10 p.m.  
Thu 11/28 THANKSGIVING DAY

## December

Wed 12/4 VOMCA/FOOM Mtg @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 pm  
Sat 12/7 VOMCA Tree Lighting @ Barlowe Field 3-7 pm  
Wed 12/11 OMSC Committee Meeting - TBD - 7 pm  
Sat 12/14 Santa's Fire Truck Visit – 2 pm  
Wed 12/18 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 pm  
Wed 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY & START of HANUKKAH

**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 2024 VOMCA membership or become a member**

**Send a check or go to [vomca.org](http://vomca.org) to pay your dues (\$30):**

**Mail to:**

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

**2024 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 \$30.00**

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. *Price is per month*

## Advertise in The Crier

**Lower      \$25 Full Page**

**Prices      \$18 1/2 Page**

**This Year!      \$10 1/4 Page**

Email your advertisement in one of the following formats: PDF Flyers, Word Documents & Pictures ( png, jpg)

[webadmin@vomca.org](mailto:webadmin@vomca.org)

Moriah Haefner, Editor & Web Admin

**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](mailto:webadmin@vomca.org)

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| <b>AF Team Training</b> | <b>Personal Training</b>      | <b>Spin</b>      |
| <b>Kickboxing</b>       | <b>Body Scans &amp; More!</b> |                  |



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.

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<https://companionbridge.org/>