



# THE WEATHERVANE

## ULMSTEAD ESTATES

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### *from the President*

It was great to see such a strong turnout from across the community at the 2026 Annual Meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Your engagement and participation make Ulmstead such a special place. For those who were unable to attend, the meeting presentation is now available in the Members Only section of the Ulmstead.org website.

While the Annual Meeting provides a moment to share priorities and updates, the real work happens all year long with an incredible team of volunteers who make this community tick. Our Board members, department heads, and many dedicated volunteers give so much of their time and energy to care for our amenities, organize events, and bring neighbors together. Their efforts truly add the “magic” to the place we call “The Magic of the Magothy.”

I would also like to recognize Donna Kinlaw and EG Gipple, this year’s recipients of the UCI Volunteer of the Year awards. Their work has truly transformed the way our neighborhood communicates and stays connected. From managing community messaging to building and maintaining the Ulmstead.org website as a fully functional hub for every department, they manage countless moving parts behind the scenes, and they do it selflessly and beautifully. Their dedication has made it easier than ever for neighbors to stay informed and engaged, and we are so grateful for their contributions.

Please join me in welcoming our two newly elected directors, Brian Tierney and Gillian Duvall, to the Board. Both bring years of volunteer service to our community. Brian most recently joined the Board by completing the remaining term of a former Board member, and Gillian has been an active volunteer for years. We are thrilled to have them both. And of course, a huge thank you to Julie Scully for serving for the last three years. You will be missed!

Finally, while the temperatures may still be chilly and snow may linger, spring is just around the corner. Be sure to read the Nautical and Court Club updates in this issue so you are ready for slip selection and for renewing or beginning your tennis and pickleball memberships. Warmer days and another great season in Ulmstead are within reach.

Stay warm, stay safe, and I look forward to seeing everyone out and about as spring arrives.

Warmly,  
Marina Anglim  
[president@ulmstead.org](mailto:president@ulmstead.org)

# **UCI DEPARTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

## **BARN/REC CENTER**

At the Annual Meeting, the committee provided an update on the status of the Barn and the progress toward a future Recreation Center. The 2026 UCI Annual presentation can be found on the [Ulmstead.com](http://Ulmstead.com) website in the members' only section. Here is what we covered:

### **Current Barn Status**

The existing Barn has officially been declared “vacant” by the County and Fire Department and is no longer monitored for occupancy. The building has been secured and boarded to prevent entry, and residents are reminded that trespassing is not permitted due to safety risks. Unfortunately, a sprinkler pipe froze and burst during the recent deep freeze, causing additional damage to both the interior and exterior of the structure. In its current condition, the building represents one of the community’s largest ongoing liabilities, reinforcing the need to move forward thoughtfully toward a replacement.

### **Design and Site Plan Progress**

The Recreation Center site plan has evolved significantly based on county requirements, engineering studies, and community priorities. The building has been repositioned to meet impervious coverage limits, improve setbacks from neighboring homes and wetlands, and allow proper fire access and circulation around the building. The design reduces the size of the building and overall capacity from 300 to approximately 242 people, helping align the building with both regulatory requirements and community needs/wants. The architectural design continues to evolve, with refinements underway as the project moves through the design development phase.

### **County Submission and Timeline**

The project is currently in the county review process (following the pre-submittal meeting which occurred on February 24<sup>th</sup>). The county packet includes detailed submissions such as stormwater management plans, soil testing, wetlands reports, and parking studies. These steps are required to ensure compliance with environmental and building regulations. If the review process proceeds smoothly, construction drawings could be completed this fall, with permits potentially issued later in the year. A post-submission community meeting will be held once county feedback is received and incorporated.

### **Financial Overview and Next Steps**

Two independent construction cost estimates have been completed, both arriving at similar projected costs of approximately \$3.3–\$3.4 million. The community has already set aside \$1 million in reserves toward the project, and financial planning is underway to fund the remaining portion through a combination of loans, potential grants, and fundraising efforts. Importantly, the building has been scaled and refined to meet essential community needs while remaining financially responsible.

Before any construction begins, the community will have the opportunity to review the final plans and vote on whether to approve the project. A community vote is currently anticipated for late summer 2026, once designs and cost estimates are further finalized.

