



Oakland Mills Community Association Village Board Meeting Minutes

The Other Barn ~ 5851 Robert Oliver Place ~ Columbia, MD 21045

Board Members: Jonathan Edelson, Chair ~ Lynn Engelke, Architectural Committee Chair
Bill McCormack Jr., Vice-chair ~ Rebecca Bryant ~ Jerome Rollerson ~ Warren Wortman
Virginia (Ginny) Thomas, Columbia Council Representative

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November 8, 2022

Link to YouTube recording of the November 8, 2022 OMCA Board Meeting:

https://youtu.be/T7mtn1YKp_w

OMCA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

This meeting was conducted via Zoom remote virtual conferencing due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Mr. Edelson called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present: Jonathan Edelson, Chair; Lynn Engelke, AC Committee Chair; Bill McCormack, Vice-chair (arrived 7:14 p.m.); Ginny Thomas, Columbia Council Representative; Rebecca Bryant; Warren Wortman; Sandy Cederbaum, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Jerome Rollerson

Quorum Present: Yes

Also Present: Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston; see resident list.

Opening of Meeting

- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to approve the October 25, 2022 OMCA Board meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Ms. Bryant** seconded, and the motion passed (3-0-1).
- **Ms. Thomas** motioned to approve the November 8, 2022 Board meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Mr. Wortman** seconded. **Mr. Edelson** motioned to replace the Stevens Forest Road Safety Issues discussion with a presentation and discussion about Yards Alive. **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the amendment to the agenda passed (4-0-0). The Board voted to approve the agenda as amended (4-0-0).

Resident Remarks

Resident and Oakland Mills Interfaith Center Green Team member Hans Pugge spoke about the activities of the Green Team. He also spoke in support of Yards Alive.

Resident Diane Imbach spoke in support of Yards Alive.

Resident Alex Hekimian thanked OMCA for finding ways to support fixing HOA private roadways. He spoke in support of OMCA's draft HOA Roadway letter.

Resident Kristine Barbieri spoke in support of Yards Alive.

New Business

County Executive's First Citizen's Budget Hearing

Mr. Edelson reviewed OMCA's previous Citizen's Budget Hearing testimony, given in March 2022 (ATTACHMENT C), to determine changes needed for this year's testimony. The subject would be brought back as Old Business at the next Board meeting.

Old Business

OMCA Donation Requests

Ms. Cederbaum shared the donation requests with prioritized lists sent by the requesters (ATTACHMENT D). **Mr. Wortman** motioned to make donations in the amounts of \$750 to Oakland Mills United, \$1000 to Stevens Forest Elementary PTA, \$1000 to Oakland Mills High School PTSA, and \$2000 to Oakland Mills High School Fine Arts Boosters. **Mr. McCormack** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

Oakland Mills Yards Alive Presentation

Ms. Bryant presented Yards Alive's activities for the past year as well as the organization's future goals.

HCPSS Capital Improvement Program Update

Mr. Edelson reported that the County Council passed Council Resolution 189 as amended, which included an amendment to move OMHS renovations to start in 2026.

Revised HOA Roadways Draft Letter

The Board agreed to bring back discussion of the revised HOA Roadways draft letter so Board members could have time to review the letter on their own.

Board Chair Report

Mr. Edelson reported that Grand Sabor would be opening in the former NYC Pizza space. He discussed ongoing issues with overflow parking at Oakland Mills school facilities from Blandair Park events. A recent event illustrated issues with parking enforcement and jurisdiction. **Mr. Edelson** spoke to Jamie Ponton, Howard County Recreation and Parks Tournaments/Events Manager, about the OMHS Boosters' suggestion of a usage surcharge for any non-HCPSS organizations that used HCPSS facilities. She was open to the idea and asked that he follow up with a written request to her supervisor and her. She said that Recreation and Parks replaced artificial turf for any school field it used, including OMHS. She would notify OMCA about any large events that would take place at Blandair. **Mr. McCormack** said more coordination was needed between Recreation and Parks, HCPSS, and other organizations.

CCR Report

Ms. Thomas discussed a resolution on CA voting in village elections. She shared important dates in the CA budget cycle. The CA board was considering an increase in the annual charge. She discussed the Howard County General Plan and ramifications for New Town zoning, open space, and other items. There would be a presentation/update on November 28th about the County's e-scooter pilot program.

