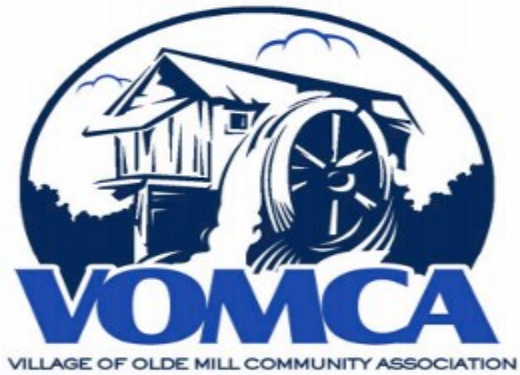


# Olde Mill Village Crier

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VOMCA Meeting:  
[Vomca.org/events](http://Vomca.org/events)



## March Calendar of Events

	Police Station 7 p.m.
Wed 3/1 VOMCA & FOOM Mtg @ OMHS Cafeteria 7 p.m.	Sat 3/18 Mulch Delivery
Sat 3/11 Last Day for Mulch Orders	Wed 3/22 OMSC Pool Committee Meeting Zoom 7 p.m.
Wed 3/16 PCRC @ Eastern District	Sat 3/25 Barlowe Bolt 5 K Run@ 490

Check us out on the web and  
Facebook:

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

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

## VOMCA President's Letter

Welcome to the March edition of the Village Crier, your local newsletter. I'd love to say spring is in the air, but as I write this, it does not feel much like spring. However, I know it won't be long before the days are milder and our playground and park will be filled with people enjoying our great neighborhood. A lot is happening right now, so let's peek at what's coming up for Olde Mill.

**Pool Packets:** All pool packets have been mailed out. Thank you for being so patient this year. Our team has been hit pretty hard with illness throughout January, and we are now getting back in the swing of things. If you haven't gotten your packet, please contact me privately at 443-852-2098, and I'll see you get one. Please consider joining early, as this helps our treasurer pay the bills due before our pool season starts.

**Annual Dues:** If you haven't paid your yearly dues, consider doing it now. It's only \$25.00, and the money goes to pay the taxes on Barlowe Field and fund our wonderful community activities throughout the year. So, support your community and pay your dues.

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

**Barlowe Bolt 5K Run / Walk:** Come on out and joins us for the 11th Annual Barlowe Bolt 5K Run / Walk. The event flyer is attached. The money raised goes to maintain the fields and playground. Last year our guys put in a new playground section and additional swings. There is still much work to be done, so start your year off right by running/walking with us.

**Check out the Calendar:** The Easter Egg Hunt is coming up soon. We have our monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of every month. There are a lot of opportunities to help out in your community and to participate in some great activities, so print it out and hang it on your refrigerator.

**Community Changes to be Aware of:** We have been informed that a Dispensary is going into the Steak & Shake lot. We are trying to get the gentleman running it to come out to our April meeting if you want to learn more about this. Checkers has submitted a site plan for the corner where the old Crown station was. This would significantly improve the look of that area. And please know that a lot of work is being done at the field involving the water pipes, and we could use some help. Come to the next VOMCA meeting to learn about this and more.

Olde Mill is a wonderful place to live, work and play. Help support it. Become active in your community.  
Chris Szverra, President, VOMCA



Raising money for a new playground

## Friends of Olde Mill

Can you believe this weather? All I want is to be out doing mulch and planting flowers, making things beautiful and colorful. While unfortunately it is still a bit early for most of our garden work it will be coming very soon. We want to start in March cleaning up the park area, we really need help controlling the volume of trash that has been left in the park lately. Most of our trash cans have a few spare bags beneath the one in use if you see a full one feel free to pull it out and tie it up (please wear gloves!), leave it at the pool gate and we will take care of it, but don't forget to put a new bag in the can. I think the wind is working against us, as much of the loose trash blows into the woods and gets stuck there, we would like to clean that out before everything starts growing again and it becomes that much more difficult to do. Feel free to walk around and pick up loose trash and drop it into any one of our receptacles (except the doggy stations), we will be replacing the missing trash can at the basketball court soon. We always support the mulch sale put on as a fund raiser by the Olde Mill Swim Club, if you have not yet ordered please do soon. We use that mulch in all of our gardens and plantings. You may have noticed a large pile of coarse mulch on the basketball court, that was donated and while it is not acceptable for our gardens, we are using it to enhance the areas adjacent to the woods, yes we could use some help moving it, or a donation to get the tractor again to do it with. We are putting together a list of volunteers who would like to help out but do not know when or where, please send me your contact information and some thoughts on what you might like or be able to help out with.

