

THE ULMSTEAD



Weathervane

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From the President

Happy New Year, UCI. 2020 is going to be a tremendous year for our community as the UCI members and volunteers have several social events planned and also continuation of improvement and maintenance to our community assets. We are looking for a volunteer lead along with UCI members to help with the stage 2 planning/beautification of the beach park. As everyone should have seen by now, we finished up the beach park revetment last summer and are continuing the update to include some grading/drainage work, landscaping and outdoor furnishings. Please contact the board if you can assist with this effort.

Once again, this year the neighborhood luminaries were a first-rate success. The weather was incredible for December and participation was an all-time high. I was able to sneak out from the family festivities for a bit and stroll through the wonderful streets of our community. Thank you again to Kathy Pruissen and the volunteers who organized the supplies and distributed them to our homes.

While February is not always my favorite time of year in the community, it doesn't mean there aren't many things to look forward to in the near future. We are less than 45 days away from the official start of spring. Approximately two and a half minutes of extra sunlight are added each day. Yay! And while the water is cold and the docks are empty, slip selection isn't too far away and we will be back on the water very soon.

A couple of housekeeping items to take note of. Please make sure to get your proxy vote delivered for the upcoming community meeting on February 29th. Stephen Blumberg and the by-laws committee have worked tirelessly on editing the language to bring them up to date, and you can find the proposed changes on the UCI Community Website. Also, most of you have paid your UCI annual dues. If you forgot, by this time they are past due. Please make sure to get that into our Treasurer as soon as possible.

If you are having trouble finding your invoice or need to update your email address, please message accountingsupport@ulmstead.org.

Ulmstead has made great progress over the past three years I have been on the board. It has been my pleasure to work with so many dedicated and talented community volunteers. During my tenure I have seen 3 major projects completed: the beach park revetment, new Docks I and III, and the tennis courts resurfaced. I am so proud of the work we have been able to complete, and I encourage those who haven't already been a department manager or board member to step up and volunteer for a position. Believe me, I guarantee you will not regret it. And finally, thank you to the tremendous, hardworking, talented volunteers on the previous boards, departments and current UCI board. I have enjoyed working with you and will continue to lend my efforts and support you. I am fortunate to have been your UCI President over the past year. Thank you. Love where you live.

Vincent Hardick
UCI President
President@ulmstead.org

Annual Meeting Notice

2020 UCI General Meeting - Saturday, February 29th, 2020, at 11:30 a.m.
NEW LOCATION DUE TO BARN CLOSURE: Gloria Dei Church in Arnold

The UCI General Meeting will be held at **Gloria Dei Church** in Arnold, MD, on Saturday, February 29 at 11:30 a.m. We will provide a report on the Club finances for 2019, present reports from the department managers and committee chairpersons, update the Club on the status of 2019 & 2020 UCI Projects, and elect two (2) new Board Members to three-year terms. In addition, we will vote on proposed Amendments to the Ulmstead Club, Inc., Bylaws.

For occasions of voting on bylaws changes, we require the presence, in person or by proxy, of more than half of all members having voting rights. **We need your help to achieve this quorum.** Whether or not you will be able to attend, we encourage you to please fill out the proxy form, sign it, and mail it to UCI (P.O. Box 9754, Arnold, MD, 21012). **You can direct your proxy how to vote on the bylaws proposals.** And appointment of a proxy does not preclude you from attending the UCI General Meeting and voting in person. If you appoint a proxy and attend the Meeting in person, your proxy appointment will automatically be terminated. We will give the proxy form right back to you.

Of course, you can also give your signed proxy to someone who will be attending. Whatever you do, please either attend or submit a proxy. **Make your voice heard on these proposals to change the UCI Bylaws.**

Annual Meeting Proxy Form

2020 UCI General Meeting - Saturday, February 29th, 2020, at 11:30 a.m.

I, _____, live at _____, and

I am a member in good standing of Ulmstead Club Inc. ("UCI"). I hereby appoint: *(Check one)*

- Vin Hardick, UCI President Name: _____

to represent me as my proxy at the UCI General Meeting to be held on February 29, 2020 (or any adjourned or postponed meeting thereof).

I hereby authorize my proxy: *(Check one)*

- to vote on my behalf on any question, resolution, proposition, or other business that may come up during the meeting, including the proposed Amendments to the UCI Bylaws.
- to vote only on the proposed Amendments to the UCI Bylaws.