Village Manager's Report

Ms. Cederbaum shared the proposed 2023 office holiday schedule (ATTACHMENT E).

Committee Reports

Architecture Committee

Mr. Edelson motioned to send a 15-day final notice to the owners of 6127 Gatsby Green. **Mr. McCormack** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0). **Mr. McCormack** motioned to send a resolution to the CA Architecture Resource Committee if no response was received from the owners of 6127 Gatsby Green. **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

Mr. McCormack motioned to send a 15-day final notice to the owners of 9627 Rocksparkle Row. **Mr. Edelson** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0). **Mr. McCormack** motioned to send a resolution to the CA Architecture Resource Committee if no response was received from the owners of 9627 Rocksparkle Row. **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

Public Space Committee

Mr. Wortman said that he thanked CA in their meeting for supporting the July 4th bike corral. He said the Oakland Mills Road diet and bike lane was a success. **Mr. Wortman** reported his follow-up about the Stevens Road accident in front of the elementary school.

Bulletin Board

Ms. Thomas reminded the residents and Board members of the One World Coffee House performance with Lavenia Smith at the Owen Brown Interfaith Center, November 19th at 7:00 p.m..

Mr. Wortman said Howard County GoHoward.org would be hosting Cranksgiving, involving a bike ride and Thanksgiving food donations, on November 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Edelson said that the WBAL Concert for Kids would take place on December 3rd and that tickets were on sale at concertforkids.net.

Mr. Edelson adjourned the OMCA Board meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



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OMCA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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Absent: Ginny Thomas, Warren Wortman

Quorum Present: Yes

Also Present: OMCA Events & Facility Coordinator Brigitta Warren; Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston; see resident list.

Opening of Meeting

- **Ms. Engelke** motioned to approve the October 11, 2022 OMCA Board meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Mr. Rollerson** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-1).
- **Mr. Rollerson** motioned to approve the October 25, 2022 Board meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Ms. Engelke** seconded, and the motion passed (5-0-0).

Resident Remarks

Resident Alisa Niefeld-Batiz spoke about e-scooters frequently left in front of her house. She said that she called the e-scooter company two to three times a week and that the scooters had become a tripping hazard for her due to fallen leaves obscuring the scooters. She supported the program for the downtown area but did not support it for residential neighborhoods. **Mr. Edelson** said that the County was holding a virtual public hearing that night and that a survey would be posted afterwards. Oakland Mills would also post the survey on its website.

New Business

Mr. Edelson reviewed OMCA donation requests (ATTACHMENT C). **Mr. Edelson** said that though he served on the board of two of the organizations that had made requests—Oakland Mills United and Oakland Mills High School Fine Arts Boosters—he did not participate in any aspect of making the requests since he would be considering donation requests as an OMCA Board member. **Ms. Engelke** asked that organizations prioritize and break down amount requested for each item in their documentation. The requests would be brought back as Old Business for discussion.

Old Business

Stevens Forest Road Safety Improvements

Mr. Edelson reported that he and Mr. Wortman had met with a representative of the Stevens Forest Elementary School PTA on October 14th to view activities and traffic during pick-up time at SFES. Though parents were parking legally, it was unsafe since such parking required them and/or their children to cross the street without a crosswalk. Parking also sometimes impeded the view of drivers. **Mr. Edelson** would draft a letter to the County with suggestions for improving safety during school drop-off and pick-up, including periods of increased HCPD enforcement, discussion of safety by Officer Matthew Paul with parents who parked on the street to pick up their kids, no stopping/standing signs or no parking except for residents with permits signs, a flashing school zone sign on southbound Stevens Forest Road after Kilimanjaro, and a permanent reduction in speed to 25 mph on the school segment of Stevens Forest Road.

HCPSS Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Edelson reported that there had been no changes to the HCPSS Capital Improvement Plan since the last Board meeting but that the County Council would be meeting on October 31st to vote on HCPSS's FY24 Capital Budget Request and FY2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan Request.

Board Chair Report

Mr. Edelson reported that Klein Enterprises continued to clean up its properties in the village center. Klein's Director of Asset Management, Devin Gerhart, confirmed that a Latin American restaurant would be opening soon in the former NYC Pizza space.

Village Manager's Report

Ms. Cederbaum reported that the tree give-away had been a success. Forty trees had been given away. Those trees would replace at least some of the trees removed in the past year. **Ms. Cederbaum** would pursue tree giveaways next spring or fall.

