# The Ulmstead Weathervane

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# From the President

As I drive through the streets of Ulmstead, I find myself constantly waving to my neighbors and wishing I had time to stop and chat. Recently, while attending a gathering, I had that chance. Andy and I had the opportunity to reconnect with some of our UCI neighbors. It was nice to catch up with them and hear about how their children, who are close in age to our own kids, are doing.

What struck me most about our conversation was hearing about what the parents are doing now that the child-raising years are behind them. I learned that they are dedicated to proceeding with careers that help children and adults in education and counseling. I thought about how lucky these children are to have a teacher/counselor that cares about them and that helps them through rough patches that are inevitably a part of life. They are truly unsung heroes, and our conversation has stayed with me over the weeks since that gathering.

My work on the UCI Board has given me opportunities to witness so many unsung heroes right here in Ulmstead. Members and volunteers work hard to make a difference not only in the community but in the world. It warms my heart and inspires me. I am proud to know these individuals, and their examples act as a reminder to make a difference in the world, big or small. I feel lucky to have been invited to the gathering and luckier to have reconnected with these community members. But more than that, I feel blessed to live in a community of so many people who work hard to make Ulmstead and the world a better place.

Speaking of what makes Ulmstead such a special place, please keep reading for more details on new community members, updates on the docks, the barn, and the courts, as well as the Spring into Summer Party.

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**

# **NAUTICAL**

As the temperatures warm, more activities in Ulmstead move to our wonderful waterfront facilities. It is important to remind everyone that swimming and diving are not allowed at any of our three marinas. Large areas of our piers are over shallow water and diving could result in serious injury. Swimmers around marinas are also at risk of being struck by moving boats. Additionally, any marina or boat can potentially discharge electricity into the surrounding waters. This electricity can cause unconsciousness and drowning. Please make sure that all of our kids understand these dangers and avoid swimming around our marinas.

We presently have 7 boat slips available at Dock 2. There are also several open spots on the mooring wire and floating dock for small boats and dinghies.

Nautical maintains racks at Docks 1, 2 and 3 for storing kayaks, SUPs, and other small boats. These racks have space for approximately 180 small boats, which are available on a first come basis. All small watercraft using these facilities must display a current Nautical sticker. These stickers are available for \$5.

The boat launching ramp at Dock 1 is available to all Nautical members for an annual fee of \$50 per household. All trailers using the ramp or other Nautical facility must display a current Nautical sticker. Contact Bill Zichos at Dockmaster@ulmstead.org for information on boat slips, small boat storage, and the boat ramp.

Bill Zichos



# Ulmstead Recreational/Community Center "THE BARN"

#### Hello UCI!

I wanted to take a moment and update you on our progress with the Ulmstead Recreational/Community Center aka "The Barn."

I am sure you are wondering why I'm calling "The Barn" the Ulmstead Recreational/Community Center, but it is with good reason. The first step in our parking study is defining "use," and we are working with Atwell Group to make sure we capture the appropriate balance of how the property is used. As we reviewed the day-to-day use of the space, we found that we are primarily using it for recreational use by way of the Court Club and ball fields. Once the new facility is built, we expect our clubroom to further support those activities. The facility will also support community events and act as a center of that activity, but hosted or special events are not likely to be an everyday occurrence. We want the name to reflect its use similar to when it was "The Barn" and actually functioned as one. We can still call it "The Barn" but, for the purpose of the county, it is the "Ulmstead Recreation/Community Center."

We are also beginning the administrative process with the county, and Atwell Group has recommended a few Land Use attorneys that will guide us through that process. These attorneys will help us understand the requirements and file the appropriate paperwork for any variance and/or modifications that might be required. We have been advised that this process takes typically 3-4 months. All the firms we have talked to regularly work with the county, Atwell Group, and have many years of experience in this area.

MKDA is getting ready to start the design development process in the next few weeks. We have been holding off on this, so we can better sync our timelines with the civil engineers. Once they get up and running on design development, we expect that process to take about 6-8 weeks.

Once we kick off these next steps, this project will really come to life! We will have many updates over the next month, so please stay tuned. As always, feel free to reach out to me at any time if you have questions.

See you all around the neighborhood!

Bryan Murray 443-506-9529

#### THE COURTS

Spring is here, and this is the perfect time to join the Ulmstead Court Club! The new wind screens and practice backboard are up and look great! We are also ordering some additional seating and shade solutions, and finishing up another round of crack and fence repair.

It is also important to know that we are moving away from a key system to a passcode lock system soon. This is to help avoid hefty key replacement fees and to allow for timely access for new members.

Please do NOT share the lock code with anyone who is not an Ulmstead member. And don't forget, if you are a UCI resident and NOT a Court Club member, you cannot use the courts (or be a guest of a member using the courts). So please join and utilize this amazing amenity!

