

# The Mill Stream

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## Is Your 2012 Annual Assessment Late?

Olney Mill homeowner assessments were due by January 31, 2012.

A \$20 processing fee will be applied on balances not received by February 15, 2012. Unpaid balances (dues plus the processing fee) as of April 15, 2012, will be turned over to an attorney for collection.

**Homeowners will be responsible for additional collection costs, including attorney fees.**

If you have not received an invoice or believe your account may be delinquent, please call Geoff Brundage at (301) 774-8000 as soon as possible.

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## Voter Information

*Because this is an election year, residents might find this information on voter registration and early voting from the Montgomery County Board of Elections useful.*

### CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE?

All residents of Montgomery County may register to vote, if they meet the following requirements:



- County resident
- United States citizen
- At least 16 years of age (you may register to vote at 16 but cannot vote until at least 18 years of age by the date of the next general or special election)
- Are not under guardianship for mental disability
- Have not been convicted of a felony, or if you have, you have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation for the conviction.

### WHERE DO I REGISTER?

Voter Registration Applications are available in Montgomery County at :

- Montgomery County Post Offices
- Montgomery County Public Libraries
- Montgomery County Public Schools
- Montgomery College Campuses
- Montgomery County Government Regional Services Centers
- Montgomery County Community Health Centers
- Montgomery County Aging and Disability Services
- Montgomery County MVA Offices
- Montgomery County Licensing
- Montgomery County Register of Wills

Voter registration applications are also available from the Elections Office, 18753 North Frederick Avenue Suite 210, Gaithersburg. Our office hours are 8:30 a.m.

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- Go to [www.olneymill.net](http://www.olneymill.net) and select the "Contact OMCA" page.

# Board Notes

The Olney Mill Community Association Board of Directors held its monthly meeting on January 11, 2012. Summaries of previous meetings may be found in the Board Notes section of *The Mill Stream*, which is available on the Olney Mill Community website at [www.olneymill.net](http://www.olneymill.net). Upon request, hard copy versions of the notes are available for review.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Jim Smith from the Oatland Farms community spoke with the Board about changes he is proposing to Montgomery County regarding the intersection of Route 108 and Olney Mill Road. The crosswalk at this intersection is poorly designed and likely does not meet the standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act. While the Board agreed that a change is necessary, they were not in favor of his idea to extend the current crosswalk and add a sidewalk through the tree-filled median (which lies between Route 108 and the Olney-Laytonsville Road). The Board believes it would be difficult for drivers to see pedestrians stepping out from this area. They thought it would be better to move the crosswalk closer to the actual intersection and make it more visible.

Mr. Smith also proposed changes to the traffic pattern at the intersection. His proposal recommends combining northbound traffic (coming out of the Olney Oaks community) turning left onto Route 108 with those cars continuing straight on Olney Mill Road. The right-hand lane would be for right-turning traffic only. The Board noted that there is a significant amount of congestion on the Olney Mill side of the intersection, especially during drop-off and pick-up times at Rosa Parks. The Board felt that his proposed changes would only make traffic on the Olney Mill side worse, as drivers would have to wait to see if the oncoming car  
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was continuing straight or turning left.



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011, OMCA was approximately \$2,000 favorable to budget, excluding the \$27,370 spent on Mill House renovations (which were paid from the Reserve Fund).

Thus far, 714 homeowners have sent in their 2012 annual assessments. There is roughly \$3,300 in outstanding prior year assessments and fees (excluding 2012).

**PARKS & COMMON AREAS**

Renovations are continuing as expected on the Mill House. The contractors are working on replacing the rotting wood in the wheel, a new "Olney Mill" sign and painting.

**GOCA**

County Executive Ike Leggett discussed the county's funding woes. Most of the \$4.4 billion shortfall has been closed, with \$100 million to go. He noted that revenues from taxes are going up and spoke about a proposed gas tax.

Elections for the GOCA Board of Directors will take place in February 2012. Anyone interested in nominating someone should visit [www.goca.org](http://www.goca.org).

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## Welcome to Olney Mill

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*Please help us in welcoming these new members to our Olney Mill community! If we have omitted any new residents, let us know by calling the OMCA Hotline at (301) 231-3739.*



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## Home Safety Tips For A Safe And Healthy Winter

In the winter, more home fires are started by heating equipment than any other cause. Portable and electric space heaters are the most dangerous. But it is possible to be warm and safe this winter by following these tips.

### Portable Space Heaters



- Make sure your heater has been tested for safety. Look on the bottom for a label such as ETL, UL or CSA.
- Space heaters need to have plenty of space around them.
- Place space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn - including furniture, people, pets and curtains.
- There should always be an adult in the room when a space heater is on. Turn off space heaters before leaving a room or going to sleep.
- Supervise children and pets at all times when a portable space heater is in use.
- Never use space heaters to dry clothing or blankets.