As always, reach out with questions to the UCI Board or Rec Center Committee.

# NAUTICAL

## 2026 Slip Selection Saturday March 14, 2026 9:30 a.m. Dock 2

All registrations for boat slips, small boats and trailers must be completed online. There are no paper forms. This online registration form is located in the Nautical section of the Members Only portal of the Ulmstead website.

After submitting your completed form, you will receive an email confirming Nautical's receipt of your form. Upon approval you will receive an additional email indicating that your request has been reviewed and approved. Your next step is to **print out the attached PDF file and bring it to slip selection**. This is VERY IMPORTANT. Without the attached printed request form, you will not be able to get a slip or any stickers.

This year at slip selection you have the option to pay with a check or credit card. Credit cards will only be accepted at slip selection, and a 3% transaction fee will be collected. All transactions after slip selection must be paid with check.

The slip selection package, which was emailed last week, is also available on Ulmstead's website in the Nautical section of the Members Only portal. Please review the slip selection package carefully. Any issues with your priority or questions concerning your eligibility to selection should be addressed by email to [dockmaster@ulmstead.org](mailto:dockmaster@ulmstead.org) prior to March 7, 2026.

### Dock 1 Outdoor Furniture

A picnic table and 6 Adirondak chairs have arrived at Dock 1. Another one of Ulmstead's gem, this dock on Forked Creek is a wonderful place to enjoy relaxing and gazing at the waters surrounding our amazing neighborhood.

Bill Zichos



# CLUB COURTS

## **Ulmstead Court Club 2026 Memberships**

We are looking forward to a great 2026 season on the courts! Memberships begin on May 1, 2026 and go through April 30, 2027. You can pre-purchase your 2026 membership now. This is for current members and new members that wish to join for the first time.

If you are a current member of the Ulmstead Court Club, you will follow the renewal instructions. If you are seeking to become a new member of the Ulmstead Court Club on May 1, 2026, you will follow the instructions for new members below.

### Renewing an existing membership:

If you already have an existing, active Ulmstead Court Club membership, you should first login to your Court Reserve account. If you are on a computer, on your homepage, click on the dropdown menu on the top righthand side of the page where your name is found. (If you are on a phone or the court reserve app, you will click on the “More” button on the bottom of the page). Select “My Membership” from the dropdown menu. You will then see the membership details and a button for “Change Membership.” Click that button and you will see a button to “pre-purchase” the 2026 membership. Once you select pre-purchase, you will be able to enter your credit card information to renew your membership. Note that we are only accepting credit cards. (You may have to click on the dropdown menu and select the credit card option).

### Start a new membership for the year starting May 1, 2026:

We are now accepting new memberships! Our memberships run from for one year from May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027. The cost of the membership for the year is \$245 and that 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. (You may have to click on the dropdown menu and select the credit card option). 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.

On May 1, 2026, you will be able to start reserving courts. To do this, you will login to your Court Reserve account and click on “book a court.” Court Reserve also has an 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](mailto:tennis@ulmstead.org).

<https://tinyurl.com/wv9yn4wp>



## SOCIAL

### THE LADIES' WINE & CHEESE RETURNS IN APRIL



Bottles will once again be uncorked!

Details to follow in the April Weathervane &  
in UCI Digital News



### An Important Notice



A friendly reminder to neighbors with an outstanding balance that a \$45 late fee will take effect on April 1. Please ensure your account is up to date to avoid additional charges and continued access to amenities. Assessments continue to accrue to the property, regardless of membership status, and help cover the shared costs and services that support our neighborhood. Questions about open balances may be directed to the treasurer at [treasurer@ulmstead.org](mailto:treasurer@ulmstead.org).



# Sprigg's Farm Park Ivy Removal

Saturday, March 28, 2026

9:30am to 12 pm

**Spriggs Farm Park: 965 Bayberry Drive**

Let's try again to remove some of the ivy that is choking trees at Spriggs Farm Park! Hopefully we won't get snowed out this time.

On Saturday, March 28, beginning at 9:30 a.m., we'll continue the work begun last fall, joined by our friends in Save Our Trees and Anne Arundel Weed Resistance.

Don't worry if you have not done this before. There will be trained folks there to show you how to do it. Bring your gloves, clippers, loppers if you have them. If not, we have spares.

