

OLNEY CROSSING HOA ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM ON NOVEMBER 9

The Olney Crossing Homeowners Association will hold its Annual Meeting via Zoom at 7 pm on Thursday, November 9. The proposed 2024 budget will be presented and Board Elections will be held.

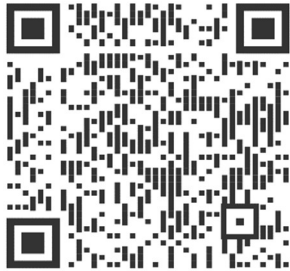
Use one of the following methods to access the Zoom meeting:

Send an email in advance of the meeting to webmaster@olneycrossingmd.org and request the Zoom link.

Or type this URL into your browser: <https://bit.ly/3ZouzCH>

Or go to zoom.us, click "Join Meeting" and enter Meeting ID 595 563 0249 and Passcode 912254

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BOARD ELECTIONS

Nominations are being sought for OCHOA Board officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary) as well as multiple "At-Large" positions. (OCHOA employs an outside Treasurer). To nominate yourself or someone else to serve on the Board, send a brief bio to webmaster@olneycrossingmd.org.

The following are the incumbent Board members.

Ann Metayer (Vice President, 2021-2022, 2022-2023), has also been fulfilling the duties of HOA President (a position which has been vacant since July 2021).

Ann does not plan to run again. The Association needs someone to carry on as President and Vice President.

Audrey Partington (Secretary, 2021-2022, 2022-2023). Audrey is retired from the Library of Congress, where she worked as a writer/editor. She is a contributing writer to the Greater Olney News and serves as Secretary for a number of local area nonprofits. She is willing to serve another year if elected.

Eric Wenocur (At-Large, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and OCHOA webmaster). Eric is the principal owner of Lab Tech Systems, serving as a consulting engineer for broadcast, television production, and commercial and residential audio-visual systems design and installation. Eric plans to run again for an At-Large position.

Julie Jenkins (At-Large, 2022-2023). Julie is an original owner of her home in Olney Crossing. She has been picking up and distributing OCHOA mail and depositing incoming checks for many years. She plans to run again for an At-Large position.

NEIGHBOR PROFILE: CREATING BEAUTIES, BEASTS AND A BETTER COMMUNITY

Olney Crossing residents Mary Ellen Tasillo and her partner Roger Riggle have made brides beautiful, government officials presentable, and unremarkable-looking actors hideous. As professional make-up artists, Mary Ellen and Roger have worked on Washington-area news personalities and their on-camera guests, sports commentators, and theatrical performers. Together they own Roger Riggle Make Up LLC, which provides cosmetics and other services to professionals and common folk.

Even more impressive than their many connections with the well-known set is their long commitment to and work with Olney-area institutions, including the Olney Theatre, Montgomery General Hospital (now MedStar Montgomery Medical Center), and the Olney Boys and Girls Club. Mary Ellen was a member of the Wednesday Club of Sandy Spring, which raised funds to support the hospital and provided an annual scholarship for local youth to study nursing. She was also involved with the now defunct Friends of the Olney Theatre, [FOOT]. “We raised a lot of money to put new seats into the original theatre,” she explains. “Donors could put a tag on a seat in memory of someone. It was a very popular fundraiser.”

Roger was responsible for making the ghouls of *Field of Screams* more terrifying, as the designer and trainer of make-up artists for 11 years. “The President of the Olney Boys and Girl Club called upon me to create more consistency in the make-up designs ... and to make them scarier! I was told, ‘We need more blood, more gore.’” His team worked to transform the actors into creepy clowns, blood-thirsty vampires, and other nightmare-inducing characters. His stage production make-up credits include *The Addams Family*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Shrek*, and *The King and I*. [To see some of his work visit <https://rogerriggle.com/gallery>]

The pair’s accomplishments go well beyond make-up. Their backgrounds are a variety show with many acts. Mary Ellen creates custom jewelry pieces, has bred and trained horses, and has

even worked as a chimney sweep. “I was small enough to get onto the roofs and fit in the chimney,” she quips.

Roger teaches tap dancing for youth and adults at the Berrend Dance Center in Gaithersburg. His work as a choreographer with universities and arts organizations has taken him across the Atlantic to South Africa, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Ukraine, and Holland.

At home Roger and Mary Ellen nurture a lush backyard garden, which has been more than 7 years in the making. It is an intimate space encircled by a chorus line of hostas, hydrangea, and other flowering plants that climb their patio posts and spill out of flowering baskets. With a tropical koi pond embedded in rock slabs and a copper urn that is both a fountain and a bird spa, the yard could be a stage set for South Pacific.

If one were to look for a theme in the many activities of Roger and Mary Ellen, it would be that they work to make their community and environment a more beautiful and interesting place.





Photos by Sophie.

ABOUT YOUR DUES---AND BILL PAYING MADE EASY

HOA dues can be made via **Zelle**. See <http://olneycrossingmd.org/pay-hoa-dues/> or go to www.zellepay.com to send payments to treasurer@olneycrossingmd.org.

If you are a homeowner unable to pay your fees due to financial distress, please contact Krista Boteler, Treasurer, 410-353-8923, treasurer@olneycrossingmd.org to work out a payment plan.