

THE ULMSTEAD

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From the President

Protective or restrictive? The term you use to describe neighborhood covenants—those rules governing the use of one’s land—probably depends on your views of the value they create and the burden they impose. Covenants protect your investment in your home and often lead to a better looking neighborhood. But they can also restrict you from freely doing anything you want on your property.

Personally, I believe that our covenants protect Ulmstead Estates. They are not onerous. They do not require that your mailbox be well-maintained or that your roses remain perfectly pruned. Instead, our covenants ensure that the density of homes in our neighborhood does not increase, that homes remain set back from the roads, that temporary residences are not erected in backyards, that our neighbors do not raise chickens or breed dogs for sale, that television antennas and radio aerials remain short, and that signs in front yards remain small. They also require that architectural plans be submitted for approval by the UCI Board before construction begins on any new structure.

At this time, our protective covenants are being aggressively challenged. Ashley Thompson wants to build and sell a house on the land behind his parents’ home. Ashley and his parents filed suit against UCI in May 2015. They are asking the Court for, among other things, a declaratory judgment that our covenants are vague, ambiguous, unenforceable, void, or expired, and that these covenants do not prohibit construction of a residential dwelling on the lot known as 918 Lynch Drive.

The wheels of justice turn slowly. The trial on the merits of the case is not scheduled to begin until October 26, 2016. Seemingly not wanting to wait for the legal issues to be resolved, Ashley Thompson began clearing the lot for construction on or about June 1, 2016. He did not submit architectural plans for review nor seek the Board’s approval.

Because UCI is a private club and not a homeowners’ association, we do not have the power to levy fines or impose liens. Moreover, the county’s Office of Planning and Zoning does not review or enforce covenants. Our covenants can only be enforced through private litigation. UCI filed a Counter-Claim seeking injunctive relief and damages. Construction was temporarily halted but resumed in July, before the Counter-Claim was heard. On or about July 18, 2016, Ashley applied to the county for an inspection of footing trenches. UCI filed a Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and for Preliminary

Injunction. The Court issued a temporary restraining order on July 22nd prohibiting any construction activity until the Court held a hearing on the request for a preliminary injunction. As I write this, that hearing is still ongoing.

Regardless of whether one views our covenants as protective or restrictive, your elected Board has a duty to enforce and defend them. We could not delay taking action. It is unfortunate that, because of Ashley's actions this summer, UCI has incurred significant and unexpected legal expenses.

By defending the covenants that protect our community, we are also defending a principle long held by the Board and by the UCI membership – that density in Ulmstead Estates should not increase. In fact, members felt so strongly about this principle that, in February 2000, they voted to restrict the Board from negotiating new memberships with anyone who builds on a re-subdivided lot, if such building were ever permitted by a court. The Board still believes that this principle is important and that UCI's legal position is sound. We will continue to defend the case.

Later this month, if we can arrange a mutually convenient time with our attorney, the Board will host a meeting so that members may ask questions and express their views on this case. We will do our best to answer questions, but please understand that there are some questions that we will be unable to answer given the ongoing litigation. Stay tuned for details.

I am sorry to have dedicated my letter this month to such a dour subject when it is such a pleasant time of year. The intense heat is coming to an end, and those of us who are parents of younger children are celebrating their return to school. I hope you had an enjoyable summer and wish you a relaxing autumn. Good luck to all participating in the Ulmstead Triathlon, the UCI Fishing Tournament, or the Ulmstead Family Campout. And thank you to the volunteers who help make these annual traditions possible.

Stephen Blumberg, UCI President
president@ulmstead.org

Notice About Next UCI Board Meeting

Because of a conflict with Back-to-School Night at Magothy River Middle School, the September meeting of the UCI Board has been rescheduled. It will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6.

A Reminder About Nextdoor

Nextdoor is a private communications tool for Ulmstead Estates neighbors. On Nextdoor, neighbors can share crime and safety concerns, neighborhood and local events, recommendations, items for sale/free, ideas how to make the neighborhood better, and more. At last count, over 300 Ulmstead community members from about 220 addresses have already joined Nextdoor. Please check it out if you are interested: <http://www.nextdoor.com/join>. Use code WURAUJ.

