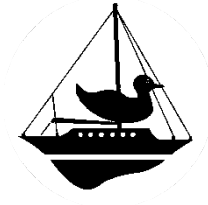


THE ULMSTEAD

Weatherwane



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March 2024

From the President

Greetings UCI Membership,

A word of thanks to everyone who participated in the General Meeting held on February 24.

Attendance was high, and the proxy count reflected the desire of those members who could not attend. This is how our membership comes together to handle issues that we have before us. We are also thankful for the impressive work of the UCI board members, present and past, as well as the UCI community volunteers who advocate for us all. It is truly a great thing to see, and Andy and I are extremely grateful to all involved.

Welcome to new Board members Kevin Cooley and Michele Cohello! Thank you for your willingness to join us. Looking forward to working with you both!

Here is a quick recap of our accomplishments at the meeting. All departments presented an update and new plans for the coming year. There are many fun events planned, so mark your calendars and join your neighbors for some community fun.

After a meaningful discussion, the members voted to offer the Thompson family membership for their property at an agreed upon amount to be paid in full immediately. We believe that our efforts to inform the membership ahead of the vote and allowing time for discussion allowed us to reach a resolution on an issue that had been before the board for two years. Thank you for your participation.

If you were in attendance, you also witnessed the discussion and controversy over allowing winter boat storage to continue on UCI property. Clearly, the membership needs more time and discussion before a path forward can be achieved. There are strong opinions on both sides of the issue, and the Board will discuss how to disseminate information to the membership and work towards a solution for the next season.

There are many volunteer positions open, and we would welcome any and all new volunteers. Please contact a board member to get involved. If you have an accounting background and are interested in taking on the treasurer's position, please let us know. As much as we would like to keep Lois Finlay, she is only volunteering on an interim basis. I know she is happy to provide training and will be around for a transitional period. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

As we approach Spring we expect many community walkers, runners, bike riders, skateboarders, and strollers out on the streets of Ulmstead. Let's keep them safe and make room for them.

And finally, practice random acts of kindness each day and remember that every day is an opportunity to be a great neighbor!

Ginny Vernick
president@ulmstead.org

UCI DEPARTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

THE BARN

Hello UCI!

I would like to personally thank everyone who came out to the Barn Concept meeting. We had a great turn out! I would also like to thank everyone who took the time to take the survey after that meeting to give us your feedback. It was clear from the survey and the annual meeting that we are headed down the right path. The presentation and survey results can be found on the website in the members portal under the Barn section.

As discussed in the annual meeting, our next steps are as follows:

- The architectural firm MKDA will provide the concept layout to the Atwell Group (the civil engineering group) so they can begin the traffic/parking study;
- MKDA will move from the schematic design phase to design development of the barn layout; and
- Atwell Group will begin their process of looking into what variance and modification requirements we will have to go through with the county.

According to the Atwell Group, their process can take anywhere from 12-18 months depending on a variety of factors.

We will update everyone as we progress through their requirements. During that time, the Barn Committee will continue to work with our contractors and will also be looking into some different fundraising opportunities, for example the brick campaign, as we discussed in our meetings.

As always please reach out to me if you have any questions!

Bryan Murray

NAUTICAL

Slip Selection is scheduled for Saturday March 9, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in the Barn parking lot. Nautical and UCI Membership will verify eligibility to select a boat slip beginning at 9 a.m.

The 2024 Slip Selection Package is now available in the Nautical section of the “Members Only” page on the Ulmstead Estates website. This Slip Selection Package contains Nautical Department Rules, Slip Selection and Proxy forms, fees, diagrams of the docks, and the Nautical Priority List. Please review this document carefully.

Any questions regarding Nautical Priority or eligibility to select a slip should be addressed to Bill Zichos at dockmaster@ulmstead.org prior to March 1, 2024.

Small boat (kayaks, canoes, paddleboard, etc.) and boat ramp stickers will also be available at this time.

SWIM TEAM

Swim Team Registration opens on April 1

We are so excited to kick off planning for another fun and successful season of the Ulmstead Ducks Swim Team! We are thrilled to welcome back our Co-Head Coaches – Trevor Brinton and Colleen Winans. Ulmstead is fortunate to have both the Severna Park and Broadneck High School swim coaches!

We are very grateful to our returning gold sponsors – The Orthopedic Specialty Hospital at Mercy and JP Rue and the Donut Shack - and bronze sponsor Reinheimer Orthodontics! **We are looking for additional sponsors.** Do you have a business you want to promote or a good connection with a local business that may want to be a sponsor? If so, email Karin Mottus at director@ulmsteadswimteam.org.