Ms. Cederbaum asked CA Watershed Manager John McCoy for a status report on the watershed project near Longlook Lane utilizing the FY21 OMCA cash reserve and to address potential projects for the FY22 OMCA cash reserve. She also asked for a status update on the Stevens Forest Pond.

The OMCA Covenant Advisor for Property Concerns had requested that Sam's Mart and Pizzaman maintain their properties and landscaping and had received positive results. Walgreens still had dead bushes but was seeking to remedy the issue.

OMCA Events and Facility Coordinator Brigitta Warren reported on upcoming holiday events: Treats and Crafts with Santa (this year's replacement for Breakfast with Santa), Gingerbread House Decorating, and Holiday Lights in the Courtyard. The gingerbread house and holiday lights events would be open to all, but the treats and crafts event with Santa would only be open to OM residents at first, then would be opened to the general public.

Ms. Engelke complimented Ms. Cederbaum on the organization of the tree giveaway event.

Committee Reports

Architecture Committee

Ms. Engelke discussed adding an addendum to the current application for exterior alterations. The addendum would state that approval for decks larger than twenty-five square feet would depend on approval being granted by the County. OMCA Covenant Advisor for Exterior Alterations Michael Vaughn had asked CA Legal for wording regarding liability, especially if a resident built a structure on someone else's property, including CA property.

Education

Mr. Edelson reported the education committee meeting that had been held just prior to the OMCA Board meeting. The committee discussed what might happen in FY24 and FY26 regarding the capital improvement process. **Mr. Edelson** also commented on the surprising reduction in donation requests, considering known needs. OMCA did not reach out to individual organizations to make them aware of the donation request period out of an effort to be fair and equitable. Notice of the donations requests and deadline for submission were included in several prior OMCA eNews publications.

Mr. Edelson adjourned the OMCA Board meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



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Columbia Council Representative: Virginia (Ginny) Thomas

**Oakland Mills Board of Directors Virtual Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, November 8, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

Topic: OMCA Board of Directors Meeting

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7:00 p.m.

Opening of meeting

Approve Minutes from October 25, 2022 Board Meeting

Approve Agenda for November 8, 2022 Board Meeting

7:05 p.m.

Resident Remarks, 3-minute remarks (10 min)

Please note that meeting attendee's audio is muted. If you wish to participate in Resident Remarks please "raise your hand" which is one of the options available for participants and appears as an icon on the screen.

7:15 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS (10 min)

County Exec. 1st Citizens Budget Hearing, Board to discuss testimony (10 min)

7:25 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS (45 min)

Donation Request Review and Donation amount discussion and vote, Board discussion (15 min)

Stevens Forest Road, roadway and safety improvement discussion, Board Discussion (15 min)

HCPSS Capital Improvement Program Update, Board discussion (5 min)

Revised draft letter regarding HOA roadways, Board Discussion (10 min)

8:10 p.m. **OMCA Board Chair Report**, Jonathan Edelson (10 min)

8:20 p.m. **Columbia Council Rep. Report**, Virginia (Ginny) Thomas (10 min)
Vice-Chair Columbia Association Board of Directors

CA voting in village elections, proposed CA resolution.

8:25 p.m. **Village Manager Report**, Sandy Cederbaum (5 min)
Financial and Operations Update

8:30 p.m. **Committee Reports (10 min)**

Architecture, Lynn Engelke, Chair

Discussion of three 15-day violation letters

Education, **Jonathan Edelson**, Chair

Public Space, Warren Wortman, Chair

Yards Alive, Rebecca Bryant, Committee member

8:40 p.m. **Board Bulletin Board** (5 min)

8:45 p.m. **Adjourn**



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March 14, 2022

County Executive Ball's Second Citizens Budget Hearing
Testimony from the Oakland Mills Board of Directors

Thank you for the opportunity to submit budget testimony once again to you. My name is Jonathan Edelson; I am the Chairman of the Oakland Mills Community Association and submitting this testimony on behalf of the Oakland Mills Board of Directors.

SCHOOLS and EDUCATION

Deferred School Maintenance

Each year we continue to testify in for requesting funding of deferred maintenance projects for Oakland Mills Middle and Oakland Mills High School. This year we are asking you to plan ahead for the **timely funding** of long overdue deferred renovations of OMMS and OMHS in fiscal years 2024 and 2026, respectively. Over \$100 million in deferrals equates to health and safety repairs-including replacing an HVAC system that the school system concluded could no longer support an environment conducive to learning.

