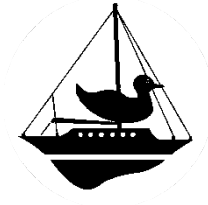


THE ULMSTEAD

Weatherwane



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December 2023

From the President

I hope everyone had a GREAT Thanksgiving and was able to take some time to relax and reconnect with family and friends. A big thanks to the Anglins, who organized an impromptu neighborhood Turkey Trot and the Duvalls, who organized an off-the-cuff football game. Both were well attended and hopefully will become more shining jewels in the Ulmstead Crown!

Thanks a million to those who attended the Budget Meeting this year. As always, there was a spirited and lively discussion. The budget was approved with one minor amendment proposed by Mike Sawyer. If you missed last month's Weatherwane and would like to see the details, the 2024 Budget is available on the UCI website behind the firewall.

After two distinguished terms as treasurer, Renee Kelly retired from that role. Our Interim Treasurer, Lois Findlay, was vital in the preparation of the 2024 budget. Sadly, the operative word in Lois's title is *Interim*, and her tenure will end in early 2024. A job description for the UCI Treasurer is enclosed herein (See the "Volunteers Needed" section below). Please take a look, and if interested reach out to Lois (treasurer@ulmstead.org) or me (president@ulmstead.org) to discuss. Lois has developed some excellent financial management policies and procedures and will serve as Assistant Treasurer to ensure a smooth transition in this role. This is a tough job, and we owe a big thanks to Renee and Lois for serving.

In the run up to Thanksgiving, I spent a lot of time in the car with the Tinos, ran A LOT of errands with the Tinos, and heard A LOT about Christmas wish lists. My immediate response to hearing holiday songs, seeing light displays, or hearing wish lists was "Bah Humbug, too soon!!" However, Ulmstead's resident philosopher, Brad Kelly, has set me straight, and you may consider me totally reformed. We are leaning into Christmas early and hard this year in the Dino Household. Do you find yourself not quite ready for the holidays yet? Several upcoming events may help. See inside for details on the Ulmstead Tree Lighting and Boat Parade on December 2, and then get ready to light up the neighborhood with the Holiday Luminaries. Don't forget about the Santa Run, and this year the kiddos even have an opportunity to send letters to Santa and get a response back, as one of our fellow Ulmsteaders has an in with the big guy! Keep reading for more details!

In other news, the UCI General Membership meeting will be held in February. Please keep an eye on your email for details. At this meeting, we will hear about specific capital projects, department updates, and other important issues for UCI. We will also be electing two new Board members, so in-person attendance is strongly encouraged. If you have an interest in serving on the UCI Board, please email board@ulmstead.org to express your interest. Finally, the Thompson Family has reached out to the Board regarding their membership in UCI. Please see the “Membership” section for details and reach out to Board@ulmstead.org with any questions.

Have a great holiday season, see you around, and remember...
IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE AN ULMSTEADER!

Dino Lynch
president@ulmstead.org

UCI DEPARTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

THE BARN

Stay tuned: The latest Barn update will be coming soon!

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please reach out to Bryan Murray at (443) 506-9529 or via email at bryanmurray21@gmail.com.

**Ulmstead has many wonderful holiday and social events
throughout the month of December.
See below for all the details!**

DECEMBER 2: ULMSTEAD HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING & BOAT PARADE

Annual UCI Tree Lighting

Join us at 5 p.m. at the Beach Park to sing carols, light the tree, and watch the boat parade (details below). We'll have hot chocolate and candy canes for the kids, a band to lead carols, and more boats in the parade than ever before.

This is a UCI event you won't want to miss! This year we are asking that you bring a new, unwrapped toy to put under the tree for the 20th Annual Annapolis Santa Run. This is not required but is highly encouraged!

Here's the estimated flow of events for the 2nd:

- 5:00 p.m.--Come to the Beach Park for cocoa and caroling.
- 5:45 p.m.--Countdown and lighting of the Ulmstead Holiday Tree
- 5:55 p.m.--Boats will depart from Dock 1 and sail out of Forked Creek, past Dock 2, and around Ulmstead Point. They will turn around at Bayberry Beach and, running the same route back, will then return to Forked Creek. Boats should arrive at the Beach Park around 6:10 p.m.

THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF DECEMBER: Santa's Mailbox

Imagine the joy in a child's heart as they carefully pen their wishes to Santa, their eyes sparkling with excitement. The magic of the holiday season can be preserved in a charming tradition—a Santa letter mailbox, nestled at the blue house with the pink door on White Swan Drive, near the pool entrance. Throughout the month of December, it awaits the dreams and hopes of our neighborhood's children. Each letter is a wish, a beacon of hope, a connection to the North Pole. Santa, with his twinkling eyes and warm heart, will answer these letters, bringing enchantment to our community. Don't forget to include your address on the envelope, for Santa's reply will be delivered with love. It's not just a mailbox; it's a gateway to enchantment and a timeless bond with the spirit of Christmas.

DECEMBER 10: SANTA RUN

Santa will arrive at the Ulmstead Barn on a fire truck with lights flashing and sirens blowing Dec. 10 about 6:30. Bring an **unwrapped** toy for a boy or girl to donate. Ulmstead's Scout Troop 835 will provide hot chocolate and donuts.

DECEMBER 24: HOLIDAY LUMINARY LIGHTING & FOOD DRIVE

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 by **12/17**. Each package will contain supplies & directions to prepare your luminaries.

You will need to provide a canned good to anchor your bag, top it with the enclosed candle, and display on **12/24**.

If you are unable to light your prepared luminaries, please reach out to a neighbor and ask for help.

Please consolidate your **UNEXPIRED** canned goods and leave them at the end of your driveway for pickup by Wednesday morning, **12/27**.

Wondering what to types of canned goods to include? Here are a few suggestions: ready to eat stews/soups, beans, tuna fish, fruit cups, and peanut butter in plastic containers (avoid glass). Thank you for participating in this long-standing community tradition!



An Ulmstead Holiday 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!"



In Memoriam

RAY MITCHELL
1937-2023

In October, Ulmstead lost one of its original owners. Born in North Carolina, Ray Mitchell moved to Arnold in 1975, with his wife Libby and their children Dee, Ray Jr., and Michael. Ray loved riding his bicycle through the neighborhood and getting to know the neighbors. He also enjoyed helping build the stalls at the barn, so Dee could keep her horse there. In 1996, Libby died after dealing with heart and related medical problems. They were married for thirty-five years.

Ray was fond of telling the story of how he wanted a cowboy outfit at the age of eight but got a camera instead. The rest is history. He took pictures all through his school years, and many are still displayed at his high school reunions. After college, he joined Delmar Studios, a company that specialized in school pictures and yearbooks. His territory covered schools in Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia.

After forty-two years, Ray sold the company. After resting for a year, he started a new business taking high school, college, and Naval Academy reunion pictures. He retired a second time and enjoyed tending his flowers and sitting on the deck watching the birds. He is survived by his wife Kay, his children, and five grandchildren.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE: Ladies Wine & Cheese



Thursday, February 29

MEMBERSHIP

The UCI Board wanted to bring to your attention a situation that is unfolding in our community. As many of you remember, Ashley Thompson and UCI settled a lawsuit regarding the subdivision of his property and the construction of his home on the subdivided property. Unresolved in the settlement of this lawsuit is whether the Thompsons would be able to seek membership in UCI at a future date. Mr. Thompson approached the UCI Board in the Fall of 2022 regarding his membership in UCI and the UCI Board developed a policy whereby the Thompsons could be admitted to UCI and the community approved that policy at the general meeting in February of 2023. Mr. Thompson is now challenging that policy through a letter from his attorney. The UCI Board has retained counsel to advise us in this matter. As a Board, we are bound by the By-Laws of the community, and we want to be completely transparent with the community. Please be on the lookout for a Constant Contact that will provide a detailed update on this ongoing matter, along with a detailed report of our consultations with our attorney. Our goal is to resolve this issue as efficiently as possible and with as much community input as possible. Please contact the UCI Board (board@ulmstead.org) if you have further questions, comments, or concerns regarding this matter and we will provide updates, as warranted. We have formed a committee to consider this matter, please be in touch if you would like to be a member of that committee.