I will bring coffee and donuts. You supply the muscle!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Denise Peach

denise@peach.ink

Helping Neighbors  
Participate  
Fun  
Ulmstead Fun  
Community  
Volunteer  
Togetherness Friends

# 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.



## **Troop 835 schedule for 2025 – 2026**

Mar. 27-29: Shooting Sports weekend at the Club: Shot guns, 22s, and archery

April 17-19: Tuckahoe site for frisbee golf, bikes, and fishing

May 8 – 10: Assateague National Park: ride bikes and fly kites

June 21 – 27: Summer Camp at Rodney

## UCI OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS

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

Please email any changes or updates to [Weathervane@Ulmstead.org](mailto:Weathervane@Ulmstead.org) and [Membership@Ulmstead.org](mailto:Membership@Ulmstead.org). Thanks!

### UCI Board of Directors and liaison roles

Marina Anglim	President, Court Club & Rec Center
Julie Scully	Vice President, Scenic
Kevin Rosso	Beach/Shoreline
Brian Tierney	Security & Architecture
Bob Miller	Nautical & Rec Center
Kathy Pruissen	Social, Membership, Swim Club, and Swim Team
Allie Hauck	Secretary
Carey Goryl	Treasurer
Lois Findlay	Assistant Treasurer

### DEPARTMENTS & ACTIVITIES

Rec Center Department Head	Bryan Murray
Beach & Shoreline Dept. Head	Ginny Vernick
Reservations	Ginny Vernick
Maintenance	J. Gallagher, S. McFall
Nautical Dept. Head	Bill Zichos
Scenic Dept. Head	Kim Niland
Security Dept. Head	<b>Vacant</b>
Court Club Dept. Head	J. Grignon
Maintenance	Mark Overton, Mike Witting
Social Activities Dept. Head	<b>Vacant</b>
Senior Activities	<b>Vacant</b>
Adult/Family Events	
Spring into Summer	T. Brett
July 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade & Picnic	M. Anglim, L. Abruzzo, J. Delaney, E. Robertson, M. Rosso
Fishing Tournament	Richard Harrison
Ladies' Wine & Cheese	Membership/G. Duvall
Fall Camp-out	<b>Vacant</b>
Guy's Beer & Brats	Kevin Rosso
Children	
Weekly Playgroup	Anne Lynch
Spring Party	Amanda Barron
Autumn Party	Amanda Barron
Christmas Tree Lights & Boat Parade	M. Anglim, C. Brett
Membership Dept. Head	Kathy Pruissen
Bumper Stickers	Lynne Andrews
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### INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATIONS

#### Ulmstead Swim Club <https://ulmsteadswimclub.com>

President	Jake Womble
Vice President	Sharman Devaney
Secretary	Emily Viguers
Membership	Anne Evans
Treasurer	Jen Delaney
Maintenance	Mark Abruzzo
Social	Claire Donahue, J. Ruef
Members at Large	Matt Edmonds, Chris Coelho & Kelsi Molowa
UCI Board Liaison	Kathy Pruissen
Swim Team Liaison	Kathy Pruissen

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

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

Director	Cory Cosgrove
Communications	Alyssa Taft
Year End Event	Ime Lewis
Merchandise	Stephanie Walsh
Concessions	Maureen Coelho
GASL League Rep	Jenn Womble
Meet Manager (IT)	Vacant, Liz Norton support
Treasurer	Christie Mayr
Team Webmaster	Lindsay Abruzzo
Volunteer Committee	Molly Wood, Renee Kelly
Coaches	Colleen Winans, Trevor Brinton
Special Events	Jaime John, Lindsey O'Dea
Swim Team Email	<a href="mailto:UlmsteadDucks@gmail.com">UlmsteadDucks@gmail.com</a>

#### Boy Scout Troop 835

Scoutmaster	Mike Allen
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### COMMUNITY EMAILS

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## Ulmstead Calendar –March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4  7 p.m.	5	6	7
8 	9	10	11	12	13	14 Slip selection! Doors open 9 a.m. Selection starts promptly at 9:30 a.m. Dock 2
15	16	17 	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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**Reminder: The deadline for the April Weathervane is March 25. Email: [weathervane@ulmstead.org](mailto:weathervane@ulmstead.org)**