This is a serious issue that needs serious attention and commitment of future collaboration between the county and the school system to ensure these long-neglected schools, which serve much higher-than-average populations of students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds, can provide safe and healthy environments for students and teachers before another decade passes. This year we ask that the County continue to work with HCPSS and our state delegates to provide timely funding for deferred maintenance projects ensure that ALL schools meet the same health and safety standards and provide modern amenities to students regardless of their backgrounds.

SAFE and COMPLETE STREET PROJECT FOR ENTIRE LENGTH OF STEVENS FOREST ROAD

Several years ago, the community was approached by HC DPW to discuss to two streetscape projects. After community collaboration and several meetings, the

county went ahead with a streetscape project on a small portion of Whiteacre Road. While we are appreciative of the aesthetically enhanced road, we are concerned that the project did not address the many safety issues on Stevens Forest Road.

The severity of this is sadly highlighted by a preventable traffic crash at the intersection of Stevens Forest Road and Kilimanjaro Road. A car hit a middle school student in the crosswalk as the student rode their bike to school.

Members of the Oakland Mills Board and Public Space committee sent numerous letters, including videos, documenting the unsafe conditions along the entire stretch of Stevens Forest Road. Stevens Forest Road is the main road into Oakland Mills and the only main roadway in the 10 villages of Columbia that have residential driveways directly on the road. Most importantly, Stevens Forest Road has four nearby schools that students walk to and from.

We honestly feel that our documented concerns have not been heard. Our numerous letters to the county detailed each intersection and pedestrian crossing along Stevens Forest Road and included suggestions to address the safety issues with short-term immediate fixes to long-term projects.

We would like the County to study the intersection of Whiteacre Road and Stevens Forest Road and present to the community the safest option for that intersection. We also feel traffic signal upgrades, including a lead pedestrian interval, at Kilimanjaro Road and Stevens Forest Road would make that intersection safer.

ROADWAY MAINTENANCE

We support the Columbia Association's request that the county immediately remove several miles of dead trees in the center medians of, and along, Broken Land and Governor Warfield Parkways. Specifically, the request is to remove dead trees and prune the center median of Broken Land from Stevens Forest Road to Snowden River Parkway; and to remove dead trees and prune the center median of Governor Warfield Parkway from Little Patuxent Parkway to Twin Rivers Road.

Routine Roadway Median Maintenance

The only type of maintenance the medians get in Oakland Mills is through a mowing agreement with Columbia Association during the spring and summer months. There is no maintenance to the medians at any other time. Funding for leaf

removal maintenance to alleviate the leaf problem is warranted and requested. Therefore, we continue to advocate for the county to invest in Leaf Vacuum Machines.

Currently, the leaves that have fallen on median strips will remain until the spring when the median is mowed. The leaves now blow into the streets, blocking the roadway and finding their way into the storm drains, severely clogging the drains.

BLANDAIR PARK

The popularity of Blandair Park is evidenced by the number of large events held throughout the year along with the great playgrounds and ball fields. The park is a “gem” in our backyard. However, the Oakland Mills community often feels the burden of the popularity of the park and does not receive all the benefits it could from having this great amenity in our cOMmunity. Each week park users are directed into Oakland Mills to park in overflow event parking at Oakland Mills High School and Oakland Mills Middle School. The county provides bright parking signs directing vehicles to the parking locations.

Each year the Oakland Mills board asks the County to work with us and install signage directing park users to the merchants at the Oakland Mills Village Center, located with walking distance to the event parking and the park itself. We are asking for more than small wayfinding signs on posts. We are asking the County to help support the Oakland Mills village merchants in the same spirit that our community supports the large-scale events that draw thousands to Blandair.

The county’s support of older villages is vital to the existence of the aging village centers. Investing economic development funds by providing directional signs promoting the Oakland Mills merchants provides a simple and unique opportunity for the County to work with Oakland Mills merchants and promote our village shops and restaurants. A strong community/county partnership will hopefully lead to thriving business for our new and longstanding merchants.

Orchard Green Path Extension along Route 108

The Oakland Mills Village Board of Directors supports extending a path from the Orchard Green tot lot to the Red Branch Road light on MD 108, providing safe and legal pedestrian and bicycle access to the Red Branch Rd. businesses. However, we need a small budget and commitments from the state, Howard County, and the Columbia Association to make this connection.