UCI DEPARTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome the Vachon family to the neighborhood. They are new to Garywood Lane, and they enjoy traveling, going to the beach, taking walks and going to parks.

SOCIAL

Children's Playgroup - 12pm at the Barn 9/7 & 9/15

Let's PLAY! First Wednesday and third Thursday each month. Meet at the barn at 12pm. Babies, toddlers and siblings welcome. Feel free to bring lunch or snacks. Any questions contact: Michelle Mahan e-mail: michellemahan@comcast.net, Candice Cukor e-mail: candicecukor@gmail.com or Molly Wood e-mail: freitag02@yahoo.com

Boy Scouts

Would you like to go camping, learn new skills, make new friends, and have fun? Our troop meets every Thursday evening at 7 PM at the Ulmstead Barn and goes camping one weekend every month. Come check us out! Also, we are still collecting worn out flags for a patriotic flag retirement ceremony. You can join even if you were never a Cub Scout. Contact Mike Allen.

The Guys Get Together will resume this fall, Sept 14th at 5PM at O'Loughlins and continue on the 2nd Wednesday of each month following. This is an opportunity for the guys in Ulmstead to reacquaint with old friends and/or meet new friends and neighbors. There is no agenda, just an opportunity to relax and enjoy the company of other members of the community. All are welcome, young or older. We would like to have you join us and be a part of a fun time!

Savvy Seniors

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016: HAPPY HOUR at the beach from 5 - 7 PM. (At the barn if inclement weather). Please bring your good cheer, stories about your summer, a chair if you wish, your own beverage and an appetizer to share.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016: HAPPY HOUR hosted by Gwyn & Al Tober at 624 Breton Place from 5 - 7 PM. Please bring your good cheer, your plans for the fall, your own beverage and an appetizer to share.

If any questions, please contact Chris Rockwell, Irene Godoy or Diane Kozel.

Savvy Seniors

Ulmstead Activities:

The Ulmstead Savvy Seniors have developed a database, which associates members with activities of interest. After some discussion, it was felt that this was too good of an idea to keep to ourselves. So, we are publishing this list of currently identified activities and requesting the entire community to consider joining in.

Joining any activity is as easy as contacting the volunteer coordinator of the activity (or Larry Balch, keeper of the database) and requesting to be added to the list. You will then get a list of all other community members with similar interests. Dropping an activity works the same way. We also encourage suggestions for additional activities to be added to the list.

This is strictly a no-pressure activity; one can participate as much or as little as desired. Even if you are already a member of a scheduled group, having a list of community members with similar interests is helpful in case you suddenly need a sub for your group.

activityName	Coordinator	phone	email
Art			
Backgammon	Larry Balch	(410) 757-5989	larrypub@cablespeed.com
Bicycling	Al Homans	(410) 349-3531	ahomans@verizon.net
Billiards	Larry Balch	(410) 757-5989	larrypub@cablespeed.com
Birding	David Houchin	(410) 757-6352	dahouchin@comcast.net
Boating: Motor	Jeffrey Norris	(410) 757-5458	janorris2@icloud.com
Boating: Sail	Jeffrey Norris	(410) 757-5458	janorris2@icloud.com
Bocce Ball	Larry Balch	(410) 757-5989	larrypub@cablespeed.com
Book Club			
Bowling			
Bridge	Kristen Sawyer	(410) 974-4514	sawyerfam651@verizon.net
Bunco	Barbara Myers	(410) 757-7257	myersb1000@gmail.com
Checkers	Larry Balch	(410) 757-5989	larrypub@cablespeed.com
Chess	Larry Balch	(410) 757-5989	larrypub@cablespeed.com
Cornhole	Larry Balch	(410) 757-5989	larrypub@cablespeed.com
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Fishing	Jeffrey Norris	(410) 757-5458	janorris2@icloud.com
Gardening	Nancy Kennerly	(410) 757-2791	nancykennerly@gmail.com
Golf	Tom Kozel	(410) 626-7830	tjkozel@verizon.net
Helping Hands	Diane Kozel	(410) 626-7830	dmkozel1@verizon.net
Horseshoes	Larry Balch	(410) 757-5989	larrypub@cablespeed.com
Knitting	Clair Brown	(410) 757-7210	
Mah Jong	Larry Balch	(410) 757-5989	larrypub@cablespeed.com
Pickleball	Tom Sawyer	(410) 974-4514	sawyerfam651@verizon.net
Poker	David Becker	(410) 757-4237	dbecker621@hotmail.com