Regarding the proposed Amendments to the UCI Bylaws, I direct my proxy to vote on the following proposals as I have indicated below:

Mark the appropriate box with a "tick"

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
PROPOSALS REGARDING DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS			
1. Remove the four Vice-President positions from the list of club officers and reassign their responsibilities			
2. Remove restriction preventing a realtor or builder from serving as director			
3. Permit directors and outside professionals to serve as department managers			
4. Update language regarding financial controls			
5. Add recorder to Secretary's responsibilities			
PROPOSALS REGARDING DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE			
6. Remove Equestrian Department			
7. Split the Community Facilities Department into 3 departments			
PROPOSALS REGARDING MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES			
8. Prohibit short-term lessees from using UCI facilities			
9. Clarify the Board's duties regarding suspension of membership privileges			
10. Permit proxy assignments to be submitted electronically			
11. Explicitly permit UCI sponsored adult social events			
OTHER PROPOSALS			
12. Increase flexibility when scheduling annual meeting			
13. Update pronouns that refer to just one gender			
14. Technical corrections			
15. Nautical department change			

This proxy form shall be considered null and void if I personally attend the above-mentioned meeting.



Signature of UCI Member in Good Standing

Date Signed

UPDATE ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO UCI BYLAWS

From Stephen Blumberg, Chair, UCI Bylaws Committee

The 2020 UCI General Meeting on February 29, 2020 will include a membership vote on Amendments to the UCI Bylaws.

Legal Review

In January, the proposed changes were reviewed by legal counsel. As a result of this review, several changes were recently made to the proposals. Specifically, our attorney recommended:

- 1) Adding a Vice-President to the list of officers, to be appointed by the Board from among its members, whose duties are to act when the President cannot.
- 2) Modifying the paragraph about possibly paying professionals to be department managers, to be clear that UCI members cannot be paid for this role.
- 3) Adding specified lengths for terms of service for department managers, rather than leaving it open-ended. Terms of service can be renewed, and department managers can still be removed from office by the Board at any time.
- 4) Adding a clarifying sentence regarding the proposal to prohibit short-term lessees from using UCI facilities.
- 5) Reconsidering whether to require suspension of membership privileges for failure to conform to UCI rules. Using the word “may” rather than “must” reduces the risk of a successful lawsuit if a future Board unintentionally fails to enforce the rules uniformly.

The UCI Bylaws Committee endorsed these changes. A few additional changes were made following comment from some members. These included:

- 1) Clarifying that membership privileges suspended for nonpayment of dues, fees, or assessments will be restored when payment is made.
- 2) Adding a new proposal (#15) to require that boats docked at UCI Nautical Department facilities are owned and insured by UCI members. This change would make the bylaws and department rules consistent.
- 3) A few additional minor technical corrections.

Next Steps

The UCI Board of Directors has not yet approved the final wording of the proposals. They will do that on or before February 5th. The final proposals will then be printed and delivered to the homes of all UCI members. They will also be made available online.

Votes on the proposals will occur at the UCI General Meeting on February 29th. The affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum is required to amend the Bylaws. Article II, Section 4 of the Bylaws further explains that while a quorum is typically twenty percent (20%), “for occasions of voting on by-laws changes, the presence, in person or proxy, of a majority of members having voting rights constitutes a quorum.” In other words, we will need a majority (51%) of the members to attend the meeting either in person or by proxy; then, a majority of that quorum may vote to approve the proposed amendments.

We need your help to achieve this quorum! A proxy assignment form is included in this *Weathervane*. A proxy assignment form will also be included when the final proposals are delivered to your home. Please fill out this form, indicate how you want your vote to be recorded for the proposed bylaws changes, and then mail this form back to UCI. To make it even easier, we will include a pre-addressed stamped envelope for you to use.

Even if you plan to attend the meeting, you can send in a proxy form ahead of time. That way, if something comes up at the last minute and you can't attend, you will still be "present", and your intentions will still be known. If you do attend the meeting, your proxy form will be null and void and returned to you. There is no risk and no harm in mailing your form.

If you only want to "vote" on the bylaws proposals, that's fine. The proxy form gives you the option to only be "present by proxy" for the votes on the bylaws proposals. The choice is yours.

Please make your voice heard.

Please help us achieve quorum.

Please attend the meeting in person or by proxy.

COMING SOON: Ulmstead home for sale

1058 Ulmstead Circle- 4 Bedrooms, 2 ½ baths on a quiet street with large lot and plenty of open space for kids to play. Recently renovated, clean and ready to move in. Property features: Master bedroom with walk in closet and bathroom has double sinks/vanities. Bright, sunny, south facing, eat-in-kitchen with Corian countertops; oversized family room with additional fireplace, bay window and wet bar; new Trex lumber deck with 8-foot hot tub, perfect for entertaining. Plenty of parking and even room for a boat. Brand new front door, gutters and down spouts, newer garage doors, windows and roof, underground sprinklers, security system with outdoor camera and hardwired fire alarm.

Will be priced under \$699,000. Contact Sherry Benson (516)356-2345

UCI DEPARTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

SOCIAL

Ladies Wine and Cheese (& Food Drive!)

