

# Monthly Newsletter

OLD CHURCH  
COMMUNITY  
CENTER

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March 2024



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

Welcome to our March newsletter update! As we transition from winter to spring, we're excited to share the latest developments and happenings within our community. So, grab a cup of your favorite beverage, settle in, and let's dive into what's been happening!

As mentioned in our membership info email, we briefly addressed the necessity of adjusting dues to accommodate rising operational costs. However, we recognize the importance of providing further clarity on this matter and explaining how your input directly impacts our operations.

Despite our concerted efforts to control expenses, we anticipate facing a significant deficit of \$20,000 based on our projected expenses for pool management and maintenance, insurance, and utilities this 2024 season. This shortfall is primarily due to rising operational costs and remains even if our membership stays steady at 140 families.

Your help and support is integral in helping us overcome this challenge. Please see page 2 for ways to help, remember this center relies on the kindness and support of its community.

Recent happenings include Ellis Tree Service's preventative tree and limb removal. By removing these potentially dangerous limbs, we've taken a proactive step towards safeguarding the well-being of our members and guests. Douglas Aquatics initiated the initial dewatering processes as the month drew to a close.

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

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### Upcoming Events

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

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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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#### April 26

Swim Team - Last Day for Early Bird Registration (\$100 first child, \$75 each additional child)

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#### April 27

Clean-Up Day

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## Community Awareness

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The newsletter introduction touched on the deficit that threatens our ability to sustain our beloved pool and community center. In light of this challenge, we're reaching out to you, our valued members, for support. Here's how you can help:

**1. Bring in New Members:** Encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to join our community. By expanding our membership base, we not only strengthen our collective voice but also increase our financial resources.

**2. Seek Sponsorships:** Are you connected with businesses or individuals who might be interested in sponsoring our organization? Reach out to them and discuss potential partnership opportunities. Sponsorships can provide significant financial support and help bridge the gap in our budget.

**3. Spread the Word:** Share our mission and initiatives on social media platforms, in your professional networks, and within our local community. The more people who are aware of our organization, the greater our chances of attracting new members and sponsors.

**4. Participate in Fundraising Events:** Stay tuned for upcoming fundraising events and initiatives. Your active participation and contributions are invaluable in ensuring their success.

Together, we can overcome this challenge and ensure the sustainability of our organization for years to come. Every new member and sponsorship makes a difference, no matter how big or small. Our way of saying thank you to our members is to extend a 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.

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## 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.



**Mar 20, 2024**

### Marty's Grill

#### SPIRIT DAY DETAILS

- Date: Mar 20 2024
  - Time: ALL DAY
  - Location: 9357 Atlee Rd
  - 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.

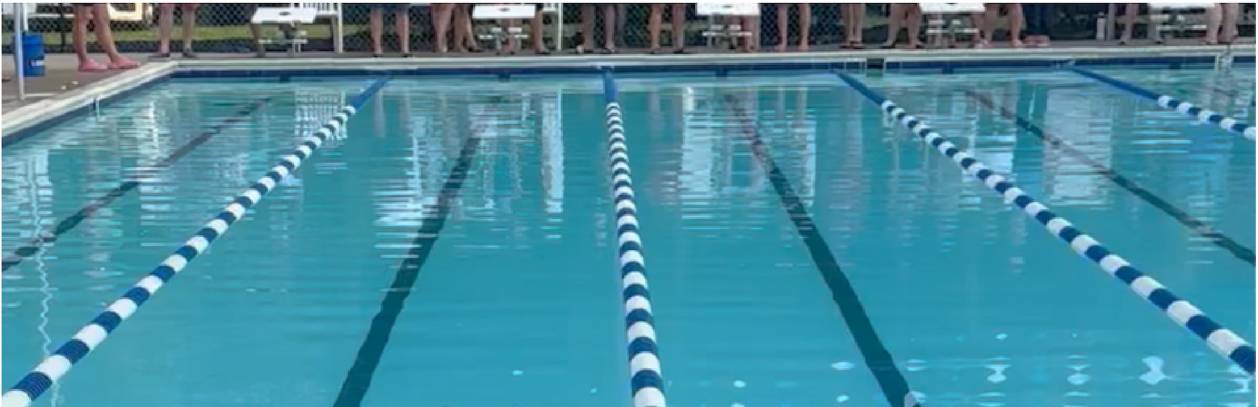
Our commitment extends beyond today – we are invested in shaping a promising future for generations to come. By offering varied programs and a welcoming pool environment, we strive to empower individuals, strengthen family bonds, and contribute to the long-term prosperity of our community. Join us on 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 SEASON SIGN UPS NEXT MONTH

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

We're thrilled to announce the generous support of several businesses that have chosen to sponsor our beloved community center. Their commitment to our mission and their dedication to uplifting our community are truly commendable. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to:

### **Riverbound Cafe**

It's not just a local eatery; it's woven into the very essence of our town's character. Their decision to sponsor our community center once again underscores their commitment to supporting initiatives that bring us together and we are very grateful for their continued support. Their routine spirit days further demonstrate their dedication to fostering community spirit and involvement.

### **Buddy's Septic**

Buddy's Septic has been an integral part of our community for years. Their longstanding commitment to family values and community betterment shines through in their continued support. Their essential services and generous sponsorship play a vital role in sustaining our center's mission to serve and uplift our neighborhood.

### **Douglas Aquatics**

Not only do they maintain our pool with exceptional care and expertise, but their sponsorship also plays a vital role in our ability to offer high-quality aquatic programs and facilities for the enjoyment and benefit of all members. Their dedication to ensuring a safe and enjoyable swimming environment reflects their commitment to the well-being of our community.

### **Burger King**

Their continued and substantial support has been instrumental in our ability to thrive and provide enriching programs and events for everyone in our community. Burger King's generous contributions over the years have not only made a significant difference but also underscore their unwavering dedication to the betterment of our neighborhood.

We're excited to share that there are more businesses to come! Stay tuned as we continue to forge partnerships with businesses that share our vision for a vibrant and thriving community.



## 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](#).

*Thank you for reading!*

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