Quilting/Sewing	Kathleen Overton	(443) 949-9323	mandkoverton@verizon.net
Scrabble	Larry Balch	(410) 757-5989	larrypub@cablespeed.com
Shooting	George Collis	(410) 974-1316	ghcmoney@comcast.net
Softball	Jim Quigley	(410) 757-0641	jbquig@verizon.net
Tai Chi			
Walking			
Yoga	Diane Kozel	(410) 626-7830	dmkozel1@verizon.net

Ulmstead Activity: Gardening

Have your flowers and shrubs enjoyed all the rain and have outgrown their beds? Do you have some bare spots that need something? Or do you just want to see something different?

Good news! The Ulmstead Gardening Activity group is having a plant exchange at the beach on Saturday Sept. 24th from 9:00-11:00 am.

Just bring whatever you want to share and take whatever looks promising. You do not even need to bring anything; take as much as you like.

6th Annual
Guys Beer & Brats
FREE to UCI members
(adults only)



Friday, October 7th
6:30 to ? @ the Barn



Meet some new neighbors, have a beer, play a game,
and tell a tall tale or two...

Contact Scott Glubke by Oct 5th
410-757-6176 or dbm683@gmail.com
if you are interested in helping



2016 Ulmstead Triathlon

Reminder: The Ulmstead Triathlon is September 5th (Labor Day): **Kids** 8:30AM **Adults** 9:30AM at the Ulmstead Pool. To volunteer or for questions: Please contact Rob Wallace 443-756-0921



6th Annual UCI Family Campout

The *Annual Ulmstead Campout* at the ball field will be held **Saturday, September 17, 2016**. As usual we will provide hotdogs and burgers for dinner on the grill, s'mores by the campfire, and doughnuts and coffee Sunday morning. We are also inviting participants to bring a small side dish to share (fruit, veggies, salad, etc.). We are happy to report that we will again have full access to the barn facilities including bathrooms and refrigerators!

Volunteers will be needed to help ensure an enjoyable time for all! Please indicate on your RSVP your willingness to help out during the event. To have an accurate headcount please **RSVP by September 3rd** to Evan Hays evanchays@hotmail.com or Dennis Grignon grignon@netzero.com.

This event is free for UCI members in good standing. In an effort to make this event even more kid friendly, we are welcoming ideas for kid games/activities during the campout. Please send your ideas along with your RSVP, keeping in mind that we have limited space and lighting. Also, if you have extra firewood you can donate, please let us know.

Finally, your beloved camp counselors would like to pass the torch for organizing this great event. If you have any interest in taking over, please speak with one of us at the campout or sooner. If you don't currently have any interest, please consider it. We have had a nice run and would like to see the event continue for many years.



42nd Annual Ulmstead Fishing Tournament & Fish Fry



Tournament Saturday September 17th and Fish Fry Sunday September 18th

Calling all Ulmsteadites to a day on the Bay (or creek or river) fishing, followed by an afternoon at the beach for a fish fry with friends! Fish from a motorboat, sailboat, manpowered boat, or from the shore with no boat at all! Prizes will be awarded for all categories and all ages. All participating anglers and their families are included in the fish fry and award ceremony on Sunday regardless of their catch. If you're new to this event, please join us in a great Ulmstead tradition. Those who have taken part before know how much fun this is. This is one tournament where you can't lose! (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TOO!)

