

## **November 2020 OMSC Board Message**

The annual membership meeting for the Olney Mill Swim Club will be held Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00 pm. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the meeting will be held virtually. Voting for board members and bylaws changes will be held online using our Member Splash platform. Voting will open up on Tuesday, December 1st and will close at 7pm on Thursday, December 3rd.

Information will be sent to the email account used in the MemberSplash platform. If you do not wish to vote online, a ballot and bylaws questions can be mailed to the club's post office box and must be received by 12/3/20. 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 five open slots on the board. The following members are running for election and their bios are included in this membership letter:

Michelle West (re-running)  
Jerry Moxley (re-running)  
Kevin Reese (re-running)  
Owen Graham (re-running)  
Florian Weigand  
Jeffrey Halverson

Following the elections, the board positions are set at the next board meeting. The monthly meetings for 2021 will be posted on our website's calendar.

## **2020 Board Accomplishments**

- Worked with County, State and CDC guidance to be one of the first pools to open this summer in Montgomery County
- Started online reservation service using SignUpGenius to open pool to members with reservations within days of getting the approval to open
- Identified and implemented new membership database software (MemberSplash) to bring family accounts online
- Established safety guidelines, cleaning protocols, social distancing rules, table spacing for families, a bring-your-own-chair policy, and many other practices to keep our membership safe
- Analyzed board decisions and member feedback all summer and pivoted when needed due to safety concerns and updated county guidance

- Implemented reservations for lap lane swimming
- Added outdoor grill for member use
- Added new LED lighting to pavilion
- Power washed tables, pool house entryway, bathrooms, pavilion and entire pool deck
- Continued our cashless system of purchasing ice cream and snacks
- Installed new bulletin boards in lobby area
- Organized and successfully ran small group swim team practices for eight weeks
- Extended hours of operations on certain nights to have late-night swims
- Kept the pool open and safely operating for an extra two weeks into September when schools were virtually in session

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	Brodny Hall	Karen Herrera-Morales
Owen Graham	Kevin Reese	Matt Stroot	Geoff Troidl

## 2020 Olney Mill Swim Club Board of Directors

### Candidate Bios:

**Michelle West** (re-running):

Greetings,

I am Michelle West and I am re-running for a board position with OMSC. I currently serve as the President of the Olney Mill Swim Club, as I have for the past

three years. During these years, we have made many huge improvements to the pool in plain view and behind the scenes. While being a board member this past few seasons, 2020 has been the most difficult to navigate. I am very proud that the board brought our membership into the digital age and we were able to quickly transfer many of our transactions onto our new Member Splash system. We were able to open the pool with minimal hi-cups and maintain a wonderful safe environment for our members under a time of uneasiness.

I have been a member of the Olney Mill Community for over 20 years. My family have been pool members for over 15 years. While my 3 kids were on swim team, I planned multiple swim team end of season banquets. I also volunteered as ribbon writer, concessions and timer. I have strong ties to this area as I was born and raised in the Magruder/Sherwood cluster and returned back after graduating from East Carolina University. Besides being involved in pool actives, my past volunteering experiences include being a Girl Scout co-leader for six years and Cub Scout treasurer for four years. Having a career in the hospitality Architectural Design field, I can assist in aesthetic, building recommendations and evaluations. Lastly, I tend to be very social and enjoy spending time with friends and family at the Olney Mill pool. (I have a pool in my back yard, but I am still a member of the pool!)

I don't feel as if my time is quite done yet and hope to continue on to help serve our membership. I know many of the families of the pool and look forward to meeting more of the newer members as we strive to make the pool a memorable experience for all.

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**Jerry Moxley (re-running):**

Hello, my name is Jerry Moxley 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, including this past year as Vice President. I have been an OMSC member since moving here with my wife Candace and our two daughters in 2012. They have been swimming for the Otters swim team for the past several years and OMSC has become a very important part of our lives.

2020 has been a very challenging year for everyone but I feel the board overcame a lot of adversity and successfully stayed open all summer for our families. We worked hard

to open the pool when the CDC and county guidance was announced. In fact, we were one of the first county pools to open. We moved our membership operations totally online and successfully kept the pool open and safe into the month of September.

My family and I have enjoyed meeting other families and creating lifelong bonds. All of our members should feel like their voices are heard and their input is valued! This makes our shared summer experience better for everyone.

I work as the Director of Video Production for University of Maryland Global Campus. I take great pride in giving back to the community in various roles including coaching youth sports, being a swim team parent and volunteering in any way possible.

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**Kevin Reese (re-running):**

I am Kevin Reese and I am running again for the OMSC board. I have been a board member for a few years serving as the Pool Operations / Maintenance position. If re-elected I would continue to strive to make the pool a memorable experience for all of the OMSC families. During my years on the board we have increased the number of table sets and chairs to increase our seating capacity.

With your vote I hope to continue to contribute to this great pool and help make the pool an even better place for our families.

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**Owen Graham (re-running):**

My name is Owen Graham. I've been on the pool board at Olney Mill for the past two years. My wife Chrissy and I have lived in Olney since 2000. We have been members of Olney Mill for the past nine years and both of our daughters have been on the swim team during that time.

I would like to continue my role on the pool board to hopefully bring some fresh ideas into the pool community. I have seen some great improvement in both appearance and membership the past few years and would like to see that continue. I'm hoping that the board can help put together more events for the pool community - both family friendly and adult-centric (craft beer night anyone?). I'm also the pool's ice cream man - I'm open for any and all ice cream requests! I would love the opportunity to continue to serve the members of the pool community and continue the great progress we have seen in recent years.

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**Jeff Halverson:**

My wife and I and son Matthew have been members of the Briars Acres community for 15 years and a member of OMSC for several of those years. During the 2020 summer, I was impressed with the pool's efficiency, smart and fair policies, and reliable reservation system put

in place. It seems that this was a model for how a pool community can be successfully run under very trying circumstances, and I would take great pride in being part of the BOD. For the past two years, I was Cubmaster for Olney Cub Scout Pack 1074 and in the more distant past, I served as a volunteer paramedic for Montgomery County Fire and Rescue. In terms of career, I am a university professor, dean and meteorologist. I wish to continue participating in ways that are meaningful to building up and lifting our community.

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**Florian Weigand:**

My family and I have been members of the Olney Mill Pool for almost 20 years. I have enjoyed watching my three children grow up and participate on the Otter's Swim Team, volunteering to help the team each summer, and now even working at the pool. In addition to the swim team, I have also volunteered over the years with my boy's baseball and basketball teams. The Olney Mill Swim Club has provided my family with friendships and fun and I would like to step up for a board position to further support our pool community. As a CPA and financial audit professional, I feel my knowledge and expertise would benefit the Club and Board. Thank you for your consideration.

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