### Fireplaces and Wood Stoves



- Burn only seasoned hardwood like oak, ash or maple. Do not burn trash, cardboard boxes or Christmas trees because these items burn unevenly, and may contain poisons or cause a home fire.
- Have a professional chimney sweep inspect chimneys every year. They will fix any cracks, blockages and leaks and clean out any build-up in the chimney that could start a fire.
- Creosote logs can be used to help reduce the build-up of creosote in fireplaces. Check labels to make sure the log has been tested and approved by UL. Even if you use creosote logs, fireplaces should still be inspected by a professional each year.
- Open flues before fireplaces are used.
- Use sturdy screens or glass doors to keep embers inside fireplaces.

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- Install at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home and inside or near sleeping areas.
- Keep young children away from working wood stoves and heaters to avoid contact burn injuries.

### Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning Precautions:

Carbon monoxide is known as “the silent killer.” You cannot see it, smell it or taste it. CO claims the lives of nearly 300 people in their homes each year according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). CO is a deadly gas that is produced by fuel-burning heating equipment, such as furnaces, wood stoves, fireplaces, and kerosene heaters. Follow these guidelines to help keep your family safer.

- Install at least one CO alarm near sleeping areas.
- Have a trained professional inspect, clean and tune-up your home’s central heating system and repair leaks or other problems. Fireplaces and wood stoves should also be inspected each year and cleaned or repaired as needed.
- Keep gas appliances properly adjusted and serviced.
- Never use an oven or range to heat your home.
- Never use a gas or charcoal grill inside your home or in a closed garage.
- Portable electric generators must be used outside only. Never use them indoors, in a garage or in any confined area that can allow CO to collect. Follow usage directions closely.

### Be “Ready-to-Go” or “Ready-to-Stay” if the Power Goes Out:

- Stock up on batteries, flashlights, portable radios, canned foods, manual can openers, bottled water and blankets.
- Use flashlights instead of candles to avoid a possible fire hazard.
- If the temperature outside is below freezing and your home has no heat, run water at a trickle to help prevent pipes from freezing and bursting,
- Store perishable food outside in the snow or in an unheated outside building if the power goes out.



*This article was published by the Home Safety Council. For more information on home safety, visit them at [www.homesafetycouncil.org](http://www.homesafetycouncil.org).*

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## **Board Notes** *(Continued from Page 3)*

Several organizations are attempting to block the First Baptist Church of Wheaton development on Emory Church Road. While the development has been approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board, there are some who are arguing that there are zoning issues based on sewer installation.

### **SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION**

The Board is aware of several vacant homes in Olney Mill. At least one of these homes is routinely broken into and vandalized. The Board has contacted the Montgomery County Housing Code Enforcement and the police to alert them to the situation. Residents are urged to call the police at (301) 279-8000 should they see anyone entering or inside a vacant home.



The next OMCA Board meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 8, 2012 in the Community Room of the Buffington RE/MAX building.** All homeowners are encouraged to attend. Please call the Hotline at (301) 231-3739 should you wish to discuss a specific issue with the Board, so that time may be allotted.

## **Crime Watch**

The following is a summary of incidents in the Olney Mill area as reported by the Montgomery County Police Department.

- **On Friday, January 6, 2012, a break-in occurred in the 4100 block of Olney-Laytonsville Road.**

The above information is provided by the Montgomery County Police ([www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com) and their crime summaries) and the Maryland National Capital Park Police (at [www.montgomeryparks.org/police](http://www.montgomeryparks.org/police)).



### **Send Neighbor to Neighbor Ads, Community Events or "Around the Mill" Items to:**

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Advertisements in *The Mill Stream* fall into three categories: Neighbor-to-Neighbor Ads, Commercial/Political Ads, and Fliers.

## NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR ADS

**For Sale, Wanted, Lost & Found** and **Give Aways** advertisements. These ads are free *only* to Olney Mill residents and must be submitted with name, phone number and address included.

**Services/Rental** advertisements are included in the "Neighbor to Neighbor" section and *are not* free. The cost for these ads is \$6 for the first 3 lines, \$1 per each additional line. Daycare providers must submit a copy of their license and the ad must include the provider's registration number, in accordance with state law.

## COMMERCIAL/POLITICAL ADS

Commercial/Political ads are available monthly or in one-year subscriptions, as space permits. These ads are available in the following sizes:

Ad Size	Dimension	Monthly	Annual
Business Card	2"H x 3 1/2"W	\$25	\$250
1/4 Page	4"H x 3 1/2"W	\$50	\$500
1/2 Page	4"H x 7"W	\$100	\$1,000

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**NAVIGATION SYSTEM:** 2006 Ford Explorer navigation system with Sirius satellite radio receiver and navigation receiver. Will work with other 2006 Ford vehicles. Asking \$250. Call Nicholas at (240) 354-7666.