February 21st at 7:30 pm

“The Farm House”

The Ulmstead Ladies Wine Night is upon us. This is a long-standing tradition, where the Ladies of Ulmstead gather together for an evening of wine, cheese and lots of girl banter! It is a time to reconnect with your old neighbor and help welcome the newbie. The Ladies Wine Night will be again hosted at the home of Gillian DuVall, 938 Lynch Drive, also affectionately known as "The Farm House." Please bring goods for the food drive (details below) and an appetizer to share would be appreciated.

Details on Food Drive

This is the 7th Annual Food Drive we've held at the Ladies Wine & Cheese. Please bring goods (recommended items below) to the event at Gillian's home. Please remember to CHECK EXPIRATION DATES on your donations!

If you can't be there but would still like to donate, Michelle Mahan will have a Rubbermaid box by her mailbox from Thursday Feb. 20th until Sunday Feb. 23rd. Address is at 10006 Placid Court. Thank for your continued support!

SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods) collects canned goods and toiletries for neighbors in need. To learn more, go to www.spanhelps.org. Here are recommended items for families:

- Rice
- Canned Meats
- Jelly
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Canned fruit
- Snack food
- Potato mixes (mashed, scalloped, au gratin)
- Stuffing mix
- Muffin & bread mixes
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Shaving cream & razors
- Laundry detergent
- Water bottles for volunteers and for clients whose water has been turned off.

Scouts

Would you like to go camping, learn new skills, make new friends, and have fun? Our troop meets every Thursday evening at 7 PM at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (until Ulmstead Barn repairs are complete) and goes camping one weekend every month. Come check us out! Also, we are still collecting worn out flags for a patriotic flag retirement ceremony. You can join even if you were never a Cub Scout. Contact Mike Allen for information at 410-919-8487

NAUTICAL

As of this writing, Ulmstead has experienced a pretty mild winter. Several boats have been cruising well into January. The mild temperatures have also brought many neighbors to our docks. While the river can be beautiful during the winter, it can also be dangerous. With water temperatures in the low 30's, a fall into the river can be deadly. Decks of boats and piers freeze quickly, and a morning frost can make them as slick as ice rinks. It is especially important to keep dock lines and electrical cords out of the way so as not to present a tripping hazard. Please use caution and stay safe. Boats that remain in the water during the winter require regular attention even if not being used. Inspect your dock lines, chafing gear and mooring snubbers to ensure that they are in good condition and functioning properly.

Slip Selection

Slip selection is scheduled for Saturday March 14, 9:30am at the Barn. The upstairs rooms will not be available so slip selection will take place either in the lobby or the stall area. Slip selection packages will be available by March 1, 2020. Happy New Year!

SWIM CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Invoice: Resident Members 2020 Annual Membership Dues

Family **Last** Name _____

1. Choose a Membership Category

_____ **Empty Nester** for current bondholders
\$340
No children at home
30 guest passes

_____ **Individual** for current bondholders
\$235
Must be 14 or older on June 1, 2019
20 individual passes & 20 guest passes

_____ **Resident Family** for current bondholders
\$575
30 guest passes

_____ **NEW Resident Family**
\$ 50 Initiation Fee
\$ 800 Pool Bond
\$ 575 Membership Fee
\$1,425 Total due

2. Review the Swim Club By-Laws and Swim Club Rules

Please go to www.ulmstead.org/swimclub to review the swim club by-laws and swim club rules.

I have read the by-laws and rules of Ulmstead Swim Club and my family and I understand the rules and agree to abide by them.

Signature: _____

**Please return form and a check for the membership to:
Ulmstead Swim Club, Inc., PO Box 15, Arnold, MD 21012**

All applications postmarked after March 16th will be assessed a \$50 late fee to be paid prior to membership processing (admission to pool or participation in swim team). *Please do not drop membership forms at my house. They must go through the P.O. Box to reach the Treasurer before the Membership Chair. Any questions you have you can contact me at 410-353-5137 or gattiefamily6@gmail.com. ~ Lisa Gattie, Membership Chair

Ulmstead Swim Club, Inc. - Resident Membership Form 2020

Check one: Family (\$575) Empty Nester (\$340) Individual (\$235)

⇒ **PLEASE REFER TO INVOICE FOR DESCRIPTION OF MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS**

Family Information:

Family **LAST** name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please check if swim team members

Adult Names: _____

Children's Names:	Date of Birth	Grade Entering in Fall
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**** CHILDREN entering 6th grade (and older) as of September 2020 AND HAVING PASSED THE SWIM TEST AS REQUIRED BY THESE RULES AND DRD LIFEGUARDS MAY BE AT THE POOL WITHOUT A GUARDIAN.**