New UCI Treasurer For 2024 and Beyond!

If you have accounting or finance experience, UCI wants you! We are in search of a new Treasurer to take over as of March 2024. The role is currently being covered by former UCI Treasurer Lois Findlay on an interim basis. She has offered to serve as Assistant Treasurer to support and serve as backup for the new volunteer.

The new Treasurer will receive training, a smooth transition period, and a Board-approved set of financial management policies and procedures. While UCI has a paid bookkeeper/CPA for dues billing, payables, accounting, and taxes, the volunteer Treasurer serves a very important function as a conduit between the bookkeeper, the Board, and membership! Contact Dino Lynch president@ulmstead.org or Lois Findlay treasurer@ulmstead.org for more information.

Please see the “UCI Officers and Volunteers” page below to learn about additional openings and ways that you can become more active in our neighborhood!

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.

UCI OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS

www.ulmstead.org

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

UCI Board of Directors and liaison roles

Colin 'Dino' Lynch-- President, Security
Alli Smith -- Vice President, Barn/Social
Marina Anglim -- Tennis
Ginny Vernick -- Beach
Evan Patrick -- Membership/Pool
Julie Scully -- Scenic/Nautical
Amanda McFall -- Secretary
Lois Findlay -- Treasurer
Vacant -- Assistant Treasurer

DEPARTMENTS & ACTIVITIES

Barn Department
Maintenance
Reservations
Chris Baron
Vacant
Kathie Cosgrove
Elizabeth Manicchia

Beach & Shore Department
Reservations
Ginny Vernick

Nautical Department
Dock Party
Bill Zichos
Jessica Lane

Scenic Department
Ball Field
Beach. & Shore
Julie Scully
Vacant
Joe Gallagher
Stu McFall
Vacant

Beautification
Vacant

Security Department
Vacant

Tennis Department
Maintenance
Stephanie Pagoota
Mark Overton

Social Activities Department
Senior Activities
Adult/Family Events
Spring into Summer
July 4th Parade & Picnic
Fishing Tournament
Ladies' Wine & Cheese
Fall Camp-out
Guy's Beer & Brats
Wings, Chili, Homebrew
Children
Weekly Playgroup
Spring Party
Autumn Party
Christmas
Alli Smith
B. Meyers, P. Konrad
Membership Dept.
Vacant
Richard Harrison
Gillian Duvall
Rob Hooper
Scott Glubke
Chris Brett
Anne Lynch
Vacant
Trish Brett
Vacant

Membership Department
Bumper Stickers
Welcoming
Webmaster
Community Emails
Weathervane Editor
Weathervane Distribution
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Lynne Andrews
Ashlee Mitchell &
Ann Albrecht &
Tracy Seybert
EG Gipple
Mandy Panetta
Donna Kinlaw
Mike Allen (manager) &
S. Allen, August &
Blumberg/Collier, Cooley &
Daly, Davis, Delany &
Deller, Fierstein, Wildt
McCoun, McKees, Weiss

INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Ulmstead Swim Club <https://ulmsteadswimclub.com>

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	Evan Patrick
Swim Team Liaison	Lori Salamandra

Swim Club Quick Links pool@ulmstead.org

Swim Team

www.UlmsteadSwimTeam.org

Director	Karin Mottus
Assistant Directors	
Communications	Tanya Schwartz
Year End Event	Ime Lewis
Merchandise	Lindsay Blades
Concessions	Trish Brett
GASL League Rep	Jen Womble
Meet Manager (IT)	Liz Norton
Finance	Christie Mayr
Team Webmaster	Hannah Goldstein
Volunteer Coordinators	Shubhangi Thompson & Cory Cosgrove
Head Coach	Colleen Winans
Assistant Coaches	Trevor Brinton
Special Events	Jaime Johns & Lindsey O'Dea

Boy Scout Troop 835

Scoutmaster	Mike Allen
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Ulmstead Calendar – December 2023

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31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>						

Reminders: No Weathervane for January. The deadline for the February Weathervane is January 25. Email: weathervane@ulmstead.org