

November 2021 OMSC Board Message

The annual membership meeting for the Olney Mill Swim Club will be held Thursday, December 2nd at 7:00 pm. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the meeting will be held virtually. Voting for board members will be held online using our Member Splash platform. Voting will open up on Monday, November 29th and will close at 7pm on Thursday, December 2nd.

There will be no proxy voting this year because of the ability to vote online.

Our sitting board of directors consists of nine members with the rotation of new members every two years. Currently, we have four open slots on the board. The following members are running for election and their bios are included in this membership letter:

- Geoff Troidl (re-running)
- Jeffrey Halverson (re-running)
- Karen Herrera-Morales (re-running)
- Matt Stroot (re-running)

Following the elections, the board positions are set at the next board meeting. The monthly meetings for 2022 will be posted on our website's calendar. Meetings are usually held the first Thursday of each month.

2021 Board Accomplishments

- Worked with County, State and CDC guidance to remain open this summer in Montgomery County
- Utilized MemberSplash to register members and do away with pool tags
- Online reservation service using MemberSplash for individual lap swim lane reservation
- Brought back guest passes with 10 guest passes per membership with the ability to purchase more
- Returned to almost pre-pandemic membership levels, adding 79 new families
- Purchased new umbrellas, chairs and tables to help provide social distancing in accordance with initial CDC guidelines and to replace outdated ones
- Power washed tables, pool house entryway, bathrooms, pavilion and entire pool deck
- Continued to analyze CDC and Montgomery County health recommendations to keep the pool safe
- Social activities returned to the pool with several fun events – the ever-popular Crab Feast, Teen Night, Raft Nights, Movie Nights, Live Band Night, Member Appreciation Picnic, Trivia and Late Night Swim Nights
- Provided a donated foosball table for use in the pavilion
- Continued to provide outdoor grill for member use with free propane
- Continued our cashless system of purchasing ice cream and snacks
- Installed new indoor bookcase for members to share & borrow books
- Ran a successful Swim Team (featuring record enrollment) with practices and meets

- Provided swim lessons to membership
- Brought back private parties for member use
- Also, scooped thousands of cicadas during the month of June!

The Board stands committed to our membership and their enjoyment of our facilities throughout the summer months. If you have any questions and/or concerns please feel free to reach out to the board via email. We are always open to your suggestions and appreciate feedback. We hope to see you in-person soon and continue to wish our members good health and safety.

Thank you,

OMSC Board of Directors

Michelle West Jerry Moxley Florian Weigand Karen Herrera-Morales
 Owen Graham Kevin Reese Matt Stroot Geoff Troidl Jeffrey Halverson

Olney Mill Swim Club

The 2021 Board of Directors Election will be held virtually on Dec. 2nd at 7pm.

Each family unit shall be entitled to one vote in the proceedings of the Club. There are FOUR board positions open so each family unit can select 1 – 4 people listed below. You may also write in a candidate.

Vote For:	Member Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	Geoff Troidl (re-running)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeffery Halverson (re-running)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Herrera-Morales (re-running)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Matt Stroot (re-running)
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You may begin voting online via MemberSplash beginning Monday, November 29th until Thursday, December 2nd at 7pm. Please log in to your account and use this link:

Olney Mill Swim Club 2021 Candidate Bios

Geoff Troidl (re-running):

Hello, my name is Geoff Troidl and I am re-running for a board position at Olney Mill Swim Club. I have served on the board for the last two years with responsibilities for Membership. My family has lived in the Olney Mill community since 2016 and has been members of OMSC since 2017. My two oldest daughters have been members of the swim team since joining, and as soon as my youngest is old enough, she will join the pre-team.

The past two years have been very challenging for everyone but I feel the board did our best to stay open and enjoy the Summer. In 2020 we moved membership online with the ability to make reservations to meet county guidelines around capacity. Once those restrictions were lifted, the online membership portal helped for easier check-in, lap lane reservations, elections, among other functions.

I have worked in the Marketing Department at GEICO for the past 16 years, currently serving as Director of Digital Marketing. I have also spent many years as a volunteer coach for OBGC soccer. My family has made some great friendships at the pool and I hope to continue as a member of the Olney Mill Swim Club board.

Jeff Halverson (re-running):

Dear Community,

I have been on the BOD for about a year, after being asked to fill a one-year vacancy on the BOD. Now I am up for re-election for the full two-year term. In my year, I have learned a tremendous amount about pool operations and handled membership issues, participated in property maintenance, gotten to know the staff of our pool management company, helped run movie night, Crab Feast, and our end-year picnic (yes, I was one to two people who flipped *100 pounds* of burger beef). I have gotten to know the other Board members and I have experienced the wonderful camaraderie and sense of common purpose that those on the BOD share. I am eager to serve another two full years, and do it all again –better than before! I *love* this pool, its people, serving our community, advancing our common goals, and everything that living in Olney stands for. You are voting for someone who has learned the ropes and will be as dedicated as ever to serving our membership. Thank you again for your kind consideration!

Jeffrey Halverson

Karen Herrera-Morales (re-running):

I am Karen Herrera-Morales and I am re-running for a board position for OMSC. It has been my honor to serve on the board of directors for 2 year now as secretary. Serving these past two difficult years has been a learning experience for me and I am proud to be a part of how safely and successfully we navigated and operated the pool.

Having three small children, 11 and under, I am very aware of how crucial it is to have a fun, safe and wholesome environment that a community pool offers. I once served as a Brand/Marketing manager and have brought new ideas to the table (i.e. social events, social media and aesthetics, etc.) I believe in inclusivity, change and if re-elected, will continue to be present for our members and kids. I thank you for your consideration for reelection to the board of directors of the Olney Mill Swim Club.

Matt Stroot (re-running):

My name is Matt Stroot and I have served on the Board at Olney Mill for the past 4 years as interim Secretary, amateur maintenance man, and current Social Director. Our Board has planned your movie nights, Crab Feasts, food trucks, band appearances, trivia, Teen Nights, Late Night Swims, picnics at the beginning and end of the season, and games and fun relay races for your children. I have had a blast planning these events and hope to help out again in this capacity if elected back onto the Board of Directors. I am also open to more suggestions for more fun events during the summer at our wonderful pool!