



OLNEY DAYS, APRIL 28-30

Olney Days began as a parade 40 years ago, but now includes multiple events, for all ages, over three days. The weekend of events kicks off with a Family Movie Night (*Puss in Boots: The Last Wish*) at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 28, at the OBGC Freeman Fields. A full day of activities (live music, carnival games, food trucks, Beer Garden) will be held at Olney Manor Park, beginning 3 p.m. on Saturday and ending with fireworks at dark (weather permitting). The annual parade starts at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 30 (starts at Prince Phillip Drive, travels north on Georgia Avenue and ends at Spartan Road). Olney Days concludes with the first annual "Rise Against Hunger" event at 3:30 p.m. at Oakdale Emory Church. Participants will package meals to be sent to those in need around the world. For more details about Olney Days and a full schedule of events, go to www.olneycivicfund.org/entire-schedule.html.

Free Paper Shred and Electronics Recycling Event

As part of Olney Days 2023, a free paper shred and electronics recycling event will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 in the parking lot behind Sandy Spring Bank (17801 Georgia Avenue). Limit is 3 boxes or large bags of paper (no newspapers). Acceptable electronic items include computers (desktop & towers), servers, hard drives, circuit boards, UPS battery backups, flat screen monitors, printers, DVD players, VCRs, modems, electric motors, rechargeable batteries (lithium ion or NiCad), cell phones, video games, cords (no TVs). This year, household items can also be donated at the event, and Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection will exchange inefficient incandescent light bulbs for LEDs (limit 3 LED bulbs per family).

SPRUCING UP YOUR EXTERIOR? HERE'S WHAT'S REQUIRED:

If you are planning exterior renovations or major repairs to your home or property that change the current characteristics of your home/property, you must submit an architectural review form and receive approval prior to the work commencing.

Replacing siding or roofing with the same material and color does not require HOA approval. As always, consent and acknowledgement of the change, by your neighbors (and their signature on the form) is a required part of the application process. The standards and forms can be found on our website www.olneycrossingmd.org. Please mail the completed forms to: OCHOA Architectural Review PO Box 278 Olney MD 20830-0278.

ONLINE PAYMENTS WELCOME

Quarterly OCHOA bills are sent out by mail, and can be paid by check. But homeowners can also pay their fees electronically using Zelle. Instructions for setting up a Zelle account can be found at <https://www.zellepay.com>. **Zelle payments should be sent to: treasurer@olneycrossingmd.org.**

Neighbor Spotlight: The Mechanical Master of Monitor Drive

Photos by Sophie McLeod

While strolling on Hines Road at Monitor Drive, you may have noticed a golden stag, its antlers



supporting the mailbox of the corner house. Or you may have seen a life-sized metal turkey on its front step. These are just two creations of long-time homeowner Jaime Cantor, who turns spare car parts into whimsical works of art. To Jaime, a timing belt is the curved support of a bottle holder; a wrench, the open beak of a baby bird. He has created hundreds of sculptures from discarded chunks of metal that the rest of us would toss into recycling.

Jaime and his wife Rosario -- originally from Bogotá, Colombia -- moved to Olney Crossing in 1989 from Wheaton, when their two sons, Javier and Leo were in high school. "We liked the quiet and cleanliness



of the area," explained Rosario. Their comfy home is filled with photos of their children and grandchildren, plus Jaime's creations on every tabletop and shelf. An owl clock made of gears perches on the dining room sideboard, a kinetic balance sculpture rests on the television in the basement, where Jaime's soccer trophies and memorabilia also are shelved. In Colombia, Jaime played with lower

division teams of the Santa Fe City and National soccer clubs. At age 77 he still has the muscular build of a *futbolista*.

Jaime and Rosario warmly welcome neighbors to chat and admire Jaime's latest creations. Rosario's creations are culinary. She makes a superb flan custard. In warmer temperatures, Jaime works in his



garage, with his tools close at hand and his materials meticulously organized. "I enjoy the creative process, it's good for my sanity," he says, smiling. As a Jeep auto body repair specialist, Jaime has access to old car parts. Those who know of his hobby bring him parts as well. So, if you're walking on Hines Road and see Jaime's garage door open, stop

by, say hello, and enjoy the work of the mechanical master of Monitor Drive.