The relatively inexpensive solution is to add a pedestrian crosswalk at the light at Red Branch Rd. However, the crosswalk requires a connecting pathway. The Bike Howard plan suggests adding a shared-use pathway along the south side of MD 108 (about 50 yards). The Columbia Association has an existing path to the Orchard Green tot lot that could be extended to the shared-use path. This solution involves three parties: MDOT for the pedestrian crosswalk, Howard County for the shared-use pathway, and the Columbia Association for the Orchard Green tot lot path extension.

We are requesting the County's help to facilitate a budget for the shared-use pathway and gain commitments for this much-needed Complete Streets solution.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to submit testimony and thank you and your team for making our County such a great and "happy" place to live, work, and play.

Donation Requests Received**2022_2023 OMCA Fiscal Year (May 22-April 23)****Oakland Mills Expense Line for Donations in FY23 Budget: \$5000**

ORGANIZATION NAME	AMOUNT
OMU (Oakland Mills United)	\$ 750
SFES PTA	\$ 2000
OMHSPTSA	\$1000
OMHS Fine Arts Boosters	Any donations - list totals \$20,000
Request Total:	\$ 23750 (includes full amount from OMHS Fine Arts)

Summary of requests, detail in attached donation requests from organizations:

OMU - \$750 to help cover **administrative costs** such as: website server fee, physical mailbox, organizational insurance, background checks for volunteers who are working with students, professional development opportunities for emerging young student staff. Additionally, donation will be used to **support student programming** through curriculum and program development. OMU hopes to expand their student leadership development programming, increase programming on college preparation, and SAT/ACT preparation. With college preparation and SAT/ACT exams changing in March 2023, OMU wants to have developed, functioning, and current programming in place to help the high school students be well prepared.

PRIORITY LIST:

Website Expenses	\$80
Mailbox / PO Box Fees	\$80
Background Checks	\$150
Insurance	TBD (Est. \$100)
Professional Development	\$120
Program Development/ Curriculum Design	\$220

STEVENS FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA - \$2000 to increase student engagement in **STEAM programs** and enhance educational opportunities for SFES students; Creating more impactful field trip experiences. Offering supply kits for the science fair and/or the Reflections Art contest - funds will reduce any financial barrier for interested students who

may have not participated in previous years. Additionally, **campus beautification** in honor of SFES 50th anniversary that includes erecting light post banners and installing a brick patio.

PRIORITY LIST:

Thank you for contacting us! Our first priority is gaining additional funding for the educational initiatives...in the order listed on the original request (referenced below). Of the **\$2000**, we would use approximately \$600 for the STEM lab, \$1200 for enrichment classes, and \$200 for supply kits. IF we have anything left over after funding the educational initiatives, we would split between the Campus Beautification projects.

Estimated budget for these initiatives are as follows:

Education

MD Science Center Mobile STEM lab \$750-1200

Field Trip Enrichment classes \$1200-1500

Science and/or Art supply kits \$500

Campus Beautification

Light post banners \$2400 (15-20yr life span)

Brick patio installation \$4000 (permanent)

OAKLAND MILLS HS PTSA - \$1000 to help fund the PTSA sponsored After-Prom event which will be held at the Main Event at the Mall; help support PTSA sponsored staff appreciation and teacher support activities.

PRIORITY LIST:

Our donation request of \$1,000 will **100%** go towards defraying the approximate \$14,000 cost of After-Prom, as presented in the original request. After-Prom is the PTSA's biggest single annual event. Last year, 170 students and their guests had a safe, alcohol and drug-free time at Main Event. If by a miracle we exceed our fundraising goals through events such as the 33rd Annual Craft Fair on 5 November, the balance of the donation would support a PTSA-sponsored Staff Appreciation activity in May.

OAKLAND MILLS HS FINE ARTS BOOSTERS - \$20,000 broken down as follows in order of importance:

1. Band Uniform, partial replacement (replacing pants this year) **\$10,000** will be a multi-year plan to replace the whole uniform

2. Funds to travel to events that require transportation (String-a-Palooza, Adjudication and Assessments etc. \$ **2500**)
3. Violins - **\$1500**
4. Costuming and rentals for Fall Play and String Musical - \$ **5000**
5. Support for each program for Master Clinicians (Master Clinicians come into the school to teach their art to students. It is typically specific to each of the performing arts. This is in essence an inhouse field trip. - **\$1000**)



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10/14/2022

Sandy Cederbaum
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Dear Ms. Cederbaum.

