

*THE ULMSTEAD*

# *Weathervane*



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## *From the President*

If you see something, say something. It is the name of the campaign from the Department of Homeland Security, and in the wake of last week's bombings in Belgium, we are seeing this slogan again on the overhead signs every time we drive on Route 50. Whether this campaign is successful in stopping an attack in the US, we may never know. But its philosophical foundation – that alert communities keep us secure – has its place, even here in Ulmstead.

No, I am not suggesting that you or I have a neighbor who intends to do us harm. Rather, I believe Ulmstead is a better and more secure community because our neighbors pay attention to what is going on and let someone know when something just doesn't feel right. Two recent examples come to mind:

Thank you to the resident who called the police when he saw a group of nonresident high school kids hanging out at Dock 1 and allegedly drinking beer and smoking pot in the middle of the day. One can perhaps hope that those teenagers are now pursuing safer leisure-time activities, but even if not, they (and our community) are safer because they are less likely to be driving down Placid Court under the influence after doing who-knows-what on our old and unstable floating dock.

And thank you to the tennis department members who heard an alarm at the barn Tuesday night last week and took to their phones to notify someone, anyone, that there might be a problem. The alarm was connected to the barn's indoor sprinkler system and could have indicated a fire. Instead, it indicated a sudden leak from one of the pipes outside the tack room, and their actions helped prevent even greater damage.

Remember that it does not have to be an alarm or possibly illegal activity that prompts one to speak up or take action. If you see something at the docks that needs repair, if you hear that an elderly neighbor who lives alone is not doing well, or if you think (however unlikely it is) that your UCI Board is not doing what needs to be done, please say something. I can be reached at [president@ulmstead.org](mailto:president@ulmstead.org), the Board can be reached at [board@ulmstead.org](mailto:board@ulmstead.org), and Al Homans, our Security Department manager, can be reached at [security@ulmstead.org](mailto:security@ulmstead.org). Phone numbers are in the directory.

And, speaking of directories...

This is the time of year when the new annual UCI Membership Directories are usually printed and delivered. Those directories are delayed about a month as Kathy Pruissen and Renee Kardash (our new Membership Department managers) work with the new membership database and develop the 2016 directory's new look. Don't toss your old 2015 directory. Kathy and Renee proposed, and the board agreed, to save money and trees by only printing the "phone book" portion of the document. The never-changing bylaws and the rarely changing department rules will not be reprinted every year. They are in the old directories, they will be distributed by the Welcoming Committee to new residents, and they will continue to be available on our website ([www.ulmstead.org](http://www.ulmstead.org)).

Finally, I will close with a few more well-deserved kudos. Thank you to Brian Poole who manages the barn maintenance for his handling of the aforementioned flooding and repairs. And thank you to Mike Sawyer (UCI Dockmaster) and all of the volunteers who successfully completed another annual slip selection meeting. There are still slips available; let Mike know if you want one.

Happy Spring!

Stephen Blumberg, UCI President

# UCI DEPARTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

## MEMBERSHIP

UCI is happy to welcome new residents Dante and Maria Lundgren.

## SOCIAL

### Savvy Seniors

Spring has finally sprung and we are eagerly looking forward to more senior activities. April will start these off with our Coffee Hour on Thursday, April 7th at 10 AM. Carol and Fred Lautenschlager have generously offered to host this event at their lovely home at 612 Breton Place. Please join us for some fun conversation and continuing to acquaint ourselves with some very special people.

Additionally, the Savvy Senior group will be enjoying a Happy Hour from 5 - 7 PM on Thursday, April 21st. Kristen and Tom Sawyer have offered their charming home at 651 Mallard Court to enjoy our get together. Our past happy hours have been most enjoyable, so we hope you can join us. Please bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share. Any questions related to our coffee or happy hour, please contact Diane Kozel at [dmkozell@verizon.net](mailto:dmkozell@verizon.net) or 410-626-7830 or Irene Godoy at [Irenehaargodoy@gmail.com](mailto:Irenehaargodoy@gmail.com) or 410-974-4469.

### Children's Playgroup - 12pm at the Barn 4/6 & 4/21

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](mailto:michellemahan@comcast.net), Candice Cukor e-mail: [candicecukor@gmail.com](mailto:candicecukor@gmail.com) or Molly Wood e-mail: [freitag02@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

***Annual food drive:*** The scouts will be collecting donations for their annual food drive Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please leave your donations of non-perishable food items, not expired, in a bag by your mailbox by noon. Toiletries are good too. Thanks, Mike Allen, Scout Master, Troop 835

## **Wings, Chili, & Homebrew Contest**

Reminder, the **6<sup>th</sup> annual buffalo wings, chili, and homebrew contest** is **Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** Attendance is \$10 per non-competing person. Attendees will receive a ballot for each category. Everyone gets to vote. Wine will also be available for non-beer lovers. If you are not competing, please bring a side dish, appetizer or dessert.