The annual membership fee is \$225 for families and individuals. This gets you and those living in your household full access to the courts and usage of Court Reserve, our online court reservation system. We strongly encourage you to reserve court time as those who do will receive priority.

We are now using the Court Reserve System for not only reserving a court, but also to pay your annual membership (we will no longer accept checks). We are experiencing a few hiccups with returning players setting up their new memberships, so please reach out to <a href="mailto:tennis@ulmstead.org">tennis@ulmstead.org</a> if you have any issues! All information and tutorials on how to set up your membership are on the <a href="Ulmstead.com">Ulmstead.com</a> website on the "Court Club" page.

The annual membership dues cover your family membership from May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025. There is no late fee, but we do not prorate the annual court membership amount. If you join later than May 1, your membership is the same price, and it still needs to be renewed by April 31 of next year.

We hope to see you all on the courts!

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# ULMSTEAD SWIM CLUB

OPENING DAY AT THE POOL SATURDAY, MAY 25 12:00 P.M.

Plans for the adults-only Spring into Summer Party are under way! Keep reading for more details!

#### **SWIM TEAM**

We are so excited to kick off 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.

#### **SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Things think about before you register:

- **Meets.** There will be 5 swim meets on Saturday mornings.
  - o June 15: Home vs. Evergreen
  - o June 22: Away vs. Southdown Swim Team
  - o June 29: Away vs. Walden
  - o July 6: Ulmstead only—intersquad
  - o July 13: Home vs. Downs Devilrays
- <u>Kids must swim in 2 of the 5 meets to qualify for a medal meet</u>. 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 swimming stroke improvement is one of the goals of our coaches). If they cannot swim the length or your swimmer needs more help, 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.

Stroke and Turn/Starter Update: We encourage parents who want to try something different to give Stroke and Turn Judge or Starter a try! While a short training is required, these are rewarding roles, and you are on deck to see your kiddo swim. If you swam competitively as an adult - in college, Masters Swimming or Ulmstead Triathlon, we need your help! Share your expertise with the Ducks this summer as a stroke and turn judge or starter.

<u>Teens for Hire:</u> We're creating a list of responsible high school or college-aged students who parents can hire to fill-in at a meet if they can't fulfill their job. If you know someone who is interested in being on that list, please provide contact info to Molly Wood at freitag02@yahoo.com. As a note, these substitutes can only cover roles that require minimal training - timer, backup/reserve timer, concessions, runner, bathroom stocker/floater, set up, or take down. All other roles require a swim team parent.

- **Swimsuits.** Kids may wear Ulmstead swim team swimsuits from last year or purchase a new one. We will have a swimsuit try-on May 30 from 5-7 p.m. at the pool.
- 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 <a href="mailto:director@ulmsteadswimteam.org">director@ulmsteadswimteam.org</a>.

#### **REGISTRATION DETAILS:**

- Register, pay, and sign up for volunteer positions at www.ulmsteadswimteam.org
- Register by May 1, 2024 to get a personalized swim cap and by May 15 to get a 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.

#### **PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

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	

No practice on Friday, June 14 due to the end of school year pool party.

# 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

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Assistant Director, Communications: Tanya Schwartz

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Volunteer Committee: Shubhangi Thompson, Molly Wood, Cory Cosgrove

Concessions: Maureen Coehlo

Special Events: Lindsay O'Dea, Jaime John



# **SOCIAL**



Spring into Summer Party Adults only! Friday, May 24, 2024 6-9 p.m.

Location: The Ulmstead Pool Music: Brandt Dunn of Mosaic Food: Hoopers Catering Beer, Wine, Water

NO RAIN DATE

RSVP DEADLINE - MONDAY, MAY 20 to membership@ulmstead.org

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# **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.



# **FOR SALE**

2019 Boston Whaler 160 Super Sport

75 Mercury 4 stroke

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Detailed and waxed yearly

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Upgraded dual fuel tank with quick release for easy removal and filling

Contact: leonardmiche@gmail.com or 703-282-939

#### 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

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#### **DEPARTMENTS & ACTIVITIES**

#### INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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Barn Department

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Spring into Summer Membership/G. Duvall

July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade & Picnic *Vacant* 

Fishing Tournament Richard Harrison
Ladies' Wine & Cheese Membership/G. Duvall

Fall Camp-out Rob Hooper Guy's Beer & Brats Scott Glubke Wings, Chili, Homebrew Chris Brett

Children

Weekly Playgroup Anne Lynch
Spring Party Amanda Barron
Autumn Party Amanda Barron
Christmas Vacant

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# Ulmstead Calendar – May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Ulmstead Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	2	3	4
5 CINCO DE MAYO	6	Teacher Appreciation Day Thank You!	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	* ARMED * FORCES *
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER & HONOR	28	29	30	31	

Reminders: The deadline for the June Weathervane is May 25. Email: weathervane@ulmstead.org