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### from the President

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

May is here, and with it comes one of the most exciting stretches of the year in Ulmstead! Between Commissioning Week, many young Ulmsteaders graduating or returning home from school, and our unofficial kickoff to summer with the *Spring into Summer* party, there's an unmistakable energy in the air. It's a time for celebration, connection, and community—and we're lucky to live in a place that embraces all of it so fully.

As we enjoy the busy calendar ahead, remember to be kind and respectful towards each other. Whether it's waving to a neighbor, cheering on our graduates, or keeping the noise down when the nights get longer, these small gestures help remind us of what makes Ulmstead so special. We're not just neighbors—we're a community that shows up for each other.

This month also brings important progress on the barn project, our future recreational center. There's been a lot of conversation and curiosity around it, and we want to make sure everyone has a clear understanding of what's happening. The Rec Center Committee will be holding a community-wide meeting shortly after Memorial Day to share the latest updates, including proposed designs, site plans, and financials—and to answer any questions you may have. Transparency and communication remain top priorities for the Board and all the Department heads. We hope you'll join us for this important conversation.

There's so much to be proud of in Ulmstead, and even more to look forward to. Let's enjoy this season together with appreciation for the community we all get to call home.

Warmly,

Marina Anglim president@ulmstead.org

# **UCI DEPARTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

### THE REC CENTER

#### **Hello Ulmsteaders!**

We're excited to share some updates as we continue moving forward with the barn project. Our goal remains clear: to create a cost-effective, efficient, and lasting building that will serve our community for generations to come. To achieve this, we've expanded the committee with even more talented neighbors who bring valuable expertise in finance, construction, and project management.

We're thrilled to welcome **Leo Pruissen** as our new Finance Committee Chair. **Jeff Berger** and **Jon Lane** have joined to lend their construction experience as we plan for the next phase beyond design. **Bob Miller** is now serving as a board liaison to the barn project, and **Eva Moore** and **Amanda McFall** continue to lead the charge on design with energy and vision.

Over the past month, our design team has been working closely with our new architects, and we're excited about the progress. By the time you read this, we anticipate having a design we're proud of— complete with drawings and renderings ready to share with the community.

We're planning a **community-wide update meeting shortly after Memorial Day**, when we will present the designs, propose a recommended site for relocating the building, and walk through financial models. This will be a great opportunity to address the questions you may have. (Of course, if you have questions sooner, don't hesitate to reach out!)

Please remember that the entire committee—and our board liaisons, **Bob Miller** and **Marina Anglim**—are always available if you want to talk or learn more. We're committed to transparency and communication every step of the way.

One last but important note: we're working with the Fire Department to officially declare the existing structure **vacant**. This will allow us to safely shut off power, water, and the fire suppression system—saving money in the meantime. We'll also be boarding up access points to prevent entry. **Please remind your children to stay away from the structure—it's unsafe and now illegal to enter.** 

We look forward to seeing you all at the community meeting soon!

#### Warm regards,

#### Bryan Murray & The Rec Center Committee

(Committee Members: Leo Pruissen, Eva Moore, Amanda McFall, Jason Dowell, Kathleen McCoun, Alli Smith, Scott Kinlaw, Paul Esposito, Jon Lane & Jeff Berger. Board Liaisons: Bob Miller & Marina Anglim)

# NAUTICAL

There are still a number of boat slips available at our docks. For information on available slips contact Bill Zichos at dockmaster@ulmstead.org.

All members' trailers using the boat ramp and all small boats (kayaks, paddleboards, canoes, etc.) stored on UCI property must be registered and display current Nautical stickers. Online registrations for small boats and boat trailers are available in the members' portal of the Ulmstead website's Nautical section. For information on obtaining small boat and trailer stickers contact Dan Milleville at dan.milleville@gmail.com.