Fish Fry for ALL participants and families: Last Names A-M please bring a Side or Salad for 8-10
Sunday 1pm @ The Beach Last Names N-Z please bring a Dessert for 8-10

TOURNAMENT RULES:

1. All fishermen must depart from Dock 2 no earlier than 6:00am Saturday whether by land or sea.
2. All boats and shore fishermen must be in sight of Dock 2 by 5:00pm the same day.
3. Judges will be at Dock 2 for weigh-in from 4:00pm – 6:00pm.
4. All fish must be of legal size, weight, and caught by hook and line (bait or lure).
5. Each crew member will coordinate with the captain concerning food, beverage, equipment and/or share of the boat's expenses.
6. All participants are responsible for cleaning their boat's catch and for assisting the captain in cleaning and securing the boat.
7. Most Importantly – **Be Safe and Have Fun!**

TOURNAMENT PRIZES:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place – Boat Total Weight (largest 6 fish)
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place – Largest Fish by Weight
- Largest Fish by Weight from a Sailboat
- Largest Fish by Weight from a Kayak, Canoe, or Rowboat (no motor)
- Largest Fish by Weight caught from Pier/Shore
- Largest Fish by Weight caught by an angler 13 or under
- Smallest Legal Fish caught on a hook
- Most Unusual Fish caught on a hook

And if applicable:

- Largest Striped Bass by Weight
- Largest Bluefish by Weight
- Largest Spanish Mackerel by Weight
- Largest Perch by Length
- Largest Spot by Length
- Largest Croaker by Length

LEGAL SIZES AND CREEL LIMITS: (For reference only, Anglers are responsible for all regulations)

Striped Bass	Minimum Size 20"	2/person (only 1 >28" per person)
Bluefish	Minimum Size 8"	10/person
Spanish Mackerel	Minimum Size 14"	15/person
Croaker	Minimum Size 9"	25/person
White Perch & Spot	No size or creel limit if caught by hook and line.	

For Questions or More Information – Call Matt Ostergaard 915-401-6030

Ulmstead Fishing Tournament Eligibility and Entry Form

- Boat Captains must be UCI members.
- All residents are eligible to fish. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Non-UCI members must be invited guests of a member.

Attention Boat Captains: If you are fishing without a full crew, please consider taking a neighbor as a “walk-on” to share in this great experience and the sport of fishing! If you have room and are willing, please indicate so when you register.

If you don't have a boat and are not fishing from shore, please register as a Walk-On below and we'll make every effort to find you a spot.

FEES*:	\$12.00.....	Boat Captain / Adult Guest / Shore Angler
	8.00.....	Each Additional Adult (14+) Immediate Family Member
	5.00.....	Children (7-13)
		Children under 7 are free

*Fees paid by Anglers are used solely to cover the cost of trophies and fish fry expenses.

For Questions or More Information – Call Matt Ostergaard 915-401-6030

Please cut/tear entry form off at line.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

Please submit to Matt Ostergaard, 636 BRETON PL.
Checks should be made out to **UCI Fish**

For planning, please submit ASAP but NO LATER THAN September 14th.

Name(s): _____

I am registering as a:

Boat Captain Shore Fisherman Walk-On(s) – How Many?

Boat Guest - Indicate Boat Captain: _____

Boat Captains Only:

Do you have room on your boat for Walk-Ons (indicate how many)? _____

Boat Captain/Adult Shore (\$12) # of Adult Immediate Family (\$8) _____

of Children 7-13 (\$5) _____ # of Adult Guests (\$12) _____

Total Fees Enclosed: _____

NOTICES

RENTAL PROPERTIES

Florida Keys Condo for weekly and monthly rentals. Marathon, (Florida Keys) #118 Ocean Isles Fishing Village Studio-sized condo with full kitchen, queen Murphy bed and twin trundle bed, huge pool overlooking Atlantic. Great fishing from the dock. An hour-long drive from Key West, 2.5 hr. drive from Ft. Lauderdale or fly into Marathon and it's a mile away. Available for weekly and monthly rentals, see it www.KeysRentalsOnline.com or call Colleen at 410-703-1468.