THINGS TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE YOU REGISTER:

- **Meets.** There will be 5 swim meets on Saturday mornings. We don't yet know which will be home vs. away but will provide this as soon as we have it. We will be competing against Admiral Heights, South Down, Downs, and Walden. The meets will be on the following dates:
 - June 15
 - June 22
 - June 29
 - July 6
 - July 13
- Kids must swim in 2 of the 5 meets to qualify for a medal meet. All kids who swim in at least 2 meets will at least qualify for the bronze meet.
- Medal Meet dates: Bronze—July 17; Silver – July 20; Gold – July 21.

Please hold the afternoon of Sunday, July 21 for the end of season party.

- **Practices.** See the practice schedule at the end. Practices are after school from Tuesday, May 28 - Thursday, June 13. Morning practices go from June 19 - July 19.
- **Swimming Requirements.** Swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool; this is a friendly-competitive team NOT swim lessons (although your child's swimming stroke improvement is one of the goals of our coaches). If they cannot swim the length or your swimmer needs more help – YOU HAVE TIME – get them involved in lessons **NOW** (check out the YMCA and the Severna Park Community Center).
- **Calling all High Schoolers!** Do you have a high schooler who would be interested in swimming? We need more high schoolers to be able to compete against other teams (we can't get points for races if we don't have swimmers). For the first time this year, high schoolers ages 15-18 who are not members of the Ulmstead Swim Club can join swim team at NO extra cost (they still have to pay the swim team registration fee). They can only use the pool for swim team purposes. **Parents of these high schoolers are exempt from volunteering if desired.**
- **Parent Volunteers Make the Season Successful!** It takes an Ulmstead village to make swim team fun and successful for our kids! Our network of parents keeps the team organized and allows our meets to run smoothly. Each family is expected to fulfill their required volunteer assignments. You select your volunteer positions when you register for swim team for the meets you plan to attend – it is first come, first pick. **Please only sign up for volunteer positions you are willing and able to do! If you sign up for a position and then can no longer do it, it's your responsibility to find a replacement.**

See the job descriptions on the website under PARENTS – VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTIONS. The number of volunteer assignment requirements will depend on how many families register but will likely be for 2 full meets or an equivalent time frame depending on your assignment. Additional volunteers will be solicited for medal meets.

- **Swimsuits.** Kids may wear Ulmstead swim team swimsuits from last year or purchase a new one. We will have a swimsuit try-on in mid-May.
- **New to swim team?** We know it can seem a little overwhelming at first, but we've all been there and can tell you about what to expect. If you have questions, email Karin Mottus at director@ulmsteadswimteam.org.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

- Registration opens **April 1, 2024**. Please register, pay, and sign up for volunteer positions on our website: www.ulmsteadswimteam.org
- Register by **May 1, 2024** to get a personalized swim cap and t-shirt
- After **May 15, 2024**, a late fee of \$50 will be charged per family
- You must be an Ulmstead Swim Club/Pool member to register (unless you are ages 15-18). Pool membership registration began in March.
- The registration fee will be \$150 per swimmer. If you have more than one swimmer, the registration will be \$140 per swimmer. Registration fees cover swimmers' AAU insurance fees, facility maintenance, various other swim team-related expenses, and Medal Meet league fees.

Please contact Karin Mottus with any questions at director@ulmsteadswimteam.org

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

The weekday practice schedule while school is in session starts Tuesday, May 28 after school. Regular season practice will start on Monday, June 17. No practice on Friday, June 14 due to the end of school year pool party.

Age Group	Practice Time May 28 - June 13	Practice Time June 17 - July 19
6 and under	4:00 - 4:30 pm	8:45 - 9:15 am
7 - 8	4:30 - 5:00 pm	8:00 - 8:45 am
9-10	5:00 - 5:45 pm	7:15 - 8:00 am 10:00 - 10:45 am (if can't make the earlier time)
11-12	5:00 - 5:45 pm	9:15 am - 12:00 pm
13 and older	5:45 - 6:30 pm	10:00 - 10:45 am
15 and older dedicated lane and workout		Anytime between 7:15 - 10:45 am

Thank you to the Swim Team Committee for volunteering to make this season a success!

Director: Karin Mottus

Coaches: Colleen Winans, Trevor Brinton

GASL Rep: Jenn Womble

IT: Liz Norton

Assistant Director, Communications: Tanya Schwartz

Webmaster: Hannah Goldstein

Treasurer: Christie Mayr

Merchandise: Lindsey Blades, Stephanie Walsh

Volunteer Committee: Shubhangi Thompson, Molly Wood, Cory Cosgrove

Concessions: Maureen Coehlo

Special Events: Lindsay O'Dea, Jaime John

THE COURTS

Court Club Updates and Membership Information

With Spring just around the corner, the Court Club committee is hard at work putting on finishing touches following the renovation. A new practice board will be installed in the next two weeks, and new wind screens will be arriving shortly thereafter. We are working on ordering shade awnings and additional seating to enhance the player (and spectator) experience even more.

