



THE WEATHERVANE

ULMSTEAD ESTATES

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from the President

It has been so nice to see everyone out and about again as the weather warms and we shake off the winter hibernation. Spring always brings a renewed energy to the neighborhood, and it's great to see familiar faces back on the streets, courts, and waterfront.

I'd also like to extend a sincere thank you to Kathy Pruissen, Gillian DuVall, and the entire Membership Committee for hosting such a wonderful Wine & Cheese event to welcome new Ulmstead women into the community. It was a fantastic evening and a perfect example of what makes this neighborhood so special.

A special thank you as well to Trish Brett for graciously opening her beautiful home for the event and for stepping up to take on the role of Social Chair. Her generosity of spirit, time, and space is truly appreciated, and we are grateful for her willingness to help bring the community together.

The Board continues to partner with our departments to enhance our amenities and make it easier for residents to stay informed. To that end, we've adopted a membership policy that outlines how membership status, voting rights, and dues are handled in alignment with our by-laws. The full policy is available on the Ulmstead.com website under the UCI By-Laws menu.

As you read through this issue, I hope you enjoy all the great updates and get a sense of just how hard our volunteers are working behind the scenes to make this such a special place to live.

Warmly,
Marina Anglim
president@ulmstead.org

UCI DEPARTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

CLUB COURTS

We are currently accepting memberships and looking forward to a great year on the courts!

Memberships begin on May 1, 2026 and go through April 30, 2027. You can purchase your 2026 membership now. Current members who would like to renew their membership and new members that wish to join for the first time, please use the link or QR code below to purchase a membership for 2026.



<https://tinyurl.com/wv9yn4wp>

On May 1, all paid members will have access to the Court Reserve system for reserving courts. To reserve courts, members should login to their account on www.courtreserve.com and select “Book a court.” Court reserve does have an app that you can download from the app store for ease of reserving courts on your phone.

As a reminder, members can reserve one court for 90 minutes at a time. Members can invite guests to share their reserved court, but the member must remain on the court. The first two courts are dedicated tennis courts in the reservation system. The two permanent pickleball courts on the far side of the court are also available for reserving. The third court can be reserved for either tennis or pickleball (using the portable nets).

We are working on replacing the lights and introducing a ball machine that members will be able to reserve this year.

Finally, early in May, we will be changing the gate lock code. All members will receive an email from Court Reserve with the new lock code when it is activated. The message will be sent to the email address you used in your Court Reserve account.

It is going to be a great year on the courts! Get your membership today!

Budget Update Court Club Lighting Emergency Repairs

Dear Ulmstead Community,

The Board would like to inform the community that it has approved \$25,000 in funding from the Tennis Capital Reserves for the replacement of the failing tennis court lights. Of the total project cost of \$27,500, the remaining \$2,500 will be funded through the approved tennis operating budget.

This project requires an immediate response to maintain the safety, reliability, and continued use of the tennis courts. Recently, a bulb and its casing detached and fell from one of the existing fixtures. Following inspection, it was determined that the fixture could not be safely repaired or replaced due to its age and deteriorated condition. More importantly, this failure raises serious concern that the remaining fixtures, which are of the same age and condition, are also at risk of failure and could fall without warning, creating an immediate safety risk for players and anyone using the courts.

After additional discussions and negotiation with the vendor and utilizing energy grants, we were able to reduce the total project cost to \$27,500. Other replacement estimates had this figure closer to \$50,000.

In accordance with the UCI Financial Policy, in rare circumstances the Board is authorized to approve funding of up to \$25,000 for unforeseen and unplanned expenses requiring an immediate or urgent response, with notice to the general membership within 30 days of the action taken.

This project will replace the existing failing lights with new LED fixtures, improving safety, visibility, and evening court usability while reducing long-term operating and maintenance costs. An additional benefit of the new lighting design is that the fixtures provide far less light spill beyond the courts, significantly reducing the amount of light impacting neighboring homes and improving the experience for nearby residents.

Thank you for your continued support as we maintain our amenities and keep our community safe.

Sincerely,
UCI Board of Directors



SAFETY

Spring Safety Reminders

As the weather warms and more neighbors are out enjoying the streets, we want to remind everyone to keep safety top of mind. While the Board cannot police public streets, we all share a responsibility to help keep our community safe.

