

*THE ULMSTEAD*

# *Weathervane*



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## ***From the Co-President***

Those versed in all that is UCI know that February and March hold some change and excitement. This is not just because spring is right around the corner, but because our Annual Meeting is in February, and for the Nautical members, slip selection is not far away. These are two opportunities for community members to get together and share their thoughts and ideas on how to preserve and improve upon this great neighborhood we call home.

At the annual meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>, we gave a most grateful farewell to our exiting board members Nancy Kennerly and to Stephen Blumberg who served as UCI president. I think we can all agree that 2016 was probably one of the most challenging years in the history of UCI presidents. Stephen, we all owe you a great deal of thanks for the countless hours and days you spent representing UCI without even giving it a second thought. Two new members were voted into the Board of Directors, Vincent Hardick and Irene Godoy. We look forward to hearing your perspectives on the various topics we will address throughout 2017. We had an opportunity to thank Mary Grund, our outgoing treasurer, for her service and publicly welcome our current treasurer Renee Kelly and a newly appointed assistant treasurer Jim Quigley along with our secretary Colleen Ireland. We said farewell to Bryan Templeton as Nautical Manager and welcomed Bill Zichos to the position. This year, we had two winners of the UCI Community Service Award. Jack Neil was awarded for his continued efforts as President of the Spriggs Farm Preservation Foundation. For those not aware, Jack helped to form this foundation in a successful attempt at stopping the residential development of the Spriggs Farm property which many were fearful of when the property was posted. Instead it is now owned by the County and they are exploring varying less destructive and intrusive uses for the property. Bryan Templeton was awarded for his contributions as Nautical Manager and having served the neighborhood in so many ways and for so many years including UCI president for 2 years in 2002 through 2004. Thank you both for your service.

The departments gave their updates and for old business the Bulkhead project was touched on. Although progress has been made, it took a bit of a back seat to more pressing and time consuming matters in 2016. It is on the forefront again, so be on the lookout for a special community meeting we should be announcing soon to discuss the options our engineering firm has developed and the considerations that come with each. For new business the anonymous letter submitted in the February Weathervane was brought up with discussions around Bylaws enforcement. The board has had varying levels of concern

about boats, cars, tents and more brought to our attention, many of which could be addressed via reaching out to your neighbor. Although it is not a very easy conversation to start, you may be surprised at the positive result. If you look at the bylaws at the end of Article VII section 2, it states “denial, suspension, or revocation of membership privileges” as the considerations the board can take—a hard line and one I do not believe has been exercised previously, but some who attended the annual meeting voiced their support in taking such measures. I think back to the first time I stumbled across this neighborhood when just exploring around by car with my family. Leaving Bay Hills Pool, we turned right on Shore Acres and pulled down a street we had never been down before. The streets widened, the properties broadened, there were a lot of people out walking, and they all waved as we drove by. It was at that moment as we pulled back on to Shore Acres that my wife and I looked at each other saying we have to move into that neighborhood. We all want to keep the community pride and feel which takes some level of effort and consideration of our neighbors and the neighborhood as a whole to do so. If you are approached by your neighbor or receive a call or a letter from a community or board member to move something elsewhere on your property or about a concern of a bylaw violation, please take time and consider the request; it is only being brought up out of respect for UCI.

Directly after the close of the meeting, as is customary, the “new” board had a quick meeting. Kevin Stone and I were nominated as co-presidents for UCI. Kevin and I both joined the board in 2015 and have agreed to share the duties and responsibilities of UCI president jointly.

Lastly, I want to take a moment and thank all of the volunteers that make this neighborhood run smoothly. This includes not just those printed in the UCI directory, but also so many who have volunteered to help within each department to take on one-time or long-term projects. I never would have known how much work goes into making Ulmstead the neighborhood it is had I not joined the board. It was, and still is, both surprising and inspiring.

Remember, board meetings are open to all community members, and our next one is at the barn on Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00PM.

Thank you!  
Jason Dowell  
UCI Co-President  
president@ulmstead.org

## **Call for Volunteers!!**

### Officers:

- Executive Vice President
- Second Vice President
- VP for Administration

### Department Managers:

- Tennis Manager
- Social Activities Manager

### Other:

- Scenic Control
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Event Coordinator

## **2017 SLIP SELECTION NOTICE**

**NOTICE: Slip Selection for 2017 will be held on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am @ Barn**

**This year slip selection packages were only distributed electronically via UCI Update and Nextdoor. If you do not receive these communications, please email: dockmaster@ulmstead.com**

To select a slip, you must be a RESIDENT member of UCI in good standing for all dues/assessments, be on the Slip Selection Priority list, be able to demonstrate proof of ownership and insurance for your boat, and be the principal operator of the boat. No outside partnerships are permitted. A full set of the Nautical Department rules are on the Ulmstead Website and are included in the slip selection package.

All fees due for your slip(s) must be paid by cash/check at the time of selection. If you cannot be present for the Slip Selection meeting, you may have another UCI member in good standing select you slip by completing the proxy form (payment still required at time of selection).