Ocean City Vacation Rental - Oceanfront getaway - Would you like a family getaway in north Ocean City? With its 4 private bedrooms (sleeps 12-14), 4 bathrooms, 2 living areas, and 3 decks overlooking the ocean, there is plenty of room to gather as a group. Off-season weeks/weekends available. For more information, call Gwyn or Al Tober at 410-757-8388 or go to <http://www.gwyntober.com/beach> to view pictures.

Deep Creek Lake Townhouse for Rent: Right across the street from Wisp Ski Resort and access to Deep Creek Lake on the property. It sleeps eight (2 Doubles, 1 Queen, 1 Queen sleep sofa). Fully equipped kitchen, fireplace in LR, jetted tub, washer/dryer. Walk to slopes, golf course, tennis court, dock, mountain coaster and white water rafting. Call Tim or Elizabeth Parker at 410-571-5315.

Outer Banks, NC Beach House Rental - Kill Devil Hills, MP 7. Walk to the beach from this 4 bedroom, 2 bath family beach house. Sleeps eight (1 King, 1 queen, 2 twins and 1 twin bunk bed set). Fully equipped kitchen, 2 living areas, 3 levels of decks, washer and dryer. Near Wright Brother's Memorial, mini-golf, movie theater, grocery store, restaurants and shopping. Two blocks from the ocean, one mile from the sound. Call Jeff or Ann Young 410-757-5805.

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and liaison roles

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Jason Dowell – Nautical
Kevin Stone – Beach, Scenic
Mike Murphy – Security, Pool
Mike Slavin – Tennis, Equestrian, Ball Field, Barn Recreation Rooms
Vacant
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DEPARTMENTS & ACTIVITIES

Ball Field	Bob Svehlak
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Manager	Lynne Andrews
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Senior Activities	B. Myers/N. Kennerly
Adult/Family Events	
Mothers' Day Brunch	George/Shepard
July 4th Parade & Picnic	Andy Vernick
Dock Party	Nautical Department
Fishing Tournament	Mike Sawyer
Ladies Wine & Cheese	Stacy Glubke
New Year's Eve Party	Vacant
Fall Camp-out	Grigon/Hays
Guy's Beer & Brats	Scott Glubke
Wings, Chili, Homebrew	Suzy Sundius
Children	
Weekly Playgroup	Mahan/Cukor
Spring Party	Tracy Seybert
Autumn Party	Beth Rue
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<https://sites.google.com/a/ulmstead.org/ulmstead-pool/>

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SWIM CLUB QUICK LINKS

pool@ulmstead.org

SWIM TEAM

www.UlmsteadSwimTeam.org

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 835

Scoutmaster Mike Allen

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Ulmstead Calendar – September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Ulmstead Triathlon	6 UCI Board meeting 7:00PM at the barn	7 Children's Playgroup @ Barn 12:00 PM	8 Boy Scouts @ Barn 7-8 PM	9	10
11	12	13 Savvy Seniors Happy Hour @the Beach 5-7PM (if inclement weather, at barn).	14 Guys Get Together @ O'Loughlins 5PM	15 Boy Scouts @ Barn 7-8 PM Children's Playgroup @ Barn 12:00 PM	16	17 Ulmstead Annual Campout at the Ballfield Ulmstead Annual Fishing Tournament (17 th) and Fish Fry (18 th)
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25	26	27	28	29 Boy Scouts @ Barn 7-8 PM	30	

Reminder: October Weathervane submissions are due by **Saturday, September 24**. Email: weathervane@ulmstead.org
Save the DATES: October meeting of the UCI Board is Wednesday, October 5th. Savvy Seniors Happy Hour is October 5th. Guys Beer and Brats is October 7th. Guys Get Together is October 12th.