Thanks to all the volunteers who showed up for our spring cleanup to prepare the marinas for the upcoming season. Ice eaters were removed from the water, cleaned, and stored until next year. The fish cleaning station was refurbished with a new tabletop and plumbing, and three new carts for Dock 2 were assembled. The kayak racks at Dock 2 were cleared of all the brush, weeds, and other debris to make them ready for the coming season. This required all the boats that were remaining on the racks be removed and placed on the ground. **Do not place any small boats back on the racks that do not display current year stickers.** 

No swimming or diving is allowed from or around any of our marinas. Moving boats can pose a hazard to swimmers, who may be difficult to see. Stray electrical currents from boats and piers can shock nearby swimmers, causing unconsciousness and drowning. Please obey all dock rules, as they are in place for everyone's safety.

Bill Zichos dockmaster@ulmstead.org

# **CLUB COURTS**

### IT'S TIME TO RENEW OR PURCHASE YOUR COURT CLUB MEMBERSHIP!

If you are a current member of the Ulmstead Court Club and have not renewed, your membership will expire on May 1. All memberships run May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026. The cost is \$240 for the year.

We have had so many families join already, and it is fun to see the courts bustling.

A gentle reminder, please be respectful to the other players when utilizing the facilities:

- Do not walk behind/through play that is underway. Court etiquette is to wait until the point is over and then quickly pass through to your courts.
- Please park in a single spot. Courts get busy during certain times, so park efficiently please.
- Don't forget to lock the gate and turn off the lights when you leave!

We have a morning pickleball group that plays most days at 8 a.m. If you are interested in more information about the group or if you want to be added to the invite list, please email **tennis@ulmstead.org**. You'll need a current Ulmstead Court Club membership to be added. Keep reading for information on how to renew or start a new membership!

#### Renewing an existing membership:

On your Court Reserve homepage, click on the dropdown menu on the top righthand side of the page where your name is found. Select "My Membership" from the dropdown menu. You will then see the membership details and a button for "pay membership dues." Enter your credit card information and add family members as needed. (Please do *not* use the link below for new members if you have an existing membership.)

#### Start a new membership for the year starting May 1, 2025:

A membership includes access to the courts and use of our court reservation system, "Court Reserve." Follow the link below to pay the annual dues and set up your account. Note that we only accept credit cards. Make sure to remember the email and password that you use when setting up your account as this is how you will login to Court Reserve to book courts via desktop or the app that you can download from the app store. You will receive the lock code to the tennis gate shortly via the email you used to set up your account. If you have any questions, please email tennis@ulmstead.org



https://tinyurl.com/wv9yn4wp

# **ULMSTEAD SWIM TEAM**

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 <u>Co-Head Coaches</u> – 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 – <u>Donut Shack and Sports Medicine at Mercy.</u> We are looking for additional team 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 Cory Cosgrove at <u>UlmsteadDucks@gmail.com.</u>

### **KEY INFORMATION**

### **Registration**

- Registration opens **April 1** on ulmsteadswim.swimtopia.com. Register, pay, and sign up for volunteer positions here.
  - 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.

- Register by May 15, 2025 to get a personalized swim cap and team t-shirt.
- After May 15, 2025, a late fee of \$50 will be charged per family
- You must be an Ulmstead Swim Club/Pool member to register (unless your child is a rising/high schooler ages 14-18) Pool membership registration is open now.
- The registration fee is \$175 per swimmer. If you have more than one swimmer, the fee is \$165 per swimmer. Registration fees cover swimmers AAU insurance fees, facility maintenance, various other swim team-related expenses, and league fees.

#### **Open Position**

• We need a new IT Tech Lead this season. If interested, email Cory Cosgrove at <u>UlmsteadDucks@gmail.com.</u>

#### Artwork Request

• *Quack Quack- Calling all swim team artists!* Would you like to design this year's swim team t-shirt? Your design should be large, simple, and include the words "Ulmstead Swim" You may

include an additional slogan and the year with it if you wish. Your completed artwork should be done in black permanent marker on white unlined paper (around a 9x12 size is fine). Please include your legible full name and phone number on the back of your artwork. Members of the swim team committee will vote on the winner. Please submit your completed drawing to the mailbox of 903 Lynch Drive by **May 7**. One entry per swimmer. Happy drawing!

