

# Monthly Newsletter

OLD CHURCH  
COMMUNITY  
CENTER

February 2024



## Hey there, how are you? Here's an Old Church Update

Welcome to our newly formatted community center newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest announcements and achievements within our Old Church community.

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of our members and sponsors who have continued to support us. The Old Church Community Center Board is invested in shaping a promising future for generations to come.

In terms of our recent activities, we have successfully secured a new opportunity to provide both educational and physical activities close to home, hosting karate classes in our community center building. We are delighted to collaborate with Silkisondan Karate Association in their newest location, Old Church Karate School. You can find more information about this opportunity within the newsletter.

We are working alongside our vendors to ready ourselves for the upcoming 2024 season. With some changes to local school schedules, the pool will be operating on a summer schedule earlier than ever. Memorial Day Weekend will not only be opening weekend, but the beginning of our summer hours schedule as well.

Finally, we want to remind everyone that our center relies on the kindness and support of our membership. If you are able to donate your time or resources, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Together, we can make a real difference in 'Our Community, Our Family, Our Future'. Thank you for your continued support!

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

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board x*

### Upcoming Events

Details for this month's fundraising events can be found in the Fundraisers Section

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#### Feb 18

Sports Page -  
Mechanicsville  
Spirit Night

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#### Feb 27

Riverbound Cafe  
Spirit Day

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#### March 20

Marty's Grill  
Spirit Day

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#### March 31

Last Day for Annual  
Membership Early  
Bird Discount

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#### April 12-13

Arby's -  
Mechanicsville  
Spirit Day

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#### April 26

Swim Team  
In-Person Registration  
& Suit Fitting

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## Community Activities

### HAVE YOU HEARD WE HAVE KARATE?

This past December we welcomed Sensei Trey Chouinard, of Silkisondan Karate Association, as a long term rental to the Community Center space. Class participants have enjoyed an inviting, at your own pace learning atmosphere for adults and children alike.

Last months classes were treated to a visit from fellow local Master Ron Proffitt. He runs another affiliate Silkisondan Karate school in

the Atlee area. He is pictured on the right with one of our younger class participants.

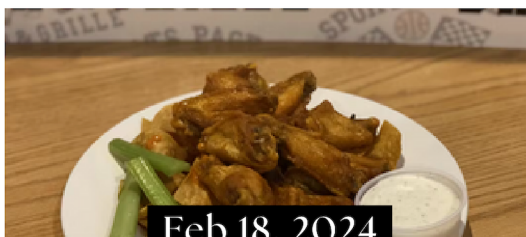
Old Church Karate School offers a no obligation month for all interested parties, and all ages of members and non-members are welcome. We look forward to seeing our collaboration with him grow and prosper. For more information on Silkisondan Karate, visit [karateofva.com](http://karateofva.com).

## Community Fundraisers

### THIS MONTHS EVENTS TO HELP US RAISE FUNDS

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Community Center Fundraising Events. Spirit night fundraisers are community events where a portion of the proceeds from purchases made during the event are donated back to the center. Your presence matters, and

together, we can ensure the continued success of our community center. So, rally your neighbors, friends & family, in joining us as work together to raise funds and celebrate the heart and soul of our community.



### Sports Page - Mechanicsville

#### SPIRIT NIGHT DETAILS

- Date: Feb 18 2024
- Time: 5pm-CLOSE
- Location: 8319 Bell Creek Rd
- OCCC will have a box onsite for collection of receipts, only collected receipts count.



### Riverbound Cafe

#### SPIRIT DAY DETAILS

- Date: Feb 27 2024
- Time: ALL DAY
- Location: 8005 Creighton Pkwy K,
- No receipt or flyer necessary, proceeds will be provided to OCCC.

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## Our Mission

### BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY, NURTURING OUR FAMILY, SECURING OUR FUTURE

At Old Church Community Center, our mission is centered around the core values of 'Our Community, Our Family, Our Future.' We are dedicated to creating an inviting space where neighbors come together as one large family. Through our community center and pool, we aim to foster a sense of belonging, provide opportunities for shared experiences, and promote overall well-being.

Our commitment extends beyond today – we are invested in shaping a promising future for generations to come. By offering varied programs and a welcoming pool environment, we strive to empower individuals, strengthen family bonds, and contribute to the long-term prosperity of our community. Join us on this journey as we build, nurture, and secure the foundations of 'Our Community, Our Family, Our Future' at Old Church Community Center.



## Volunteer Board Positions Available

Calling All Community Champions!

Are you passionate about making a difference in our community? Do you have skills, ideas, and energy to contribute? Then we want YOU to join our team!



## Old Church Otters Update

### 2024 HERE WE COME

Old Church Community Center sponsors a swim team to provide an environment that fosters fun, fitness, proper swimming technique, and competition. Team participation promotes sportsmanship, self-esteem, self-discipline, accountability, and social interaction among a wide variety of age groups. Our goal is to encourage swimmers to strive for personal excellence in a spirit of goodwill and fair play.

To learn more, check out our team [handbook](#) then visit the Old Church Community Center website to access the registration form in the

swim team section. There will be an in person registration event on Friday April 26 from 5 - 7 PM in the OCCC Clubhouse. Meet the coaches, get fitted for a team suit, and interact with returning Otters!

For additional inquiries, feel free to email Coach Courtney (Head Swim Coach) or Amy Owen (Swim Team Liaison) at [ocswimteam@gmail.com](mailto:ocswimteam@gmail.com).

Go Otters!

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## Sponsorship Info

Are you a local business owner, or perhaps someone with a deep appreciation for Hanover's rich history? If so, we'd love to invite you to consider supporting the Old Church Community Center.

We like to think of OCCC as one of our favorite vintage cars. It's got that classic charm, the kind that makes you want to roll down the windows and blast some old-school tunes. But let's face it, even the coolest cars need a pit stop every now and then, right?

Now, picture a building that's been standing tall for 68 years. That's like the grandpa of buildings, full of stories and memories, but it might also have a few creaks and cracks here and there. Just like your trusty old car, it's seen its fair share of wear and tear over the years.

So, when we say it needs repairs, think of it like giving your grandpa a little TLC. Maybe it needs a fresh coat of paint to spruce up its exterior, or perhaps it's time to fix those leaky pipes that have been causing a fuss. Nothing too drastic, just a little bit of maintenance to keep everything running smoothly and looking sharp for many more years to come. After all, even the oldest buildings deserve a little pampering now and then!

This Old Church Community Center has been standing tall since the late 1950s. Our ability to provide the tender loving care it deserves is powered by community sponsorships. These partnerships enable us to maintain and enhance our cherished landmark for the enjoyment of generations to come.



### Your Business Here

Our champs and victory lane sponsors will be listed in this section of our monthly newsletter. Interested? Please submit your [Sponsorship Form](#).

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## Calling All Members

### HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

As members of the old church community center, we're the ones behind the wheel of this vintage car, steering it toward a bright future. With the dedicated board at the helm, we're committed to investing in our beloved property, ensuring it stands strong for generations to come. Just like taking care of a classic car, our efforts ensure that this landmark remains a cornerstone of our community's identity, preserving its legacy and welcoming future generations with open arms.

Additionally, if you refer a new member or sponsor, you'll receive a generous 10% discount off your 2025 annual membership dues. Simply ask potential members or sponsors to list you on their forms to ensure you receive this benefit. It's our way of saying thank you for helping us grow our community and support the Old Church Community Center together.

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*Thank you for reading!*

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