We will also be doing minor repairs as the weather gets warmer, including fixing cracks (which is expected following new overlay installation) and closing the fence gaps to prevent loose balls from leaving the courts. We will be asking for help in getting some of this work done in the coming weeks, so stay tuned for more information on how you can help.

The annual membership cycle for the Court Club runs May 1-April 30, so we will begin collecting dues for the 2024/25 season soon. We are shifting to a digital payment platform, so be on the lookout for emails from UCI Digital News and The Court Club with more information. UCI members that are in good standing can join the Court Club for \$225 when paid before May 1, with a \$25 late fee assessed after that. Membership covers all household members that reside in your UCI address.

Each membership comes with access to CourtReserve, an online reservation system to ensure you will have a court to play on at the time/day you want to play. If, after making a reservation, your plans change, please be courteous and remove your reservation. Basic reservation rules apply: A member can only reserve one court at a time. If a member invites non-Ulmstead guests to the courts, the member must be present with their guests the entire time.

If you need assistance with logging on to CourtReserve or navigating the system, please contact Marina Anglim @marinaanglim@gmail.com or Julie Grignon at djgrignon@gmail.com or 410-279-6479.

SOCIAL

Ladies' Wine & Cheese
New Date: March 14, 2024
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Light fare & wine



Please RSVP by March 11: membership@ulmstead.org

See printed Weathervane for more details.

(Please, no heels--original flooring. Your feet and host thank you!)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

2024 Directory - please submit any updates by 3/15 - membership@ulmstead.org

Car stickers - If you are in need of a UCI car sticker send request with your name/address/car make, model & tag number to membership@ulmstead.org

Register for access to the Ulmstead website at ulmstead.org



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 <i>and liaison roles</i>	Ginny Vernick	-- President, Security
	Alli Smith	-- Vice President, Barn/Social
	Marina Anglim	-- Tennis
	Ginny Vernick	-- Beach
		-- Membership/Pool
	Julie Scully	-- Scenic
		--Nautical
	Amanda McFall	-- Secretary
	Lois Findlay	-- Treasurer
	Vacant	-- Assistant Treasurer

DEPARTMENTS & ACTIVITIES

Barn Department	Chris Baron
Maintenance	Vacant
Reservations	Kathie Cosgrove
	Elizabeth Manicchia
Beach & Shore Department	
Reservations	Ginny Vernick
Nautical Department	Bill Zichos
Dock Party	Jessica Lane
Scenic Department	Julie Scully
Ball Field	Vacant
Beach. & Shore	Joe Gallagher
	Stu McFall
Beautification	Vacant
Security Department	Vacant
Tennis Department	Stephanie Pagoota
Maintenance	Mark Overton
Social Activities Department	Alli Smith
Senior Activities	B. Meyers, P. Konrad
Adult/Family Events	
Spring into Summer	Membership Dept.
July 4 th Parade & Picnic	Vacant
Fishing Tournament	Richard Harrison
Ladies' Wine & Cheese	Gillian Duvall
Fall Camp-out	Rob Hooper
Guy's Beer & Brats	Scott Glubke
Wings, Chili, Homebrew	Chris Brett
Children	
Weekly Playgroup	Anne Lynch
Spring Party	Vacant
Autumn Party	Trish Brett
Christmas	Vacant
Membership Department	Kathy Pruissen
Bumper Stickers	Lynne Andrews
Welcoming	Ashlee Mitchell & Ann Albrecht & Tracy Seybert
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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


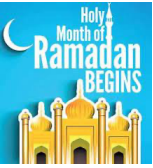

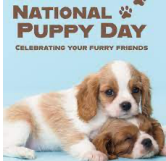
Boy Scout Troop 835

Scoutmaster	Mike Allen
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EMAILS AND QUICK LINKS

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Secretary@ulmstead.org	DockMaster@ulmstead.org	Social@ulmstead.org	Tennis@ulmstead.org

Ulmstead Calendar – March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2  Read Across America Day
3	4	5	6 Ulmstead Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7	8 	9
10 	11	12	13	14 <i>Ladies' Wine & Cheese</i>	15	16
17	18	19 	20	21	22	23 
24	25	26	27	28	29 	30
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Reminders: The deadline for the April Weathervane is March 25. Email: weathervane@ulmstead.org