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VOMCA Meeting is the
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February 2024 Calendar of Events

Wed 2/7 VOMCA/FOOM Mtg @ Hardee's 7 pm
Sat 2/10 ASIAN (CHINESE) LUNAR NEW YEAR
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Wed 2/21 PCRC - Eastern District Police Station 7pm

Check us out on the web and
Facebook:

www.vomca.org

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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12th 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 23, 2024

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, 2024
\$35 for 5K or 1 Mile Fun Run / Walk

Registration 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, 2024)

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



FOOM.
FRIENDS OF OLDE MILL



President's Message

WE HAD SNOW!! Did you all go to Barlowe Field and take advantage of that great hill to do some sledding? I know a few people did and I hope that more got to enjoy one of the highlights of our wonderful park. We got a lot going on, so lets see what Olde Mill is up to.

VOMCA/FOOM Meeting – February 7th, from 7 – 9 pm at Hardees: We are working on finalizing the paperwork to begin using the school again. But for now, come on out and see what your community association is up to. Learn about our goals and challenges and how you can help the place where you live.

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. You can mail them to 490 Chalet Dr. Millersville Md 21108 or you can go to vomca.org and click on the join link and pay through PayPal.

Annual Mulch Sale: Once again OMSC will be selling 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 spring time needs and help out the OMSC>

Pool Packets were sent out on January 6th: If you didn't get yours, please let me know. We are gearing up for a wonderful pool season and with all the snow on the ground it's not too early to think of that warm sun beating down on you as you lie next to the beautiful, cooling water. If you'd like to join you can go to vomca.org and click on the OMSC tab or you can call me at 443-852-2098. And if you're interest in the swim team, their information is up at vomca.org under the swim team tab.

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 Bold is being held on March 23rd. And there are several Beautification Days scheduled throughout the year to keep Barlowe Field looking beautiful. Be sure to read FOOM's article every month and watch for their flyers. They can especially use more volunteers to help keep our park and playground beautiful and safe for our families to enjoy.

Paper Crier: Once again we will be distributing paper Criers to the community in an effort to let everyone know we exist and that there are many opportunities to come out and enjoy events or help with any number of things that will help keep our community a great place to live.

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

Chris Szverra
President, VOMCA



Raising money for a new playground

From the desk of the Friends of Olde Mill,

I love gardening!

A number of years ago I paused at a Barlowe Field event, and I was hooked. Since that time we have installed 62 new trees (but who is counting?) and made many other changes and improvements to the gardens, not to mention the playground and the wooded area. I have wanted to create a foundation for gardening and landscaping activities for quite some time but I need to identify some people who would like to participate, sure to make the park a pretty place, but also people who just love to garden and want to learn more. I hope to bring someone to the park in the spring that does amazing things with fruit bearing plants, I met her because of her fig trees (my dad loved growing them and I am amazed at the interest online). I need some green thumb people to help those of us without them, we can improve the gardens at the park and have a lot of fun as well, I think it is in the category of hobby.

Additionally, we will be starting to work on park needs as soon as we can, due to limited volunteers we are moving forward much more slowly than we had hoped but still moving forward. If you read last months article you are aware that we will be starting to work on the memorial garden as soon as weather allows, and we can use your help, and if you have crowded gardens at home and like me, hate to see a growing plant thrown out but are out of space to plant it, give me a call, we have lots of space. On April 20th we will have our first official spring planting day but we will be doing a lot before that so do not wait, give me a shout and let's talk about what you can do for your community, your park, and your neighbors.

Buy some mulch and help the pool and your garden, we can drop it where you are going to use it.

Barlowe 5k Bolt and 1 Mile Walk fund raiser occurs Saturday March 23rd at 7am! This is the biggest FOOM fund raiser for the park and we want your support. Despite donations all of that gardening and park maintenance is not free and this is how we pay for it. The event information is here in the Crier and we want volunteers (we really do have a good time volunteering at the park) and participants. The 5k run is not a race, it is a fund raising running (for most people) event and it is good for you, but if that is asking a bit much some and take a walk. Walkers tend to stay fairly close to each other and often it is a chance to visit with neighbors you have not seen in a long cold winter.

We are anticipating our grant requests will be approved and we will be installing a new border around the playground mulch area, and making major improvements to the asphalt sports area (otherwise known as the old basketball court). We hope to expand the asphalt and recoat it, to install a second basketball court and even a pickleball court, we cannot do it without your support.

If like us, you love your community and appreciate that opportunities we have, if you think the gardens, playgrounds, sports facilities and pool are important to the soul of our community, come on out and have some fun with us.

I am Randal Stites, President of FOOM and lover of our park and community, who are you?

Randal Stites

202-4411-1232

rtites@polingerco.com

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.

GENERATIONS HAVE ENJOYED THE OMSC



Please help us save the Olde Mill Swim Club, a beloved source of joy and community for generations. Financial difficulties threaten its closure, but your contribution can keep it operational. Your support would be greatly appreciated in preserving this valuable resource for future generations.

DON'T LET IT END WITH YOU
[HTTPS://GOFUND.ME/9C0D8966](https://gofund.me/9c0d8966)



To Benefit The

Olde Mill Swim Club Mulch Sale

\$8 per bag

2 Cubic Foot Bags – Black, Brown, or Red

**Free Delivery in Olde Mill on
Saturday March 16th**

Visit VOMCA.org to place your order and pay up to 10am on
Saturday March 9th

For additional information email Randal Stites
rstites@polingerco.com



1 pm

Barlowe Field
490 Chalet Drive

March
30

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

Olde Mill 2024 Event Calendar

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 REMEMBERENCE 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 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

Moriah Haefner, Editor & Web Admin

Useful Phone Numbers

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 410-222-8610
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