## GIVE AWAYS

**RADIAL SAW:** Sears Craftsman 10-inch radial saw, "How To" booklet and extra package of blades. Lead cable has shorted out and there is no Sears replacement available. You will need to install a new cord with 3-wire grounded plug, 100 volts. If interested, call (301) 774-3819.

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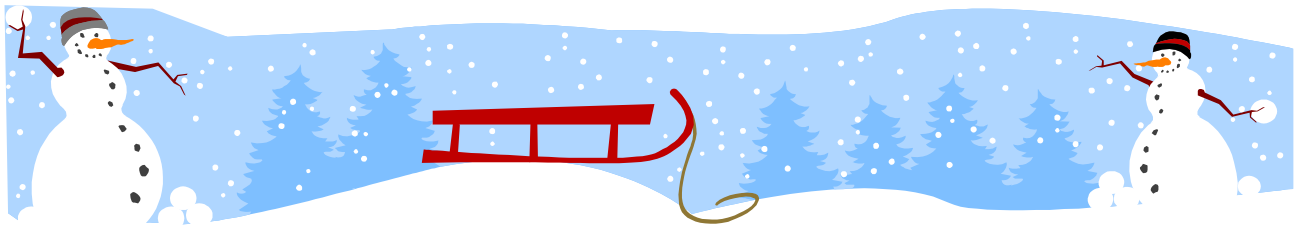
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# Voter Information

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### WHEN CAN I REGISTER?

A voter registration application may be submitted to your local board of elections or the State Board of Elections at any time.

However, an application must be postmarked by March 13, 2012, to vote in the Primary Election and October 16, 2012, to vote in the General Election. If you submit a voter registration application during the period that registration is closed, your application will be held at the local board of elections and processed when registration reopens. For the 2012 elections, registration will be closed from March 13, 2012 to April 16, 2012, and October 16, 2012 to November 19, 2012.

**NOTE: You are not registered to vote until you receive a voter notification card from the Board of Elections.**

If you have not received a card within three (3) weeks of sending in your voter registration application, please call the office at (240) 777-8500. The voter notification card includes your name, address, party affiliation, polling place location, and respective election districts.

### IS MY REGISTRATION PERMANENT?

In Maryland, registration is permanent as long as you keep your Maryland address current. If you move within the state, you must notify the new jurisdiction of your change of address. If you move to another state, you must re-register in that jurisdiction.

### HOW DO I UPDATE MY VOTER REGISTRATION?

I want to make a change to my (name, address, party affiliation) on my voter registration. What do I have to do?

All registered voters are required to keep their voter registration information current. This includes changes of name or address. Maryland law requires voters to notify their respective elections office of these changes

within 30 days.

A change of name, address or party affiliation must be made in writing and signed by the voter. Changes can be made at any time voter registration is open.

Forms for voter registration changes are available at the Board of Elections and/or can be downloaded by clicking here. You may also send any changes in writing to the elections office. Please include your date of birth; original name, address, or party affiliation; the change you wish to make; sign and date the information, and mail or fax to: Montgomery County Board of Elections, P.O. Box 4333, Rockville, MD 20849-4333 FAX (240) 777-8600

**NOTE: The changes to your voter registration are not effective until you receive a new voter notification card.**

### WHO CAN VOTE EARLY?

Any registered voter who is qualified for that election can vote during early voting.

### WHEN CAN I VOTE EARLY?

Early voting for the 2012 Primary Election will take place Saturday, March 24, 2012 through Thursday, March 29, 2012. Early voting for the 2012 General Election will take place Saturday, October 27, 2012 through Thursday, November 1, 2012.

Early voting centers will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. each day of early voting except on Sundays, early voting centers will be open 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### WHERE CAN I VOTE EARLY?

You can vote at any of the following locations in Montgomery County:

- ✓ Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center, 14625 Bauer Drive, Rockville, MD 20853
- ✓ Germantown Community Recreation Center, 18905 Kingsview Road, Germantown, MD 20874
- ✓ Marilyn Praisner Community Center, 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866
- ✓ Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD 20850
- ✓ Silver Spring Civic Building, 8525 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910

**Now, get out there and VOTE!**

# Community Events

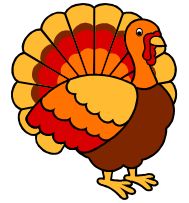


**Owl Prowl & Campfire.** Bundle up for a fun evening at Meadowside Nature Center on February 9! We'll hike in the dark along our trails and call our local owls. It's owl mating season, so we may be able to hear several kinds and learn how to triangulate to locate them. After our hike, we'll gather around the campfire for s'mores. The event will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and is designed for youth ages 14-17. The event costs \$10 per person. Registration is required. To register, visit [www.parkpass.org](http://www.parkpass.org) (Course #168552).

