The Ulmstead Weathervane

Editor: Donna Kinlaw weathervane@ulmstead.org February 2025

From the President

Greetings Neighbors,

As I write this final email of my term, I am grateful for the community members I have worked alongside to advance our efforts and advocate for our community. They are the unsung heroes who dedicate themselves each week to ensuring we remain in good standing on many fronts. The takeaway here is that being a part of the community either through various committees or as a board member is a very worthwhile endeavor, and I highly recommend it.

The recent snow and seemingly unrelentless bitter cold has kept most of us indoors. One bright spot is the return of the Tundra swans to the Magothy River. They are truly stunning. Their graceful presence is a treat and reminds me of our neighbor Donna Houchin who, with her husband Dave, fed the swans and spread the news of their return for many years. By the way, don't forget to check on your neighbors who may be in need of assistance this time of year.

Next month, we will gather for the UCI General Meeting on Saturday, February 22. The meeting begins at 11:00 a.m. and will be held at St. Margaret's Church at 1601 Pleasant Plains Road. This will be a general update from the Board and departments heads. Also, new board members will be chosen. If you cannot attend, please give someone your proxy, so your voice can be heard.

I would like to thank you for your kind words of encouragement over the past year. I have appreciated the support and wish the next board good luck.

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

Kindly,

Ginny Vernick president@ulmstead.org

UCI DEPARTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

NAUTICAL

SLIP SELECTION

Slip Selection will be held Saturday, March 8 at the Barn. The start time is 9:30 a.m. The 2025 Slip Selection package will be emailed to members and will be available on the Ulmstead website 30 days prior to slip selection. Please review the package carefully as there will be several important changes for 2025.

DOCK 1 BULKHEAD AND DREGING PROJECTS

Despite frigid temperatures, high winds, record setting low tides, and a frozen Forked Creek and Magothy River, the replacement of the bulkhead along the Dock 1 shoreline and the dredging of the marina basin was accomplished on time and within budget by Heinsohn Contracting. The completion of this project adds significantly to the beauty of this Ulmstead asset and will protect this property for many years to come. The additional water depth will add another slip for small boats and will greatly improve the usefulness of three other slips on the inside of Dock 1. The floating pier will also float in deeper water and will not sit on the bottom as it frequently has in the past.

BOAT LAUNCH RAMP AND PIER REPAIRS

Tides and erosion had taken their toll on the boat ramp and pier over the years. Erosion had washed away the land at the beginning of the pier and the tides were removing the foundations of the boat ramp. The pier was extended back to the shoreline and large concrete blocks were placed to protect the ramp and prevent further erosion. In addition to these repairs, water and electric service will be improved to Dock 1 and will be extended to the boat ramp.

Bill Zichos

SOCIAL

Ladies' Wine and Cheese

Regrettably, the 2025 Ladies' Wine and Cheese has been canceled. The committee has faced logistical hurdles beyond our control, making it impossible to hold the event while UCI navigates the Barn renovation. We envision a 2026 Ladies' Wine and Cheese, most certainly. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to seeing everyone at May's Spring into Summer event!

THE COURTS

Attention Ulmstead Tennis and Pickleball Players:

Even though the courts are covered in snow, spring will be here before we know it! We are excited to announce that new memberships and renewals will be available for purchase starting March 1. Please note that all current memberships expire on May 1, so make sure to sign up before then. To ease the burden on our gracious volunteers, we will only be accepting online payments this year. The new membership rate is \$240.

We look forward to a fantastic tennis and pickleball season ahead!

Best regards, The Ulmstead Court Club Committee

MEMBERSHIP

Please see print version.



2025 UCI Annual Meeting Saturday, February 22, 2025

The UCI Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 22 at 11 a.m. The location is St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 1601 Pleasant Plains Rd, Annapolis, MD 21409.

We strongly encourage everyone to attend in person to hear updates, elect new board members, and vote on important issues pertaining to the community.

If you are not able to attend, please fill out the PROXY below and give it to someone who will be attending to vote on your behalf. Or, drop off your signed proxy to any Board Member authorizing them to vote on your behalf.

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.



A Scout Is Patriotic

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 Ginny Vernick -- President, Beach and liaison roles Alli Smith -- Vice President, Barn

Julie Scully -- Scenic/Tennis

Brian Tierney -- Membership/Architecture/Security

Kevin Cooley -- Nautical -- Pool/Social Maureen Coelho Amanda McFall -- Secretary Carey Goryl -- Treasurer

Lois Findlay -- Assistant Treasurer

DEPARTMENTS & ACTIVITIES

INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Ulmstead Swim Club

Barn Department Maintenance Chris Barron Reservations Kathie Cosgrove Elizabeth Manicchia

Beach & Shore Department

Reservations Ginny Vernick

Nautical Department Bill Zichos Julie Scully Scenic Department Ball Field Vacant Beach & Shore Joe Gallagher

Stu McFall Beautification Vacant Security Department Vacant Tennis Department Marina Anglim Maintenance Mark Overton

Social Activities Department Vacant

Senior Activities Adult/Family Events

Membership/G. Duvall Spring into Summer

July 4th 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

Membership Department K. Pruissen, M. Bowman,

M. Anglim Lynne Andrews **Bumper Stickers**

M. Lundgren, M. Merchant, Welcoming

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https://ulmsteadswimclub.com

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Ulmstead Calendar –February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Groundhog,	3	4	5 Board Meeting	6	7	8
9	10	11	LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY	13	happy Valentinos day	15
16	WASHINGTONS BIRTHDAY	18	19	20	21	UCI General Meeting 11:00
23	24	25	26	27	28	

Reminders: The deadline for the March Weathervane is February 25. Email: weathervane@ulmstead.org