****POOL MEMBERS entering 8th grade (and older) as of September 2020 MAY HAVE A GUEST AT THE POOL WITHOUT A PARENT OR GUARDIAN AS LONG AS THE GUEST IS ALSO ENTERING 8TH GRADE.**

**** Pool Members must be present at all times when they have guests at the pool.**

**** Childcare providers may only be at the pool when providing care for children of Ulmstead Pool members.**

Emergency Information:

In the event of an emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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UCI OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS

www.ulmstead.org

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

UCI Board of Directors <i>and liaison roles</i>	Vincent Hardick – President, Nautical Irene Godoy – Membership, Social Evan Hays – Tennis, Ball Fields Scott Shepard – Equestrian, Barn Recreation Rooms Don Kiewitt – Beach Jon Lane – Security, Pool
Executive Vice President	<i>Vacant</i>
Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>
Treasurer	Bert Kelly
Assistant Treasurer	Jim Quigley

DEPARTMENTS & ACTIVITIES

Ball Field	Bob Svehlak
Barn Recreation Rooms	
Manager	Nicole Roberts
Maintenance	Bryan Murray
Beach & Shore	
Reservations	Ginny Vernick
Maintenance	Pat Shay
Equestrian	<i>Vacant</i>
Nautical	Bill Zichos
Scenic Control	<i>Vacant</i>
Beautification	Michelle Mahan
Security	JP Rue
Social	
Senior Activities	B. Myers, P. Konrad
Adult/Family Events	
Spring into Summer	Membership Dept
July 4th Parade & Picnic	Jessica Lane/Mike Duvall
Dock Party	Jessica Lane/Denise Zucco
Fishing Tournament	Richard Harrison
Ladies Wine & Cheese	Gillian Duvall
Fall Camp-out	Vincent Hardick
Guy's Beer & Brats	Scott Glubke
Wings, Chili, Homebrew	Chris Brett
Children	
Weekly Playgroup	Anne Lynch
Spring Party	<i>Vacant</i>
Autumn Party	Trish Brett
Christmas	Kathy Vavrina
Tennis	Stephanie Freeman
Maintenance	Mark Overton
Membership	Kathy Pruissen
Bumper Stickers	Lynne Andrews
Welcoming	Sherry Sherwood, Mary Jo Powers, Ann Albrecht, Tracy Seybert
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INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATIONS

ULMSTEAD SWIM CLUB

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

President	Mike Duvall
Vice President	Sharman Devaney
Secretary	Tracy Seybert
Membership	Lisa Gattie
Treasurer	Jenny Hardgrave
Maintenance	Mark Dupcak
Social	Corey Green & Trish Brett
Member at Large	Kerri Sodero
UCI Board Liaison	Jon Lane
Swim Team Liaison	Suzanne Vaaler

SWIM CLUB QUICK LINKS

pool@ulmstead.org

SWIM TEAM

www.UlmsteadSwimTeam.org

Directors	Lori Salamandra & Kerri Sodero
Merchandise	Denise Zucco
Concessions	Julie Brick & Courtney Dupcak
GASL League Rep	Jerilyn Deitch
Meet Manager (IT)	Liz Norton
Treasurer	Rob Wallace
Team Webmaster	Hannah Goldstein
Volunteers Coord	Alli Smith
Head Coach	Colleen Winans
Assistant Coaches	Haley Winans / Jared Reilly
Special Events	Michelle Mahan

BOY SCOUT TROOP 835

Scoutmaster Mike Allen

EMAIL QUICK LINKS

Board@ulmstead.org	Treasurer@ulmstead.org	Barn@ulmstead.org	News@ulmstead.org
President@ulmstead.org	Security@ulmstead.org	Social@ulmstead.org	Weathervane@ulmstead.org
Secretary@ulmstead.org	DockMaster@ulmstead.org	Membership@ulmstead.org	Tennis@ulmstead.org

Ulmstead Calendar – February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 UCI Board Meeting 6:30 PM	6 Scouts 7-8PM @ Gloria Dei Church	7	8 Scouts- Broadneck Peninsula Troops- Mini Merit Badge Madness
9	10	11	12	13 Scouts 7-8PM @ Gloria Dei Church	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Scouts 7-8PM @ Gloria Dei Church	21 Ladies Wine & Cheese 7:30 938 Lynch Dr Scouts- Camp Henson	22 Scouts- Camp Henson
23 Scouts- Camp Henson	24	25	26	27 Scouts 7-8PM @ Gloria Dei Church	28	29 UCI Annual Meeting 11:30 AM Gloria Dei Church
Reminders: UCI Board meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30PM. Email: board@ulmstead.org The deadline for the March Weathervane is February 21th . Email: weathervane@ulmstead.org						