Oakland Mills United is grateful to request donations from OMCA. We are requesting a total of \$750 this donation cycle.

This school year is Oakland Mills United's first full year of operating within the school year. We are excited to share our programming, support, and enrichment with the students and schools within Oakland Mills. We strive to use all personal donation dollars on our programming so these donations directly benefit the students and not to cover administrative costs.

To ensure that we can support our operations, we are requesting ; **donation** from OMCA to support not only our recurring administrative costs, but also our programming so we can serve more students within our schools.

Your \$750 donation will be used to cover our administrative costs such as: our website server fee, physical mailbox, organizational insurance, background checks for volunteers who are working with students, and professional development opportunities for our emerging young student staff. Additionally, your donation will also be used to support our student programming through curriculum and program development. We hope to expand our student leadership development programming, increase programming on college preparation, and SAT/ACT preparation. With college preparation and SAT/ACT exams changing in March 2023, we want to have a developed, functioning, and current programming in place to help the high school students be well prepared.

We are also open to only funding certain items of our request if that is what OMCA prefers and any other suggestions that may occur. Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns and I am more than happy to discuss. Please find our IRS Non-Profit Tax Exempt Determination attached to this letter.

We thank OMCA for all your support and the work you do for our community!

Thank you,

Samuel Hahn
Executive Director & CEO

J'ne St. Cyr (*on behalf of*)

Stevens Forest Elementary PTA

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Stevens Forest Elementary PTA
Your Voice Counts! Come Grow With Us!

October 14, 2022

Oakland Mills Community Association (OMCA)

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Dear Village Board Directors,

I am the current VP of Fundraising for Stevens Forest Elementary PTA. It has come to my attention that the Oakland Mills Community Association is currently accepting donation requests from the community for this calendar year.

Historically, the OMCA has donated to our PTA to assist with our student and community programs. We are hopeful to receive your continued support this year as we strive to achieve our goals. Our focus for the current term (2021-23 school years) is to increase student engagement in STEAM programs and enhance educational opportunities for our students.

We are continuing last year's efforts of increasing student engagement as well as creating more impactful field trip experiences. The STEM lab and field trip enrichment classes will offer hands-on science and engineering experience for our students to support the curriculum. Additionally, offering supply kits for our science fair and/or the Reflections Art contest will reduce any financial barrier for interested students (who may have not participated in previous years).

Additionally, we have started a campus beautification program this year in honor of Stevens Forest ES 50th anniversary; that includes erecting light post banners and installing a brick patio. The light post banners would display our school name/mascot and would be hung on the light posts entering the campus. The brick patio would be installed with commemorative bricks in front of the school.

We have secured proposals for the costs of light post banners/brick patio and are currently securing mobile science & engineering labs, field trip enrichment classes, and financial support to students interested in participating in science fairs & art contests. Your support would assist in funding these initiatives.

Estimated funding for these initiatives are as follows:

- Education
 - o MD Science Center Mobile STEM lab \$750-1200
 - o Field Trip Enrichment classes \$1200-1500
 - o Science and/or Art supply kits \$500
- Campus Beautification
 - o Light post banners \$2400 (15-20yr life span)
 - o Brick patio installation \$4000 (permanent)

We are ~~requestinS~~from OMCA to contribute to these initiatives. However, any financial support you can offer will be greatly appreciated and valued. Any donation received would be split evenly between Education and Campus Beautification categories, unless otherwise specified by OMCA.

Please let us know if you have questions or would like further clarification on any of the above.

Thank you again for your consideration and ongoing support!