• Questions should be directed to Stephanie at stephaniemazzoli@gmail.com. Here is an example of last year's drawing and shirt:



#### Meets

- There will be 5 swim meets on Saturday mornings: June 14, June 21, June 28, July 12, July 19.
  - June 14- Away (vs. Southdown Swim Team)
  - June 21- Home (vs. Truxtun Park Penguins)
  - June 28- Home (vs. Old Mill Swim Team)
  - July 12- Away (vs. Evergreen Dolphins)
  - July 19- 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 Meets will be: Bronze – July 23; Silver – July 26; and Gold – July 27.

#### **Practices**

• Please view the schedule at the end. Practices are held after school from Tuesday, May 27 through Thursday, June 12. Morning practices go from June 16 through July 25.

#### <u>Swimsuits</u>

• Kids may wear Ulmstead swim team swimsuits from last year only or purchase a new one. We will have a swimsuit try-on May 30th 5:00 - 7:00 pm at the pool.

#### End of Season Party

• Mark your calendars! <u>Sunday, July 27</u> is the end of season party.

#### 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). High schoolers or rising high schoolers (ages 14 - 18) who are not members of the Ulmstead Swim Club can join the 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 a 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 the swim meets you plan to attend – it is first come, first pick.

See the **job descriptions** on the website under PARENTS – VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTIONS. The number of volunteer assignment requirements will depend on how many families register. More details to come...

### 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.

### New to the 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 Cory Cosgrove at <u>UlmsteadDucks@gmail.com</u>

#### PRACTICE SCHEDULE

The weekday practice schedule while school is in session <u>starts Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> after school</u>. <u>Regular season practice will start on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup></u>. There will be NO practice on Friday, June 13 due to the end of school year pool party.

Age Group	Practice Time May 27 - June 12	Practice Time June 16 - July 25	
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 - 10:00 pm	
13 and older	5:45 - 6:30 pm	10:00 - 10:45 am	
15 and older dedicated lane and workout		Anytime 7:15 - 10:45 am	

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

Director: Cory Cosgrove Coaches: Colleen Winans, Trevor Brinton GASL Rep: Jenn Womble IT: Liz Norton Communications: Alyssa Taft Webmaster: Lindsay Abruzzo Treasurer: Christie Mayr Merchandise: Stephanie Walsh Volunteer Committee: Molly Wood, Renee Kelly Concessions: Maureen Coehlo Special Events: Lindsay O'Dea, Jaime John Swim Team Contact Email: UlmsteadDucks@gmail.com

# The 2025 UCI Owner Directory is Almost Here!

The Directory will be posted on the UCI Website/Members Only section for your review prior to final printing. We are hoping for a July delivery with the Weathervane.

**IMPORTANT**: This year, for the sake of efficiency and accuracy, we have changed how we create the directory. This first version needs your scrutiny to make sure your listing is correct. Please review your entry on the electronic version posted on the website. If you need to make any changes, please email membership@ulmstead.org with your modifications.

### SOCIAL

### **Spring into Summer Party**

Adults only!

Date: Friday, May 23, 2025 Time: 6-9 p.m. Location: The Ulmstead Pool Music: Brandt Dunn of Mosaic Food: BBQ Buffet Beverages: Beer, Wine, Water

### NO RAIN DATE

#### RSVP: No later than Monday, May 19 to membership@ulmstead.org



# **OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS**

#### New Flagpole at the Beach

We are excited to announce that the new flagpole at the beach park has been completed! To mark the occasion, we would like to hold a small ceremony on **Memorial Day** to honor those in our community. If you know of any neighbors who have served in the military and would like to see them recognized during the ceremony, please email their names to <u>timdelaney19@gmail.com</u>.

#### Spriggs Farm Park Butterfly Release Party- Sat., May 17, 11:00 am

Please join us as we release 30 Painted Lady Butterflies at Spriggs Farm Park.

We will read a story about a *Very Hungry Caterpillar* and talk about the changes that a butterfly goes through to reach adulthood

This event is free, and there will be crafts and snacks!

The program is presented by a retired A.A. County Art and Ecology teacher. The event is aimed at young children, but everyone is welcome to attend.

