

Olde Mill Village Crier

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Check us out on the web and
Facebook:

www.vomca.org

www.facebook.com/VillageofOldeMill

VOMCA President's Letter

Happy, Happy New Year Olde Mill!! I am so very excited to see this new year in front of us with all it's possibilities. I hope that you all had a wonderful and joyous holiday filled with love and laughter and joy. My wish for Olde Mill this new year is to come together in friendship and grow and improve our neighborhood and our homes.

We have so many exciting things coming up this year. Take a look at our calendar in this edition for some of what's coming your way in 2023.

FOOM will be holding its biggest fundraiser of the year in March. The Barlowe Bolt will celebrate it's 11th year and is always a fun event. Come on out to our 5K Walk/Run and say hi to your friends and neighbors as we raise funds for our fields and playground. If you run it's a 5K. If you walk like me, it's a one mile course. Either way you're supporting your community. It's a lot of fun so sign up now. If you just can't make it, consider taking out an ad to say "Go Olde Mill". It's a great event so come on out and join us (See Flyer).

We are gearing up for our 2023 OMSC season. Pool packets will be sent out on January 7th. Look for a few changes. We encourage everyone to join early to help us out a bit. Tell you friends and neighbors about our great facilities. For more information go to vomca.org or you can call me at 443-852-2098 and I'll answer any questions you may have. It's gonna be a beautiful, fun summer. Come swim with us.

Please remember to pay your 2023 membership dues. We are a voluntary organization and we are run by volunteers. There are 1300 homes in Olde Mill and last year we had 96 total family memberships. VOMCA pays the taxes on Barlowe Field, which is NOT County owned but community owned. We also sponsor four events for our community free of charge. We have an Easter Egg Hunt each year, complete with prizes and the Easter Bunny. We hold a Fall Fest and last year we have 11 vendors, a bouncy house and slide, hay rides, animals to pet, a wonderful clown and lots of raffles. And of course, we have our annual Tree Lighting to usher in the holiday season. We had hot chocolate, cookies and the jolly old man himself, Santa. And last weekend I rode around with Mr. and Mrs. Clause as well as the infamous Mr. Grinch collecting food for the food bank and handing our candy canes and taking photos all through Olde Mill. This is what your dues of \$25.00 a year go toward. So lets get those dues in and start planning our wonderful community events.

OK Olde Mill, let's get this New Year started. It's going to be a wonderful year.

Chris Szverra, President, VOMCA

Location: Old Mill High School

Time: 7:11PM

Old Business

1. VOMCA Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Checking: \$421.64
 - b. Savings: \$592.22
 - c. LOC Progressing as normal.
2. VOMCA Membership Report: 96 Members 2022; 4 members for 2023 so far
3. OMSC Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Checking: \$515.58
 - b. Savings: \$90.72
4. OMSC Membership Report (2023):
 - a. Active: 2
 - b. Inactive: 0
 - c. Total: 2
5. Minutes from November Meeting approved as written.
6. VOMCA Meeting Banners: Proposed purchase of the signs has been postponed due to our end-of-year financial situation.
7. Quarter Auction Update: FOOM made a little over \$2,100 after all expenses were paid out for the event.
8. Fundraising Ideas:
 - a. Krispy Kreme:
 - b. Wendy's
 - c. Ledos:
 - d. On the Rocks
 - e. Brian Boru (FOOM):
9. OMSC Membership Drive: All pool-related costs (management fees, landscaping costs) are going up in 2023. As a result, we are anticipating raising the annual pool membership fee be raised from \$450 to \$475. We've also discussed a tiered system for memberships; this is still in discussion. Further discussion was tabled until the next OMSC meeting.
10. Crier Delivery for February: We are planning on doing an abbreviated Crier delivery in February 2023 again.
11. Dues in order for 2023: \$25 for the annual dues.
12. Crier Articles & 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.

New Business

1. 2023 Budget Votes
 - a. VOMCA: Approved by quorum of members present.
 - b. OMSC: Approved by quorum as written by members present. The OMSC Pool Committee anticipates releasing an updated budget after speaking with the pool management company and Annapolis Swim Club; we anticipate voting on the updated budget at the February VOMCA/FOOM Meeting.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

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

2023

EXPENSES

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 Approved

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

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



1 pm

Barlowe Field
490 Chalet Drive

APRIL

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

Photos from Around Olde Mill 2022

December Photos



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.



Olde Mill 2023 Event Calendar

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Sat 1/1 Pre Orders for Mulch Sale Starts
Wed 1/4 VOMCA & FOOM Mtg @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 p.m.
Sat 1/7 OMSC Pool Packets Mailed
Wed 1/18 PCRC @ Eastern District Police Station 7 p.m.
Wed 1/25 OMSC Committee Meeting – Zoom 7 p.m.

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.

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 \$25 Full Page

Prices \$18 1/2 Page

This Year! \$10 1/4 Page

PDF Flyers, Word Documents &

Pictures (tiff, png, gif)

webadmin@vomca.org

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:

Trash Pick Up: 410-222-6100 Complaints

410-222-8400

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

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/>