

THE ULMSTEAD

Weathervane



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From the President

Yes, May has finally arrived! The smell of fresh mulch and spring flowers is definitely in the air. Ulmstead Estates is once again transforming itself into the beautiful community we all enjoy on a daily basis. Remember to respect all our neighbors by following UCI By-Laws and Architectural Guidelines; both are at our website www.ulmstead.com. Once or twice a month I seem to be rereading one of these documents to address comments from members. Remember, being a good neighbor sometimes requires a bit of work or an honest conversation.

It's time to start thinking about the wonderful amenities that we can all take part in! Memorial Day is right around the corner which means pool time and swim practices. Please consider joining the Ulmstead Community Pool. Kaye Witting (Tennis Club) and Bill Zichos (Dockmaster) are also accepting new members as well. Tennis is repairing the courts' surface this spring to be ready for another great tennis and pickleball season. Work is scheduled to begin in May and will take about a week to complete. More details will be sent out shortly before work commences. UCI only functions due to all our volunteers. And I cannot emphasize enough that we are in need of replacements for UCI Secretary and a Barn Maintenance Manager. Vin Hardick is doing double duty at our Monthly Board Meetings (First Wednesday of each month at 6:30PM – see UCI Calendar), and we have been trying to find a replacement for Brian Poole, Barn Maintenance Manager, since the end of 2017. Brian has been selfless in his support for Ulmstead and this position is just his most recent in UCI.

Youth Services. There are great opportunities in Ulmstead to provide baby sitting, pet sitting, yard work, and other services. Please email your information to Weathervane@ulmstead.org to either add or update your information.

Beach Revetment Project. Our project passed a milestone this month when the 30-day public comment period concluded without any comments. BayLand has begun the final design for the project and are on their way to submitting our grading permit applications. I will share more schedule details as they firm up.

Dock 1 Permitting Status. The Dock 1 permit process has received a negative comment from a former Ulmstead resident. Due to this comment, work on Dock 1 has been postponed until the matter can be resolved between Anne Arundel County and UCI.

Annual Kayak/Boat Ramp Fees. Reminder from the Dockmaster that there is now an annual \$25 fee for kayakers and an annual \$100 fee for boaters using the Dock 1 ramp who are not slip holders.

Barn-to-Pool Trail. Hunter Dement has received approval from his Boy Scout committee to proceed with the trail between the barn field area and the pool. Hunter will be recruiting a work party to get the trail started. Volunteers are needed, and service hours will be granted. Please contact Hunter at hunter.dement@gmail.com .

Nextdoor Communications. Since the introduction of the Nextdoor application to the Ulmstead community, we have found it to be another great form of communication in addition to the UCI website and the monthly Weathervane. I think all will agree that it is a very useful tool. Recent debate on Nextdoor led to somewhat emotional posts resulting in the following note from our Nextdoor Lead:

“... Nextdoor was established to help build a stronger communication tool that facilitates community and a safer neighborhood. As lead, I am not in the position to censor posts unless it crosses boundaries and causes disruption. Controversial issues and vague posts on certain topics will inevitably rub neighbors the wrong way. Please avoid over posting on such topics but also respecting that as neighbors we will not all share the same views. There is a respectful and positive way to initiate such debate without attacking or causing harm. If certain posts lead to attacks in the comments, this is a violation of Nextdoor guidelines and the discussion will be closed...”.

A gentle reminder to be respectful and considerate when posting or commenting on posts.

Mike Slavin
UCI President
president@ulmstead.org

Call for Volunteers!!

Officers:

- UCI Secretary

Department Managers:

- Barn Maintenance Manager

Other:

- Scenic Control
- 4th of July Parade & Picnic

UCI DEPARTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

NAUTICAL

Boats are beginning to arrive and last-minute repairs and improvements are ongoing at the docks.

Replacement parts have been ordered for the ice machine at Dock 2 and it should be back in service by the time this article is published.

A small dumpster was placed at Dock 1 this year to curtail trash being left in area. Immediately, it was filled with furniture and other household products. This dumpster is for the slip holders and boaters using the launching ramp only. Please be considerate so that we can keep this dock area clean.