We've received several concerns about children riding electric scooters and bikes at high speeds, often without helmets. This not only puts the rider at risk but also creates dangerous situations for others in the roadway. We ask families to please reinforce safe riding habits, including appropriate speeds and helmet use.

Additionally, it's worth noting that golf carts are not permitted on Anne Arundel County roads. For those who choose to own them, please operate them safely and responsibly, and ensure only licensed drivers are behind the wheel. A little extra care goes a long way in keeping our community safe for everyone.



SOCIAL

Ulmstead's Annual Spring into Summer Party

Adults only!
ALL UCI MEMBERS WELCOME!
Friday, May 22, 2026
6-9 p.m.
The pool



Highlights from the Ladies' Wine & Cheese

The Ulmstead Ladies Wine and Cheese 2026 was a huge success! So many women, so many smiles, so many stories, and so many new memories made!

Thanks to Chris & Trish Brett for opening their home, so others could meet and reconnect. The 'newbies' introduced themselves and received sage advice from the "oldies, but goodies." This tradition is one of the best here in Ulmstead!



IT'S FOOD TRUCK SEASON!!



2026 FOOD TRUCK SCHEDULE

DATE		FOOD TRUCK	TIME
Sat 5/30	Opening Day	Kooper's Chowhound Wagon	4-7 PM
Sun 6/7		Tasty MD	4-7 PM
Friday 6/12	EOY Party	Picante	4-7 PM
Thur 6/18		2 Bold Chefs	4-7 PM
Thur 6/25		S&P BBQ Bowls	4-7 PM
Sun 7/5		Kooper's Chowhound Wagon	4-7 PM
Thurs 7/9		Old Line Eats	4-7 PM
Sun 7/12		Tasty MD	4-7 PM
Thur 7/16		Brick n Fire pizza	4-8 PM
Sun 7/19		Picante	4-7 PM
Thur 7/23		S&P BBQ Bowls	4-7 PM
Sun 8/2		Tasty MD	4-7 PM
Thur 8/6		Old Line Eats	4-7 PM
Sun 8/16		Picante	4-7 PM
Thur 8/20		Kooper's Chowhound Wagon	4-7 PM
Thur 8/27		Brick n Fire pizza	4-8 PM
Mon 9/7	Labor Day	Chevy's	4-7 PM

Ulmstead Community Yard Sale
Saturday, May 30
8 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

With agreement from the UCI Board, we are holding an Ulmstead Community Rain or Shine Yard Sale on **Saturday, May 30 from 8 am-12 pm**. Yard sale participants will display wares in their yards, driveways, or garages.

If you wish to participate, please send Brian Gugerty an email at **brian.gugerty@gmail.com** by May 20, 2026. If you want, you can include in that email some general categories of items you will have for sale such as furniture, clothing and accessories, household goods and kitchenware, tools and garden equipment, toys and games, books, and baby gear. The number of houses and general items for sale will be used in a Next Door post.



ULMSTEAD COMMUNITY DUMPTSTER DAYS

When? May 16-17

Where? The Barn & Pool Parking Lots

Volunteers, we need your help!

We are in need of volunteers to

1. Direct neighbors to the appropriate dumpster (general or loose yard debris)
2. Help with filling, so we can maximize space
3. Ensure there's no dumping of banned items.

We will be sending a Sign-Up Genius for Volunteer Slots via Constant Contact this week. Please keep an eye out.

We are still finalizing the details but plan to have snacks and beverages Saturday afternoon/evening to celebrate our Spring-cleaning efforts.

The dumpsters will be labeled as either “TRASH” or “YARD DEBRIS.”
Please note: Yard debris must NOT be bagged.

Please place your materials towards the back of the dumpsters and break down large items as much as possible to maximize space. Do NOT overfill the dumpsters. When they’re full, they’re full!

RESTRICTIONS--The following items are NOT allowed:

Mattresses/Box Springs

Construction debris from home remodeling (please rent your own dumpster for home remodeling projects)

Biohazardous materials/medical waste

Oil-based paints and stains (latex is OK, but must be DRIED out)

Batteries

Propane Tanks

Liquids/Solvents/Chemicals

Items containing Freon

Equipment containing gas or oil

Tires

Refrigerators



SWIM TEAM

ULMSTEAD SWIM TEAM NEWS

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 **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 for this year’s gold sponsor – **Pioneer Public Affairs, Donut Shack, and NFP, an Aon Company.**

KEY INFORMATION

Registration

- Register & sign up for volunteer positions here: **ulmsteadswim.swimtopia.com**.
 - 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, 2026** to get a personalized swim cap and team t-shirt.
- After **May 15, 2026**, 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.