A few items on our wish list that we would love support, input, and donations on are

1. Removing weeds, laying barrier cloth, and mulching the back memorial garden created by the Eagle Scout project.
2. Repairing some of the timbers on the raised gardens near the playground
3. Mulching all the gardens
4. Installing 2 metal benches near the basketball court
5. We would like to add some small strategically placed evergreen shrubs at the park
6. Cleaning out the garden under the Olde Mill sign and replanting it, and replacing the boards around it
7. Sealing the cracks in the parking and basketball asphalt areas with the hope of sealing the entire surface this year or next
8. We would like to find someone skilled and willing, ok willing is all that is really required to set up a couple of go fund me type efforts for these projects.
  - a. Replace the 2"x12" boards around the playground mulch area with timbers (about \$5,000 and work to install them)
  - b. Add additional mulch to the playground area to achieve an appropriate depth (\$900)
  - c. Install a new basketball court on the asphalt area. (new posts and backboards, some asphalt work and striping about \$3,000)

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Raising money for a new playground

- d. Install a pickleball court in the asphalt area where the mulch is currently sitting (posts, net, installation and striping about \$500).
- e. Install a dog run adjacent to the basketball court (about \$3,000)
- f. Install a modest building adjacent to the pool to serve as a community use area (about \$30,000).
- g. A new Olde Mill – Barlowe Field sign at the entrance to the parking lot (about \$1,500)
- h. Along Olde Mill Road downhill from the basketball court we have some shifting soil, we would like to install a garden, to include a few terraced stone walls less than 2' tall to control that movement and beautify the area near the Olde Mill Sign (about \$1,500 and install work/fun).
- i. A 2' tall stone wall along the sidewalk at Olde Mill Road from the potential garden area to the wooded area, this would both support the hill and enhance the look and public perception of our area. (about \$2,000).
- j. If the 2' wall gets built, add a 4' tall wooden fence like the one at the entrance to Wades Grant but without stone columns (about \$2,000 and install work)

Please remember all the maintenance, care, and improvements at Barlowe Field are achieved through fund raising, donations, and tons of work performed by a small group of volunteers, anything you can give financially or with your time is truly appreciated and makes our community better. That includes your thoughts and ideas. Please give your support and participation to these efforts, join us for our fundraising events such as

Barlowe 5K Bolt Run/Walk	March 25 <sup>th</sup>
Barlowe Field Community Involvement Day	May 13 <sup>th</sup>
FOOM Flea Market	May 20 <sup>th</sup>
Quarter Auction	November 11 <sup>th</sup>

And we work at the park many Saturdays, if you see us stop by, talk with us, lend a hand if you are so inclined, or simply contact me at [rstites@polingerco.com](mailto:rstites@polingerco.com) and we will discuss how you can support all of this. Thank you!

VOMCA / FOOM Meeting Minutes

**Date: February 8, 2023**

**Place: Old Mill High School**

**Time: 7 PM**

**VOMCA BUSINESS:**

1. VOMCA Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Checking: \$1,833.39
  - b. Savings: \$592.25
2. VOMCA Membership Report: 43 Members as of 2/8/2023
3. OMSC Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Checking: \$326.95
  - b. Savings: \$105.73
4. OMSC Membership Report 2023:
  - a. Active: 5
  - b. Inactive: 1
  - c. Total: 6
5. Minutes from January Meeting were reviewed and approved by all members present.
6. VOMCA Meeting Signs: Randal will check about them in the next few days.
7. Fundraising Ideas (Krispy Kreme, Wendys, etc.)
  - a. February 9<sup>th</sup> Ledos (OMSC)
8. OMSC Membership Drive: Packets have been mailed out to all members from last year.
9. Crier Delivery for February: We will be doing distribution of the February Paper Criers using the same distribution plan as last year.
10. Dues are in order for 2023:
11. Crier Articles & Advertisers:

Pipes at OMSC/Parking Lot: Still tracing the leak, but as of now we don't think it is along the water line that was marked by the utility marking company (\$550). We are anticipating trying to rent a .

backhoe for further digging in the area to locate the leak with easier digging (~\$575). If we can get a group of volunteers to help out so we can swap out diggers, we won't need the backhoe.

**FOOM BUSINESS:**

1. Financial Report:
  - a. Checking: ~\$3100Paypal:~\$300
2. Barlowe Bolt:
  - a. Have all the sponsors from last year been contacted? How about the ones from the year before?
  - b. T-Shirts, how much, when can we order them, can the deadline be extended etc.