All small boats, kayaks, canoes, etc. that are stored on UCI property are required to have 2018 Nautical stickers. The revenue generated by these stickers will help to improve nautical facilities such as kayak racks. The storage areas at both docks are overflowing with small boats. The stickers will help us identify boats that have been abandoned so that they can be removed. Please be sure to have the new stickers on your boats by June 1. Trailers using the UCI boat ramp at Dock 1 will also be required to display 2018 Nautical stickers. The stickers will identify legitimate users of the launching ramp. Sticker revenue also contributes to the maintenance and future upgrades for this facility which is currently financed by slip holders, many of whom do not use the launching ramp. Nautical fees paid by the boaters are used to pay for operating costs of our facilities and to contribute to the nautical reserve fund. Contact Lynne Andrews (410-757-7578) to purchase stickers. The cost for small boat stickers is \$25 and \$100 for trailer stickers.

The old floating dock next to the boat ramp is unsafe and is closed. Please do not use this dock for storing or launching small boats. It has been scheduled for demolition and removal at the same time as Dock 1. Until then, please keep off this dock.

Nautical is looking for a couple of Ulmstead teens willing to help maintain the appearance of our dock areas in exchange for service hours. If you are interested contact Bill Zichos at 410-974-1795 or dockmaster@ulmstead.org.

DOCK 1 UPDATE

As of this writing, we are still waiting for state and county permits to proceed with the much-needed reconstruction of Dock 1. MDE rules required UCI to notify adjacent property owners by letter and publish a notification of a 30-day public comment period in the newspaper and on the Maryland Department of the Environment website. On the last day of the comment period, MDE received an email from Melvin Bender, a Forked Creek property owner, and Dennis Deitch, a Forked Creek property owner and former Ulmstead Estates resident, opposing our pier permit. When designing the pier replacement, every effort was made to minimize the impact on our neighbors and the environment. Our permit expeditor met with the various state and county agencies to ensure that our design conformed to all of their criteria. The number of boat slips will be reduced from 20 to 19. The pier will not extend any farther out into the creek. Only the width of the boat slips will be increased to accommodate modern boat beams. This results in extending the length of the tee pier approximately 52' toward Mr. Deitch's property. This extension still keeps Dock 1 well inside the existing UCI boat ramp and pier. Current MDE rules would not prevent us from extending the pier another 50' to 100' which we have chosen not

to do. This opposition coming at the very end of the comment period has succeeded in delaying our permit, but after talking to our permit expediter and the MDE, there do not appear to be any grounds to deny our permit.

Thanks, and have a safe and enjoyable boating season.

Bill Zichos

SOCIAL

The Guys Get Together

Please join Ulmstead gentlemen for a friendly social gathering at O'Loughlins on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5pm.

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 for information at 410-919-8487.

Savvy Seniors

For ANY UCI Adult Members who wish to come, on May 22nd at 10 AM at the Barn, Roger Feldman, an acquaintance of Dave & Cindy Fox, and his colleagues are presenting a most thought provoking and helpful list of topics for discussion that may help answer questions many of us may have had or will be considering before long.

Topics could include questions about:

Medicare
Different types of senior communities
Safely aging in place
Real estate values
Senior living wealth management
Long term care insurance

It is an opportunity to learn more about concerns we may have now or in the future.

Questions: Chris Rockwell, Irene Godoy, Diane Kozel

NOTICES

In Memory of

Albert Homans, 78, passed away on March 16 from ALS. Al was born and raised in Cleveland, OH. He earned his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Ohio University, M.S. in Electronics from Air Force Institute of Technology and MBA from Loyola. He served in the U.S. Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station as a graduate student and missile program manager, retiring as Captain. This seminal experience launched a distinguished 50-year career in aviation engineering and program management. He retired from ARINC after 15 years of managing FAA, NOAA-NWS and NASA programs and services.

Al indulged his lifelong love of cars through many enjoyable hours spent planning, tinkering, driving, volunteering and in the company of fellow classic car aficionados. He obtained his pilot's license while in the USAF. Baseball, running, cycling, hiking, woodworking and extensive travel also brought him much joy and fulfillment. He served on the Dock 2 Replacement Committee and most recently as Security Department Manager for several years.

Al's family meant the world to him. They join his wife, Lois Findlay, in appreciation for the community's invaluable help during his illness and since his passing.

Safety Notice: May 9th is National Bike and Walk to School Day

For the third year in a row, **Broadneck Elementary students will be participating** in the National Bike and Walk to School Day on Wednesday, May 9th, 2018.

Please be aware that a larger number of our elementary students will be biking and walking to school this day. Therefore, please take extra caution when driving on the streets. Please also expect some traffic delays during the before and after school times, as there will be police escorts for bike and walk trains.