**Forever Yours.** A special Valentine's Day workshop for widows, widowers and life partners who want to honor and remember their loved ones will take place on February 13 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice (located at 1355 Piccard Drive in Rockville). Registration is required. For more information, or to register, call (301) 921-4400 or visit [www.montgomeryhospice.org](http://www.montgomeryhospice.org).



**Thanksgiving in February.** Help feed the hungry in Montgomery County by dining out on February 28th. Participating restaurants in Olney (see below) will donate a percentage of their sales receipts on this day. Proceeds benefit Olney HELP and other local non-profit organizations which provide food to our hungry neighbors. (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)



- Al Sospiro Trattoria & Wine Bar (D) - 20%
- GrillMarx Steakhouse (L D) - 20%
- Olney Grille (L D) - 20%
- Ricciuti's (L D) - 10%
- Seibel's Restaurant (B L D) - 10%
- Sisters Sandwiches and Such (L D) - 20%
- Sol Azteca (D) - 10%
- Taste Mezze (D) - 10%
- The Greene Turtle (B L D) - 10%
- The Tavern (B L D) - 15%



**Pancake & Sausage Day.** The Knights of Columbus, Fr. Maher Council, along with the Olney Lions Club will hold their 36th Annual Pancake & Sausage Day on February 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This "All You Can Eat" family-style breakfast will be held at the St. John's Episcopal Church Hall. Proceeds benefit the Lions Club's community activity fund and the Knight's college scholarship fund.

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# Community Events

**Park Play Days.** No school? No problem! On many of the days Montgomery County Public Schools are off (holidays, teacher training days, etc.), Park Play Days are on! This includes President's Day (February 20). Bring your 6-12 year-old children to either Cabin John Ice or Wheaton Ice Arena for a full day of activities, including ice skating and tennis lessons (weather permitting), arts & crafts, and fun team games and sports. The cost is \$40 per child. For more information, or to register online, visit [www.parkpass.org](http://www.parkpass.org).

**Valentine Show & Sale.** The public is invited to the Sandy Spring Museum on February 11 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and February 12 from noon - 4:00 p.m. to view and purchase some lovely, handmade Valentines. The Museum retains 30% of all Valentine sales. For more information, call (301) 774-0022.



**Spring Garden Display.** Spring begins in January in the Brookside Gardens South Conservatory! Come see their Spring Garden display now through April 15 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily), when plants that flower in cool temperatures and short day length bring color and fragrance to the dark days of winter. Plants from tropical climates, like Cymbidium orchids, various Citrus cultivars, winter Jasmine and African Melianthus major add global representation to the collection of plants on display. Many of the permanent plants also flower in the early months adding to the riot of color in the season display beds. This event is free to the public. For more information, call (301) 962-1400.

## Masters of Music Concert.

Thomas Pandolfi celebrates the 200th anniversary of the birth of Franz Liszt with a blockbuster piano program featuring the composer's greatest works. The concert begins at 3:30 p.m. at the Sandy Spring Museum on February 26. A half-hour lecture will start at 3:00 p.m., with the concert following. For more information, call (301) 774-0022.



## AARP Tax Preparation Assistance.

AARP volunteers will provide free tax assistance for seniors and individuals with low to middle income levels at the Aspen Hill Library at 10:30 am on Thursdays in February. *Appointments are required!* Call (240) 777-2577, Mondays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., beginning January 30.

## Maple-iscious Day.

Drop in at Brookside Nature Center on February 25 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and learn all kinds of cool things about maple syrup and maple trees at their indoor discovery stations. Trace a maple leaf, sample some maple sugar, make a mukluk, listen to the story of how the "Tree Eaters" (Adirondack Indians) were taught to tap maple trees, and much more! Registration appreciated, but not required. You can register at [www.parkpass.org](http://www.parkpass.org). The event is free, but a \$2 donation per person at the door will be very much appreciated! For more information, call (301) 962-1480.



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Olney Mill residents are asked to please shovel sidewalks as soon as possible after a snow storm. It is important to keep them passable so that children walking to and from school and other pedestrians stay out of the road and out of danger.

***A special thanks to residents that help out their neighbors!***



Make sure pets have adequate protection from the winter elements. Like humans, they can suffer from hypothermia and frostbite.



Oops! In last month's edition of *The Mill Stream*, we incorrectly reported the promotion of Kevin Reese to the position of Captain in the Montgomery County Police Department. Kevin was actually promoted to Sergeant, but we're sure the title of Captain is just a matter of time!



**Send items for "Around the Mill" to:  
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