It was mentioned that we would like to change from SPRFC to 5 Peakes MAA. All sponsors have been contacted and packet pickup is set.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58

# 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 18<sup>th</sup>**

Visit [VOMCA.org](http://VOMCA.org) to place your order and pay up to 10am on  
Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>

For additional Information email Randal Stites

[rstites@polingerco.com](mailto:rstites@polingerco.com)

# 11<sup>th</sup> 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



VILLAGE OF OLDE MILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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!



COMING SOON  
PANEL DISCUSSION



## Gun Violence Intervention Team

Community Meeting

March 2, 2023 5:00- 6:30 p.m.

Join our upcoming hybrid community meeting. You can join in person or virtually.

Where: Fresh Start Church Meeting Hall  
Address: 120 N Langley Road, Glen Burnie

Register at:  
<http://bit.ly/3YCWX2o>  
or Scan the QR code

Free event, open to the public



[www.aahealth.org/gvit](http://www.aahealth.org/gvit)

# Traffic Stops

## Your Rights & Responsibilities



March 7, 2023 6:00 PM

Northern District Presents:

An informative conversation geared toward  
new or prospective drivers and their parents.

Everyone is welcome  
939 Hammonds Lane



Questions?  
[Northernpact@aacounty.org](mailto:Northernpact@aacounty.org)

Work with Possessors Hall.com



## Explore African American Heritage in Anne Arundel County!



Visit [aacounty.org/  
AfricanAmericanHeritage](http://aacounty.org/AfricanAmericanHeritage)  
to view resources  
created by the County's  
Cultural Resources Section



For families who live in Anne Arundel County who want to grow stronger family communication and relationships!



## Strengthening Families Program



### SPRING 2023 CYCLE

Do you want to:

- Build a stronger family bond
- Improve relationships with children
- Learn how to communicate effectively
- Increase parenting skills



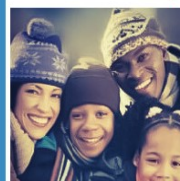
\*Curriculum for Parents/Caregivers and Children, Ages 6-17\*

A 14 week program that starts on  
**Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m. via Video Conference (Zoom)

Open to all Anne Arundel County and North County Families

**\*FREE for All Participants\***



Sessions include:

- \*Gift cards for groceries
- \*Gift cards for attendance
- \*Graduation
- \*Certificates

For ENROLLMENT and more information:

Andreina Fonseca [hdfons22@aacounty.org](mailto:hdfons22@aacounty.org)  
410-507-5147/(240) 791-0682



Strengthening Families Program Supervisor  
Anne Arundel County Department of Health





# Health Equity Forums

Increasing opportunities for everyone to achieve their best health, no matter who you are or where you live.

Join the Health Equity and Racial Justice Office's Community Health Ambassador partners and other health equity champions for our forums.

Every fourth Monday of the month at 3 p.m.



## RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY

### BE KIND TO YOUR HEART

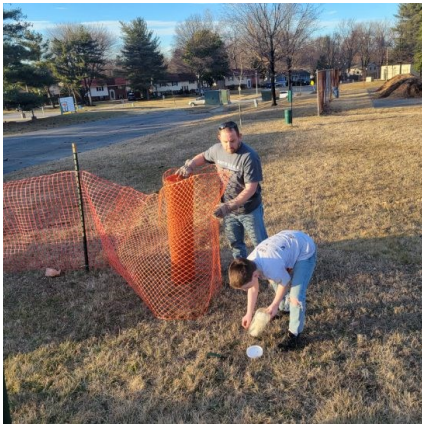


- Give a compliment
- Smile and say hi to a stranger
- Hold the door for someone with an armload
- Leave a note that says appreciate them
- Call someone you haven't spoken with in a while
- Return an elderly person's grocery cart
- When driving, let someone to merge in front of you with a smile and a wave
- Babysit for parent(s) with a newborn, even if it's just to can take a nap
- Shovel a neighbor's driveway when it snows
- Give encouragement or positive feedback to someone on social media
- Let someone cut in front of you in the checkout line
- Write upbeat letters to service men and women
- Offer to snap a photo of a couple/family out for dinner

# Photos from Around Olde Mill 2022

## February Photos

### Work on broken pipe at OMSC & Handing out Print Criers



# 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](http://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.



# Olde Mill 2023 Event Calendar

## 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/4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Maryland Day**

**Sat, Mar 25, 2023**

**Maryland Day is a legal holiday in the U.S. state of Maryland. It is observed on the anniversary of the March 25, 1634, landing of the first European settlers in the Province of Maryland, the third English colony to be settled in British North America.**

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

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**Body Scans & More!**



**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/>