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 a drawing and shirt:



Meets

- **There will be 5 swim meets on Saturday mornings:**
 - **June 13 Home (vs. Indian Landing Boat Club)**
 - **June 20- Home (vs. Admiral Heights Dolphins)**
 - **June 27- Away (vs. Evergreen Dolphins)**
 - **July 1- Away (vs. Chase Creek)**
 - **July 11- Home (vs. South River Colony Stingrays)**

****Kids must swim in 2 of the 5 meets to qualify for a medal meet.** All kids who swim in at least 2 meets will at least qualify for the bronze meet.

****Medal Meets will be: Bronze – July 15; Silver – July 18; and Gold – July 19.**

Practices

- Please view the schedule at the end. Practices are held after school from Tuesday, May 26 through Tuesday, June 16. Morning practices go from June 17 through July 10.

Swimsuits

- Kids may wear Ulmstead swim team swimsuits from last year only or purchase a new one. We will have a swimsuit try-on **May 29 5:00 - 7:00 pm** at the pool.

End of Season Party

- Mark your calendars! **Sunday, July 19** 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 **UlmsteadDucks@gmail.com**

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

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

Age Group	Practice Time May 26 – June 16	Practice Time June 17 – July 10
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: Dave Thompson

Communications: Alyssa Taft

Webmaster: Lindsay Abruzzo

Treasurer: Christie Mayr

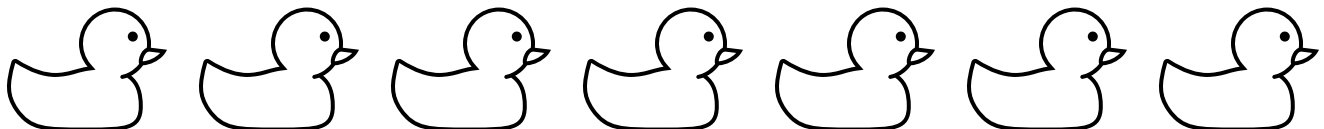
Merchandise: Stephanie Walsh

Volunteer Committee: Molly Wood, Renee Kelly

Concessions: Maureen Coehlo

Special Events: Emily Van Oudenaren, Marjorie Merchant, Sandy Geary

Swim Team Contact Email: UlmsteadDucks@gmail.com



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

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

Please email any changes or updates to Weathervane@Ulmstead.org and Membership@Ulmstead.org. Thanks!

UCI Board of Directors and liaison roles

Marina Anglim	President, Court Club & Rec Center
Bob Miller	Vice President,
Gillian Duvall	Scenic
Kevin Rosso	Beach/Shoreline
Brian Tierney	Security & Architecture
Bob Miller	Nautical & Rec Center
Kathy Pruissen	Social, Membership, Swim Club
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	<i>Vacant</i>
Court Club Dept. Head	J. Grignon
Maintenance	Mark Overton, Mike Witting
Social Activities Dept. Head	Trish Brett
Senior Activities	<i>Vacant</i>
Adult/Family Events	
Spring into Summer	T. Brett
July 4 th Parade & Picnic	M. Anglim, L. Abruzzo, J. Delaney, E. Robertson, M. Rosso
Fishing Tournament	Richard Harrison
Ladies' Wine & Cheese	Membership/T. Brett
Fall Camp-out	<i>Vacant</i>
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
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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

Swim Team 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)	Dave Thompson
Treasurer	Christie Mayr
Team Webmaster	Lindsay Abruzzo
Volunteer Committee	Molly Wood, Renee Kelly
Coaches	C. Winans, T. Brinton
Special Events	E. Van Oudenaren, M. Merchant, S. Geary
Swim Team Email	UlmsteadDucks@gmail.com

Boy Scout Troop 835

Scoutmaster	Mike Allen
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Ulmstead Calendar –May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Court club memberships begin!	2
3	4	5	6  7 p.m.	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Dumpster Days!
17 Dumpster Days!	18	19	20	21	22 Spring into Summer Party! 6-9 p.m.	23
24	25	26 Swim team practice begins! Go Ducks!	27	28	29	30 Food truck season begins! 4-7 p.m.
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Reminder: The deadline for the June Weathervane is May 25. Email: weathervane@ulmstead.org