About the Event:

- ❖ Join Broadneck students, parents and Principal Noon by walking or biking to school on May 9th
 - ❖ Police patrol cars will accompany "bike trains" from Broadneck neighborhoods along College Parkway, Bay Green and Shore Acres.
 - ❖ Start the day with physical activity and increase brain power!
- For more information or to volunteer, contact: Mary van Andel (milma03@hotmail.com)

RENTAL PROPERTIES

OCEAN FRONT TOWNHOUSE in North Ocean City. Fun vacation home for family gatherings. Features 5 Bedrooms (one is great for kids...a Bunk Room with 2 sets of bunk beds and 2 twin beds), 4 Baths plus and outdoor shower, 1 roadside balcony, 2 waterside balconies and a large deck off main living area. Sleeps 14 comfortably. Well-appointed throughout. Weekly rentals from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Off-season weeks or weekends available. Contact Gwyn Tober, 410-991-5543, gtober7@gmail.com or go to: <https://www.cbvacations.com/oceancityvacationrentals/weekly/whitesandsvillage6> for info and photos.

WANTED

Looking to buy a used girl's bike 22 - 24", with foot brakes. Please call Cindy Root at [410-757-8125](tel:410-757-8125)

UCI OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS

www.ulmstead.org

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

UCI Board of Directors <i>and liaison roles</i>	Mike Slavin – President, Scenic Mike Murphy – Security, Pool Vincent Hardick – Nautical Irene Godoy – Membership, Social Evan Hays – Tennis, Ball Fields Scott Shephard – Equestrian, Barn Recreation Rooms
Executive Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Vince Hardick (Acting)
Treasurer	Renee Kelly
Assistant Treasurer	Jim Quigley

DEPARTMENTS & ACTIVITIES

Ball Field	Bob Svehlak
Barn Recreation Rooms	
Manager	Kim Treacy
Maintenance	Brian Poole
Beach & Shore	
Reservations	Ginny Vernick
Maintenance	Pat Shay
Beach Camp	Lisa Gattie
Capital Improvements	Ken Pacquin
Equestrian	<i>Suspended</i>
Nautical	Bill Zichos
Scenic Control	Vacant
Beautification	Michelle Mahan
Security	JP Rue
Social	
Senior Activities	B. Myers
Adult/Family Events	
Mothers' Day Brunch	George/Shepard
July 4th Parade & Picnic	Vacant
Dock Party	Denise Zucco
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	Anne Lynch
Spring Party	Michelle Mahan
Autumn Party	Michelle Mahan
Christmas	Kathy Vavrina
Tennis	Kaye Witting
Maintenance	Mark Overton
Membership	Kathy Pruissen / Renee Kardash
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INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATIONS

2017 ULMSTEAD SWIM CLUB

https://sites.google.com/a/ulmstead.org/ulmstead-pool/	
President	Brad Snodgrass
Vice President	Sharman Devaney
Secretary	Tracy Seybert
Membership	Lisa Gattie
Treasurer	Julie Parks
Maintenance	Scott Glubke
Social	Dawn Orso
Member at Large	Kerri Sodero
UCI Board Liaison	Mike Murphy
Swim Team Liaison	Suzanne Vaaler

SWIM CLUB QUICK LINKS

pool@ulmstead.org

SWIM TEAM

www.UlmsteadSwimTeam.org

Director	Suzanne Vaaler
Merchandise	Denise Zucco
Concessions	Katy Kelley
GASL League Rep	Jerilyn Deitch
Meet Manager (IT)	Liz Norton
Treasurer	Rob Wallace
Team Webmaster	Hannah Goldstein
Volunteers Coordinators	J. Grignon / C. Sawyer
Head Coach	Colleen Winans
Assistant Coach	Matt Swensen
Special Events	Harrison/Woltersdorf

BOY SCOUT TROOP 835

Scoutmaster	Mike Allen
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Ulmstead Calendar – May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 UCI Board Meeting @ Barn 6:30PM	3 Boy Scouts @ Barn 7-8PM	4	5
6	7	8	9 Bike to School Day Guys Get Together @ O'Loughlins 5PM	10 Boy Scouts @ Barn 7-8PM	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Boy Scouts @ Barn 7-8PM	18 Boy Scout trip 18-20 th , Tuckahoe State Park, Canoes, kayaks, & fishing. Family trip.	19
20	21	22 Savvy Senior 10AM @ Barn, Feldman presentation	23	24 Boy Scouts @ Barn 7-8PM	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Boy Scouts @ Barn 7-8PM		
Reminders: UCI Board meetings are the first Wednesday of every month (except August) at 6:30. The deadline for the June Weathervane is May 25. Email: weathervane@ulmstead.org						