A Park Ranger will be available to answer questions about the park.

Many thanks to our wonderful Ulmstead neighbors who came out on a beautiful Easter eve Saturday morning to pull ivy and Oriental Bittersweet vines out of the trees around the farmhouse at Spriggs Farm Park. You are amazing! We will be installing a native plant/butterfly garden soon. We would love to see you there!

Denise Peach denise@peach.ink



# **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

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Maintenance	Mark Overton, Mike Witting		Vice President Secretary	Sharman Devaney Emily Viguers	
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Senior Activities	Vacant		Treasurer	Mada Alimina	
Adult/Family Events Spring into Summer	Membership/M. Lundgren,		Maintenance Social	Mark Abruzzo Claire Donahue, J. Ruef	
	M. Merchant		Members at Large	Matt Edmonds, Chris Coelho	
July 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade & Picnic	M. Anglim, L. Abruzzo, J. Delaney, E. Robertson, M.		UCI Board Liaison	& Kelsi Molowa Maureen Coelho	
	Rosso		Swim Team Liaison	Vacant	
Fishing Tournament	Richard Harrison		4		
Ladies' Wine & Cheese Fall Camp-out	Membership/G. Duvall Rob Hooper		Swim Club Contact Email pool@ulmstead.org		
Guy's Beer & Brats	Kevin Rosso			-	
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Weekly Playgroup Spring Party	Anne Lynch Amanda Barron		www.Ullistead5w	min ream.org	
Autumn Party	Amanda Barron		Director	Cory Cosgrove	
Christmas Tree Lights & Boat Parade	M. Anglim, C. Brett		Communications Year End Event	Alyssa Taft Ime Lewis	
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Bumper Stickers	Lynne Andrews		GASL League Rep	Jenn Womble	
Welcoming	M. Bowman, M. Lundgren, M. Merchant, A. Mitchell, T.		Meet Manager (IT) Treasurer	Vacant, Liz Norton support Christie Mayr	
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Swim Team Email

Special Events

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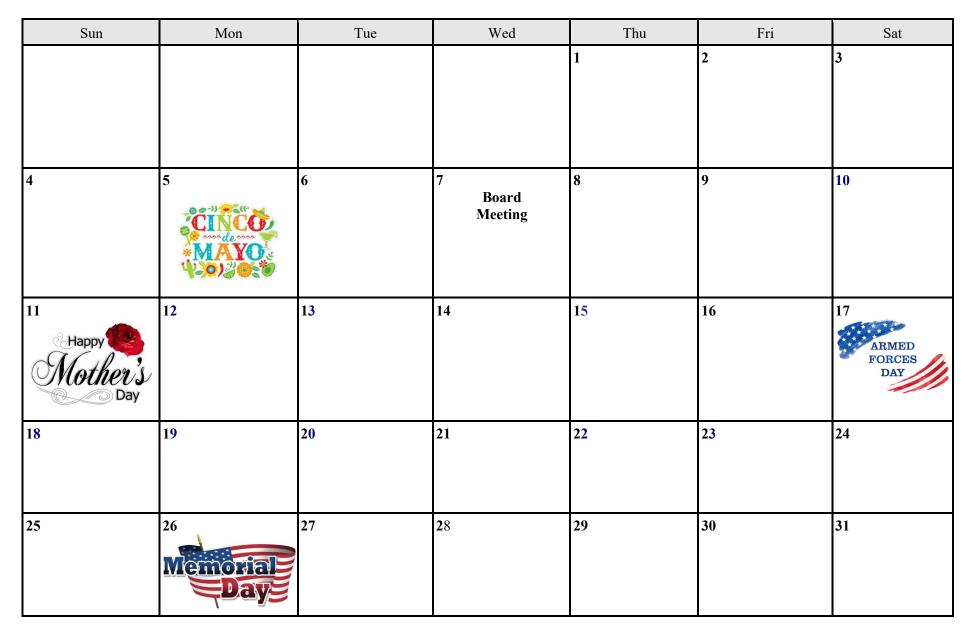
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### Ulmstead Calendar – May 2025



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