For those new to the competition, this is a fierce and fun event. Check out the directions below and email or call Suzy Sundius with any questions: [suzy@soboproductions.com](mailto:suzy@soboproductions.com) / 410-757-6447

Wings — Need to bring enough for 70 to 80 people (recommend min. of 15 lbs)

Chili — A large crockpot usually does the trick

Beer — A 5-gallon batch in bottles or small kegs in cooler

BEER UPDATE: There will be 2 categories this year for beer: Lighter Beers and Bolder Beers. Brew what you love! Winning!

## **Ulmstead Community Yard Sale 2016**

Save the date! The annual **Ulmstead Community yard sale** will be held **Saturday, June 4, 2016.** This year, we're going to try something new. Spots will be available at the Ulmstead barn parking lot for community members to set up in. See below for details:

Date: Saturday June 4, 2016

Time: 8am – 1pm

Location: Ulmstead Barn parking lot with spillover to the playing field

Sponsor: UCI Board

Committee: Brian Gugerty ([brian.gugerty@gmail.com](mailto:brian.gugerty@gmail.com)); others welcome

Logistics:

- Estimate of spots available in the Ulmstead parking lot for community member vendors – 20
- Will sign up Ulmstead participants on a first come first serve basis
- An area map with “stall” assignments for the parking lot is being created
- An area map with “stall” assignments for the playing field for spill over is being created
- Parking/ directions/ sale item pick up monitors will be present
- Set up time: 6:30am – 7:45am.

# POOL

## ULMSTEAD SWIM TEAM NEWS

We are so excited to announce the start of another exciting season of the Ulmstead Swim Team! Many volunteers are buzzing around behind the scenes making changes to ensure a FUN, EXCITING, and SUCCESSFUL season! The results of the survey are IN and some very insightful questions and suggestions were offered. Of course we cannot accommodate all requests, but the ones that are likely to have a positive impact on the entire team are ones we are looking into.

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of your neighborhood swim team, hang with your friends and strengthen your swimming skills! We are thrilled to welcome back our very own Head Coach, Colleen Winans. Also, even though he is graduating from college in May, our Assistant Coach, Matt Swensen, just couldn't bear the thought of starting "*real life*" until he had one more season with our community!! ☺ Just when you thought it couldn't get any better... we have yet more surprises in store to accommodate our ever-growing family of swimmers!! (can you say additional coaching staff?)

**READ** your "**What's Up Duck**" Newsletter which can be found by going to the Parents tab of the [Ulmsteadswimteam.org](http://Ulmsteadswimteam.org) website (remember, you have to be a registered user of the site)!

***Swim Team Registration opened on March 25<sup>th</sup>!!***

### **THINGS TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE YOU REGISTER:**

- Swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool; this is a 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!**
- Our network of parents keep the team organized and allow our meets to run smoothly. Each family is expected to fulfill their required volunteer assignments. Assignments are for the duration of the meet and will be assigned with consideration of your choices (see job descriptions on website under PARENTS – VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTIONS) and vacation schedules as submitted on your registration form. Volunteer assignment requirements will generally be for 3 or more full meets or an equivalent time frame depending on your assignment

### **REGISTRATION DETAILS:**

- Registration opened **March 25, 2016** on website [www.ulmsteadswimteam.org](http://www.ulmsteadswimteam.org)
- You must be an Ulmstead Swim Club member to register (unless you qualify for our Swim Team Only Teen membership– see FAQ on website for details)
- The Registration Fee again this year is \$120 per swimmer. Registration fees cover swimmers' AAU insurance fees, concessions items required from each family, facility maintenance, various other swim team related expenses, and Medal Meet league fees.
- Registration is completed online and all payments must be made through PayPal
- Registration **DEADLINE IS MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>!** (late fee is \$50 per family and will be strictly enforced)
- No registrations allowed after JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>!

Please contact Suzanne with any questions at [director@ulmsteadswimteam.org](mailto:director@ulmsteadswimteam.org)

## **2016 WEEKDAY PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

Starts Tuesday, May 31st after school:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Age Group</b>
3:30-4:00 pm	6 and under
4:00-4:30 pm	7-8
4:30-5:15 pm	9-10 and 11-12
5:15-6:00 pm	13 and older

Regular season practice will start when public schools close:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Walk-in working teen dedicated lane &amp; workout</b>
7:15-8:00 am	9-10	15 and older
8:00-8:45 am	7-8	15 and older
8:45-9:15 am	6 and under	15 and older
9:15-10:00 am	11-12	15 and older
10:00-10:45 am	13 and older	15 and older

### **\*\* LIFEGUARDS / TEENS FOR HIRE \*\***

If you are a lifeguard or 16 years or older and not a member of our swim team, you may want to submit your name as a "Lifeguard/Teen for Hire" for our swim team families!! Sometimes plans change for families and they have to find a replacement for a swim meet volunteer assignment. The only assignments that can be hired out are Timer, Runner, Kid Finder, Ribbon Clerk, Heat Winner Ribbon Fairy, and Concessions. It is up to the family to explain the duties and position expectations to the replacement person.

Please send your name and contact information (phone number and email address) to the Volunteer Coordinator(s) with "Lifeguard/Teen for Hire" in the subject line at [volunteer@ulmsteadswimteam.org](mailto:volunteer@ulmsteadswimteam.org) so they may post it on the website for easy access.