Regards,

J'ne St. Cyr

VP of Fundraising - Stevens Forest PTA

SFESFundraisers@gmail.com

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Sandi Cederbaum

From: DERREK LAWSON <dalawson@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 10:33 AM
To: jledelson.omca@gmail.com; William.R.McCormack@verizon.net;
lynn.s.engelke@gmail.com; rebecca.bryant.omca@gmail.com;
Jerome.Rollerson@gmail.com; wwortman.omca@gmail.com; ginny.thomas@ca-board.org; Sandy Cederbaum
Subject: Donation Request - OMHS PTSA

Dear Oakland Mills Community Association,

I am writing to request a \$j_XXX donation from the Oakland Mills Community Association (OMCA) to be used to support Oakland Mills High School (OMHS) Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA) budgeted activities. As in past years, the OMCA donation would be used to help fund the annual PTSA-sponsored After-Prom event which will be held at Main Event at The Mall in Columbia, on 29 April 2023. Each year the PTSA holds a party after the prom where our students and their guests can enjoy games, prizes and lots of food in a drug- and alcohol-free environment chaperoned by parent volunteers. Additionally, funds would also help support PTSA-sponsored staff appreciation and teacher support activities. OMHS is one of the smallest high schools in the county with a very limited budget. We depend on donations from community groups and parents to help fund the event and are asking that you please favorably consider this funding request to support the OMHS PTSA. We value the support you have given us in the past and look forward to your continued assistance.

If you are able to fund this request, please send a check payable to OMHS PTSA:

Oakland Mills High School

Attention: PTSA

9410 Kilimanjaro Road Columbia, MD 21045

Thank you,

Derrek Lawson

Vice President, OMHS PTSA



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Re: Request for donation

October 14, 2022

Dear OMCA Board of Directors,

The Oakland Mills High School Fine Arts Boosters (FAB) is a non-profit tax-exempt organization whose mission is to increase educational opportunities for the students and to assist the High School Performing Arts (Band, Choir, Dance, Orchestra, and Theatre Arts) teachers and students with fundraising efforts, field trips, parades, publicity, and the back-stage aspects of high school productions.

In the past, OMCA has graciously made donations to FAB. We very much appreciate your generosity and would like to request your continued support. This year our expenses include ongoing costs listed in order of importance below:

1. Band Uniform, partial replacement - (replacing pants this year) - \$10,000 (it will be a multi-year plan to replace the whole uniform.
2. Funds to travel to events that require transportation (String-a Palooza, Adjudication and Assessments, etc - \$2500
3. Violins - \$1500
4. Costuming and rentals for Fall Play and Spring Musical \$5000
5. Support to each program for Master Clinicians (Master Clinicians come into the school to teach their art to the students. It is typically specific to each of the performing arts. This is in essence an inhouse field trip) - \$1000.

We need a lot of help in order to maintain a quality program for our students and these items only represent our most pressing needs. But any amount you are able to donate to FAB would be greatly appreciated and could make all the difference in the high school experience for our young performing artists.

OMHS is one of the smallest schools in Howard County and the least affluent with more than 40 percent of our students receiving free/reduced lunch. Yet, we are proud that our students are among the most generous, giving back to their community. Among the things they do include playing at community festivals, raising money for local children's charities, and supporting our feeder schools' performing arts programs.

We appreciate your consideration and long-standing support. Any donation you are able to make will go a long way to help the performing arts at Oakland Mills High School.

Sincerely,
Lynn Oliver
OMHS Fine Arts Boosters President

Oakland Mills Community Association
2023 Holiday Schedule – Office is closed on the holidays listed below.

Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, February 20	President’s Day
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day
Monday, June 19	Juneteenth
Tuesday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 4	Labor Day
Thursday, November 23	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 24	Day after Thanksgiving
Monday, December 25	Christmas Eve

Floating Holiday

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May be used at the employee’s discretion with the prior approval of the Village Manager and must be taken by 12/31/23 or lost!

10 Days off which includes one floating holiday to be used by 12/31/2023 for those employees who receive vacation/holiday benefits.

Employees who do not receive holiday/vacation benefits (less than 20 hrs/week) do not get paid when the office is closed for a **holiday unless they are eligible for and have accrued paid time off hours** and choose to use their accrued paid time off hours.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE: Employees should not plan to work during days that the office is closed for holidays unless there are extraordinary circumstances and employee has received prior approval from the village manager.

The office will be closed (non-holiday closing days) **Mon. Dec. 25 – Fri. Dec. 29** (Mon. Dec. 25, 2023 is an observed OMCA Holiday.) Employees who receive vacation/paid time off benefits can either use these days off as vacation or paid time off, or not record any hours for taking time off during these days. Employees should not plan to work during this timeframe unless there are extraordinary circumstances and employee has prior approval from the village manager. Employees who do not receive vacation/paid time off benefits will not be paid during the week the office is closed unless working a rental.

Other Barn will be open for rentals on most days of the year. Facility Assistants may be asked to work on days when “office” is closed.