**From the President**

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving, even if it may have been substantially different than most of us are accustomed to.

As we roll into December, I can’t help but pause and consider the perspective of the new folks who have moved into our neighborhood during this unusual year. They haven’t been able to enjoy the full “welcome” of our social activities: our fantastic Fourth of July festivities, the Ladies Wine & Cheese and the Men’s Beer & Brats, or our Halloween party… but they WILL get to enjoy our annual December 24th Holiday Luminaries organized by our friendly UCI Membership Volunteers. This tradition has been kept alive for years, and perhaps this year will be enjoyed by even more of us as many stay home to celebrate in 2020. For the newbies, read on for more information on how to participate.

The Board would like to thank everyone who attended November’s first ever UCI Zoom Budget meeting. While the format was not ideal, we hope that we were able to get the information across while still providing a safe platform for all to be heard. The results of the vote were:

- 121 Votes FOR the proposed budget
- 20 Votes AGAINST the proposed budget

As a result, the proposed budget passed and will be used to guide the UCI Board through 2021. A hearty thank you to **Bert Kelly** for all of his hard work keeping our books together.

The Beach Park rain garden project is substantially completed at this point. Irrigation in strategic locations has been installed to protect our community investment for years to come. A huge thank you to **Pat Shay** and all volunteers who helped make this vision a reality. The work has greatly improved our beach park. Our next project is the installation of some new and updated playground equipment which should be installed in the coming months.

I hope everyone enjoys the holidays, the decorations, and above all, stay safe!

Evan Hays  
UCI President
Holiday Luminary Lighting

An Ulmstead Tradition

Be on the lookout for a package from the Ulmstead Welcoming Committee. Street Captains will be delivering a ‘luminary care package’ to each home in Ulmstead. Each package will contain supplies & directions to prepare your luminaries. You will only need to add sand or kitty litter, assemble & display. If you are unable to light your luminaries, please reach out to a neighbor for help. Let’s work together to enjoy this long-standing community tradition.

Let Ulmstead Shine on December 24th.

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UCI DEPARTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

NAUTICAL

Piers
The fresh water systems and pump out at our piers were turned off and winterized on Monday November 30. Please remember to remove all lines, hoses, electrical cords etc. when you vacate your slip for the winter. We will begin putting ice eaters in the water at our piers. Do not relocate the ice eaters. They are placed to protect the docks from ice damage, not individual boats.

Kayak Racks
All kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, etc. should have been removed from the kayak racks before December 1. We have some brush and vegetation to clear from under and around these racks. Additional maintenance will be performed in the spring. Stay safe and Happy Holidays!

Bill Zichos, UCI Nautical
Dockmaster@ulmstead.org

SOCIAL

Join Scouts:

Would you like to go camping, learn new skills, make new friends, and have fun? Our Troop is meeting OUTDOORS at Anne Arundel Fish and Game Club Sunday afternoons at 3:00. The Scouts have the opportunity to participate in shooting sports at our meetings. We have weekend camping trips every month, plus a one-week Summer Camp. Come check us out! You can join even if you never were a Cub Scout. Also, we are still collecting worn out flags for a patriotic flag retirement ceremony. Contact Mike Allen for information at 410-919-8487.
MEMBERSHIP

See paper version

TEENNIS & PICKLEBALL

We’ve had a fantastic fall with many perfect outdoor weather days. Hopefully, our luck will hold with a few nice days in December so we can spend some more time on the courts before winter really kicks in.

Since we have *record* court membership this year, we just wanted to share some friendly reminders about the courts and court usage:

- Please turn the lights off and lock up after you leave the courts.
- Please pick up any trash, clothing (yes, clothing), etc. you might see in or around the courts.
- No bikes, scooters, wagons, soccer balls, basketballs, etc. are permitted on the courts.
- Please keep pets off of the courts.
- If you are playing pickleball and adjust the net strap or use a device to adjust the strap, please remove it and/or readjust the strap when your match is over.
- The list of court members is posted on the fence outside the courts in the message board cabinet.
- Visit www.ulmstead.com for all of the tennis court rules.

