

Olney Crossing Homeowners Association April 2026 Newsletter

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Spring Is Here....We hope

What a winter! We want to thank all residents for your patience with Montgomery County's snow plowing after the January storm and the HOA's cost savings measure of leaving the snow on the sidewalk until it melted. For future reference—and we will remind you of this in December—Montgomery County, not the HOA, is responsible for plowing the streets. With the inconsistent weather behind us, let's look ahead to some fun this spring.

Annual Olney Crossing Get Together, Sunday, May 17

Come out and join your neighbors on Sunday, May 17 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the grassy common area between Monitor and Blossom View Drives. We'll have snacks, music and games. Please bring your own chairs and any food or drink items you wish. Dogs on leashes are welcome, too.

Many residents enjoyed meeting and hanging out with their neighbors last year, so let's do it again! If you can help with any arrangements (especially outdoor games for kids) please contact events@olneycrossingmd.org We look forward to seeing you on May 17!

Olney Days Has Grown to Two Weekends in April/May

Olney Days started over 40 years ago with a parade along Georgia Avenue. Over the years, it has grown to include three days of family-friendly events. Olney Days is organized by the Olney Civic Fund, which supports Olney-area nonprofits and community events.

This year, the celebrations will expand to ten events taking place over two consecutive weekends, beginning Friday, April 24, and culminating with the parade on Sunday, May 3. One of the highlight events is "Party in the Park," held on Saturday, May 2, at Olney Manor Park, from 3 p.m. through fireworks at dark. For a complete schedule of events, go to www.olneycivicfund.org/entire-schedule.html

MCDOT Details Traffic Calming Changes to Hines Road

On March 26, Montgomery County Department of Transportation engineers, other staff, and contractors held a virtual meeting with residents to present information about the proposed \$850,000 traffic safety improvements for the entire length of Hines Road, from the east end Georgia Avenue intersection to the west end Cashell Road intersection. The displayed maps showed plans for new high visibility crosswalks, numerous concrete medians and pedestrian refuge islands, updated edge line pavement markings to narrow lanes, and solar powered Dynamic Speed Limit Signs to slow traffic.

During the meeting many questions emerged about the less-than-optimal changes for the Macduff Ave. intersection, lack of consideration of all routes where school children were walking to Cashell Elementary, impact on snow removal and plowing activities, and the planned repaving project set for 2029 AFTER completion of the traffic safety improvement project. One individual suggested inclusion of protected bike lanes and another recommended discussion with the Cashell school crossing guard staff and Cashell principal about suggestions for safety improvements.

Additional information sessions will be held as further detailed plans emerge. Current information and detailed maps are posted at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Traffic/HinesRoad.html>. Please send additional comments and questions via email to hinesroad@montgomerycountymd.gov by 5 p.m., May 15, 2026, the closing date.

Let's Stay in Touch

The OCHOA Board has been collecting homeowner email addresses to send the quarterly newsletter, dues invoices, and meeting notices. An additional two-way communications option would be to start an active email group (a "list-serv") for residents to share local information, recommendations, etc.

Interested neighbors could join or leave the group as they desired and decide if any personal information is visible. Membership would be limited to Olney Crossing homeowners and residents. Please let us know if you would be interested in joining a neighborhood email group by sending an email to: webmaster@olneycrossingmd.org

Bylaws Update

A goal of the OCHOA Board is to review and update the Bylaws and Architectural Guidelines. We have made a start on this project and are looking for homeowners who will provide input on the proposed changes. We also are taking suggestions about some issues that the Bylaws or the Architectural Control guidelines might address that are not currently covered. Please send an email to Michele McLeod at president@olneycrossingmd.org if you have suggestions. We welcome your ideas and input.

Zelle Payment Reminder

If you pay your quarterly dues via Zelle, or if you are planning to switch to Zelle, please remember to direct your payment to the OCHOA treasurer's email: treasurer@olneycrossingmd.org. If you want to switch your payment to Zelle, please send the treasurer an email to let her know. Please DO NOT direct the payment to the personal email of the treasurer. Doing so will delay your payment being credited to the HOA account.

Olney Crossing HOA Emails

president@olneycrossingmd.org	General questions and comments
webmaster@olneycrossingmd.org	Web and tech related issues
treasurer@olneycrossingmd.org	Financial and billing questions
events@olneycrossingmd.org	Annual get together