# NOTICES

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS



## Pet Shelter Donations



Please help us donate to the Annapolis SPCA to help pets in need. We will be at the barn from 1:00pm to 3:00pm on Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> to collect any donations that you would like to contribute.\*

### Supplies Accepted

- Dog and cat wet and dry food (All food must be unopened)
- Gerber baby food (Stage 2, 2.5oz jars, meat)
- Scratching posts
- Kong toys and buster cubes
- Pet crates
- Puppy pads
- Lint rollers
- Rubber gloves
- Stamps and copy paper
- Outdoor gloves and trash bags
- No medicine, catnip, dog bowls, pillows, or sheets

Please see the SPCA website for more ideas: <http://www.mdspca.org/give/wish-lists>

Thank you! Lindsey and Grant Tober and Erica and John Vaaler

\*If you cannot drop off your donations on April 30<sup>th</sup>, please feel free to drop your items at 611 Breton Place.

Questions? 410-757-6737

SPCA's Federal Tax ID: 52-6001558

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A Roaring Good Time at the Barn!

Shhh...come to the to the **SPEAKEASY** to bid on amazing auction items and party 1920s style while supporting a local preschool!



St. Margaret's Day School is hosting its annual  
Silent Auction fundraiser at **THE ULMSTEAD BARN**  
on **APRIL 30** at 7 PM.

Contact **TRACY SEUBERT** at 202-262-0325

**TICKETS \$50**



# NOTICES

## FOR SALE

**Tartan 27 Sailboat:** Presently at Dock One. Call Tom Kozel at 410-626-7830 for information.

## 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 dock. Hour 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](http://www.KeysRentalsOnline.com) or call Colleen at 410-703-1468.

**Ocean City Vacation Rental - Oceanfront Get Away -** Would you like a family get away 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 [www.gwyntober.com/beach](http://www.gwyntober.com/beach) <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. 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.

# UCI OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS

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

UCI Board of Directors  
*and liaison roles*

Stephen Blumberg – President, Capital Improvements  
Nancy Kennerly – Membership, Social  
Jason Dowell – Nautical  
Kevin Stone – Beach, Scenic  
Mike Murphy – Security, Pool  
Mike Slavin – Tennis, Equestrian, Ball Field, Barn Recreation Rooms  
Vacant  
Hannah Goldstein  
Mary Grund

Executive Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

## DEPARTMENTS & ACTIVITIES

Ball Field	Bob Svehlak
Barn Recreation Rooms	
Manager	Lynne Andrews
Maintenance	Brian Poole
Beach & Shore	
Reservations	Ginny Vernick
Maintenance	Pat Shay
Beach Camp	Lisa Gattie
Capital Improvements	George Collis
Equestrian	Suzanne Vaaler
Nautical	Mike Sawyer
Scenic Control	Eva Moore
Beautification	Michelle Mahan
Security	Al Homans
Social	
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
Christmas	Kathy Vavrina
Tennis	Kathy Jacob
Maintenance	Mark Overton
Membership	Kathy Pruissen / Renee Kardash
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## INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATIONS

### 2016 ULMSTEAD SWIM CLUB

<https://sites.google.com/a/ulmstead.org/ulmstead-pool/>

President	Brad Snodgrass
Vice President	Sharman Devaney
Secretary	Hannah Goldstein
Membership	Lisa Gattie
Treasurer	Julie Parks
Maintenance	Scott Glubke
Social	Ann Harrison
Member at Large	Nicole Roberts
UCI Board Liaison	Kevin Stone
Swim Team Liaisons	Suzanne Vaaler & Jenne Dunne

### SWIM CLUB QUICK LINKS

[pool@ulmstead.org](mailto:pool@ulmstead.org)

### SWIM TEAM

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

Director	Suzanne Vaaler
Merchandise	Susie Smargissi
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

## EMAIL QUICK LINKS

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## Ulmstead Calendar – April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Boy Scouts Annual Food Drive	4	5	6 Children's Playgroup @ Barn 12:00 PM  UCI Board meeting 7:30PM at the barn	7 Boy Scouts 7-8 PM  Savvy Seniors Coffee Hour 10am, 612 Breton Pl.	8	9 Chili, wings, homebrew contest at 7pm at barn
10	11	12	13	14 Boy Scouts 7-8 PM	15 Tax Day	16
17	18	19	20	21 Children's Playgroup @ Barn 12:00 PM  Boy Scouts 7-8 PM  Savvy Seniors Happy Hour 5-7PM, 651 Mallard Ct.	22	23
24	25 Weathervane submission deadline	26 Election Day AACPS schools closed	27	28 Boy Scouts 7-8 PM	29	30 SPCA fundraiser 1-3 pm at barn

May Weathervane deadline is April 25. Email: [weathervane@ulmstead.org](mailto:weathervane@ulmstead.org)

**Save the DATES:** Swim Team registration deadline is May 1. May UCI board meeting is May 4. Community yard sale is June 4.