If you’d like to continue playing throughout the winter, here are some options for instruction and clinics:

- Sea Colony Tennis in Bethany Beach, DE – 6 indoor courts, tennis clinics offered daily, membership not required to attend, call ahead to reserve a spot. Cardio tennis, skill sessions, drills, private or group lessons, adult weekend camps.
- Dave Marshall Tennis in Lewes, DE – 4 indoor courts, daily tennis clinics, drop in or call ahead to reserve a spot. Hourly weekend clinics start at 9am. Cardio tennis, skill sessions, group or private lessons. (Dave Marshall coached the Bryan Brothers, Jack Sock; Dave leads the clinics).
- 40 West Racquet and Tennis Club in Catonsville, MD – 4 indoor courts, private individual and group lessons, junior tennis program. Guest fees apply. Pickleball socials on Friday nights.
- Bowie Sport Fit in Bowie, MD - 6 indoor courts, various clinics, cardio tennis, junior program.

For more information on pickleball clinics and play, please call these locations directly. Please contact Stephanie Pagoota for any UCI Tennis membership or court related questions.
An Ulmstead Holiday Tradition Poem:

"Twas the Night Before Christmas"
Adapted by Lillian Nilsen from the original poem by Clement C. Moore

"Twas the night before Christmas, Ulmstead Point was the place,
   The neighborhood had on its holiday face.
The stockings were hung by the chimneys with care,
   In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.
The children were tucked in their beds
   While Mamas and Papas in 'kerchiefs and caps
Had just settled down for their long winter's naps
   When over on Garywood there arose such a clatter
Folks sprang from their beds to see what was the matter.
The cloud covered moon that shone down from the sky
   Gave off no more light than a tiny firefly.
There were three shivering reindeer out there on the ground
   And one held a map and a lantern he'd found.
"Hello there" cried one deer, "Just where might we be?
   In jolly old England or Scotland, I see!"
"No, no," said a neighbor on Placid, "You're in U.S. of A.
   In the state of Maryland – you've come the right way."
The reindeer now snorted and told of their plight.
"We're scouting for Santa in England tonight."
It happened in Liverpool, they got lost in the rain,
   This seemed like a difficult thing to explain.
It drizzled in London and poured over Wales,
   They were caught in a wind and led by their tails.
When they looked down and saw the name Ulmstead Estates,
   They thought it was Lord Baltimore's place.
To make matters worse, their vision was blurry,
   There were the streets Breton, Carlisle and Bayberry.
And wasn't that King George, St. John's and Gloucester, too?
They had circled what they thought was Big Ben in the dark,
   It was really the steeple in Church Circle Park!
The "Channel" they circled was Chesapeake Bay, you see,
   Hopelessly lost and confused were those three,
All the neighbors in Ulmstead looked up in dismay,
What if Santa got lost and ruined the day?
Then everyone went to the clubhouse to meet
Just how could they clearly light up every street?
They had to guide Santa to Maryland that night,
Without him - the children's day wouldn't be right.
Then the Ulmstead Club came to the front with the answer,
They'd solve the dilemma of Dasher and Dancer
We'll have a luminary - the streets will glow,
We'll put paper bags on the lawns in a row,
With a candle inside they will brilliantly shine,
All along the front lawns in a straight line.
Weigh the bag from the center so it won't blow away,
And Santa will find us on this Christmas Day.
The residents rushed to their homes in a flurry,
To set up a luminary, they had to hurry.
Then the bags were outside and the candles all lit,
And the neighbors all went to their windows to sit
They heard tiny sleigh bells and the patter of feet
And there was some chatter out there in the street.
A jolly old fat man so lively and quick,
We knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
He said not a word but went straight to his work,
He filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk,
And laying a finger aside of his nose,
He nodded and straight up the chimney he rose.
He smiled all around - to his team gave a whistle
And away they all flew like the down on a thistle,
But we heard him exclaim as they drove out of sight,
THE BRIGHTEST CHRISTMAS TO ALL
AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!
UCI OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS  
www.ulmstead.org

Please email any changes / updates to Weathervane@Ulmstead.org and Membership@Ulmstead.org. Thanks!

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https://sites.google.com/a/ulmstead.org/ulmstead-pool/

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Gillian Duvall

Ladies Wine & Cheese
Vincent Hardick

Fall Camp-out
Scott Glubke

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Chris Brett

Wings, Chili, Homebrew
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Vacant
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Reminders: UCI Board meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30PM. Email: board@ulmstead.org
The deadline for the February Weathervane is January 27th. Email: weathervane@ulmstead.org