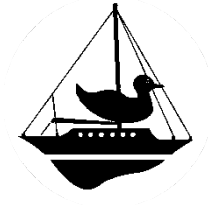


THE ULMSTEAD

# Weatherwane



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## *From the President*

Early on in the life of a child we, as parents, make sure our children say thank you for mostly everything given to them. It is a fundamental acknowledgement of the many blessings of life with the understanding that being grateful and appreciative is important. Expressing our thanks is our way of conveying to those around us that they matter and contribute to the overall wellbeing of man. The Thanksgiving holiday always reminds me to stop and remember this underlying tenet and brings me back to the meaning behind what has become my favorite holiday. Happy (belated) Thanksgiving, Ulmstead neighbors and friends!

On Saturday, November 23, the UCI membership passed the Board's recommended 2025 budget. As you can imagine, many hours and much work went into preparing and bringing this budget to the community. Each department had extensive input, and, prior to bringing the budget to the community, the board reached agreement with all department heads or their representatives. In spite of this, I have to say I was surprised at the number of nay votes in the absence of any real discussion or questions from many attending the meeting. As outgoing president, my only advice to the nay voters is please speak with the Board if you have any issues prior to the meeting. We are always available to answer questions and concerns. The Board is mindful of its role as stewards of the community and has the best interest of our members at heart always.

Soon, our community will begin preparations for Christmas. Decorations are already adorning the streets of Ulmstead, creating that festive holiday look. Don't forget the Magothy River Boat Parade, complete with Ulmstead tree lighting and goodies for all courtesy of your Ulmstead volunteers. Big thanks to Marina Anglim for once again bringing the holiday spirit and good cheer! Luminaries will be distributed over the next few weeks. Please keep reading for more information.

Please enjoy this time with your family and friends and, finally, practice random acts of kindness each day and remember that every day is an opportunity to be a great neighbor!

Ginny Vernick  
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# **ULMSTEAD HOLIDAY NEWS AND EVENTS**

## **Continuing an Ulmstead Tradition: Holiday Luminary Lighting**

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 Dec 20. Each package will contain supplies and directions on to prepare your luminaries.

You will only need to provide a canned good to anchor your bag, top with candle, and display.

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 place them at the end of your driveway for pickup on the morning of Friday, December 27.

The Lighthouse Shelter is very much in need of canned fruit and ready to eat stews and soups that come in cans with pop-tops.

Let’s all join in for this long-standing community tradition and help those in need!

**Let Ulmstead Shine on December 24!**



## *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!"



# SANTA TOY RUN

Santa will arrive on a firetruck with lights flashing and sirens blowing at Ulmstead Barn around 6:30 p.m. on Sunday Dec. 15.

Please bring an unwrapped present for a girl or boy to donate.

Ulmstead's Boy Scout Troop 835 will be providing donuts and hot chocolate.



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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.



## UCI OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS

[www.ulmstead.org](http://www.ulmstead.org)

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### UCI Board of Directors and liaison roles

Ginny Vernick	-- President, Beach
Alli Smith	-- Vice President, Barn
Julie Scully	-- Scenic/Tennis
Brian Tierney	-- Membership/Architecture/Security
Kevin Cooley	-- Nautical
Maureen Coelho	-- Pool/Social
Amanda McFall	-- Secretary
Carey Goryl	-- Treasurer
Lois Findlay	-- Assistant Treasurer

### DEPARTMENTS & ACTIVITIES

Barn Department	
Maintenance	Chris Barron
Reservations	Kathie Cosgrove
	Elizabeth Manicchia
Beach & Shore Department	
Reservations	Ginny Vernick
Nautical Department	Bill Zichos
Scenic Department	Julie Scully
Ball Field	<b>Vacant</b>
Beach & Shore	Joe Gallagher
	Stu McFall
Beautification	<b>Vacant</b>
Security Department	<b>Vacant</b>
Tennis Department	Marina Anglim
Maintenance	Mark Overton
Social Activities Department	<b>Vacant</b>
Senior Activities	
Adult/Family Events	
Spring into Summer	Membership/G. Duvall
July 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade & Picnic	<b>Vacant</b>
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	<b>Vacant</b>
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	M. Anglim
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Vice President	Sharman Devaney
Secretary	Emily Viguers
Membership	Anne Evans
Treasurer	
Maintenance	Mark Abruzzo
Social	Claire Donahue, J. Ruef
Members at Large	Matt Edmonds, Cory Coelho & Kelsi Molowa
UCI Board Liaison	Maureen Coelho
Swim Team Liaison	<b>Vacant</b>

#### Swim Club Contact Email [pool@ulmstead.org](mailto:pool@ulmstead.org)

#### Swim Team [www.UlmsteadSwimTeam.org](http://www.UlmsteadSwimTeam.org)

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Assistant Directors	
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Year End Event	Ime Lewis
Merchandise	Lindsay Blades
Concessions	Maureen Coelho
GASL League Rep	Jen Womble
Meet Manager (IT)	Liz Norton
Finance	Christie Mayr
Team Webmaster	Hannah Goldstein
Volunteer Coordinators	Molly Wood, Cory Cosgrove & Shubhangi Thompson
Head Coach	Colleen Winans
Assistant Coach	Trevor Brinton
Special Events	Jaime John
	Lindsey O'Dea

#### Boy Scout Troop 835

Scoutmaster	Mike Allen
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## Ulmstead Calendar – December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <i>Board Meeting</i>	5	6	7 <i>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</i>
8	9	10	11 	12	13 <i>National Guard's 388<sup>th</sup> Birthday</i>	14
15 <i>Santa Run The Barn 6:30 p.m.</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 <i>Luminaries</i>	25 <i>Merry Christmas Start of Hannukah</i>	26 <i>Happy Kwanza</i>	27 <i>Canned goods collection</i>	28
29 	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>				; 

**Reminders: No January Weathervane. The deadline for the February Weathervane is January 25. Email: [weathervane@ulmstead.org](mailto:weathervane@ulmstead.org)**