New Residents: To become eligible to use the UCI Nautical Facilities, you must both join UCI and notify the Nautical Department manager in writing (email is acceptable – see below) that you wish to be placed on the Nautical Department slip selection priority list. Slip selection order is assigned on a priority basis according to the date such notice is received by the Nautical Department manager. Please note that you don't have to own or plan to own a boat to register to be on the Nautical Department Slip Selection List, and because there is no cost for being placed or maintained on the list, there is no reason not to place your name on the list to secure your registration date.

Please contact the UCI Dockmaster at dockmaster@ulmstead.com with any questions.

Thanks, and see you soon.

Mike Sawyer

## **UCI DEPARTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **SOCIAL**

**Children's Playgroup** –March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup> at 12pm at the Barn

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 (michellemahan@comcast.net), Candice Cukor (candicecukor@gmail.com) or Molly Wood (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**

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

## **Savvy Seniors**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS! **Tuesday March 14, 2017 at 9:30am:**

**Start your day with coffee and friends before you set off on your daily activities!**

**Maureen and Don Wimmer** have volunteered to host a **morning coffee** for us at their home at 632 MAGOTHY VIEW DRIVE **on the above date and time**. You may even want to wear something green in celebration of St. Patrick's Day (the 17<sup>th</sup>) or the Spring Equinox (the 20<sup>th</sup>) or just bring yourself and good cheer. Any questions? Please call Chris Rockwell, Irene Godoy or Diane Koziel.

## **“English Ivy is a Threat to Trees and Native Ecosystems”**

While riding through our beautiful neighborhood, Nancy Kennerly recently observed how many of our magnificent trees are being choked out by English Ivy. Tree services strongly suggest we cut the stems of the ivy as described in the above-titled article by Marian St. Clair from [www.greenvilleonline.com](http://www.greenvilleonline.com) published 2/13/2017. If you have questions or would like help cutting vines, please call Nancy and our Savvy Senior gardening volunteers can help.

Have you seen the “English Ivy Kills Trees” signs popping up around the Upstate? If so, I have two things to say. First, I'm not responsible for the guerrilla campaign to eradicate this plant pest but, second, I'm glad to see someone else is taking the bull by the horns.

Now, in particular, is a good time to rid your landscape of invasive English ivy. The weather is still cool, so our soil is moist from winter rains and the vine is easier to pull from the ground now than it will be in coming months. Plus, it's nicer to work outside when it's not yet hot and summer's bothersome insects are still at bay.

English ivy (*Hedera helix*) is still widely cultivated as a ground cover because it requires little care, is relatively pest free, and is extremely hardy, but unfortunately, it often left to grow unchecked and then seeds or spreads into woodland areas. A fixture on the “Least Wanted” list of the Plant Conservation Alliance ([www.nps.gov/plants/alien/factmain.htm](http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/factmain.htm)), it is now rampant in eighteen states on the Eastern Seaboard, including all states between New Jersey and Georgia, as well as the neighboring states of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

What is so bad about English ivy? Well, plenty.

The vine weakens and kills trees by engulfing branches and blocking sunlight from the tree's leaves, preventing them from making the food (by photosynthesis) that fuels the tree's growth and ensures its viability. Eventually, trees can become completely smothered or die from progressive weakening.

Even when trees remain somewhat healthy, ivy poses a serious threat. As ivy climbs higher in a tree, branch dieback advances from lower to higher branches, leaving a top-heavy "broccoli head" of foliage. The heavy weight of vines, as well as increased air resistance and leaf surface area, makes infested trees more likely to topple in high winds, heavy rains, and ice storms. Trees growing on sloping ground are especially [vulnerable].

The vining plant acts as a moisture trap too, keeping bark damp and making infested trees more susceptible to a variety of ills, such as insect damage.

Worse yet, English ivy endangers whole ecosystems. On the ground, it forms dense and extensive monocultures that displace native plants. And while it is often planted as a deterrent to erosion, some experts believe its shallow, matted root system may actually increase the likelihood of slope failure. Plus, the invasive vine is a known reservoir of bacterial leaf scorch (*Xylella fastidiosa*), a plant pathogen that can harm elms, oaks, maples and other native trees.

Here is a final salvo: English ivy makes a cozy home for many species of unwelcome wildlife, including rats, mice, slugs, snails, and mosquitoes.

Six years ago, when Tim and I moved to Marshall Forest, the first job we undertook was to remove ivy from the trees and ground of the woodland area of our property, which slopes down in a series of terraces to the Reedy River.

The best way to remove the ivy from trees is to make two cuts through the vines, one just above the ground and the other at about chest height, or at least 3 feet above the first. Then, use a hand weeder (or screw driver) and brute force to strip the area between the two cuts, damaging the bark as little as possible, but ensuring even the smallest vine is severed. The ivy remaining above the cut will dehydrate and die within a month or so, but can take years to fall from the tree.

When pulling ground ivy, wear protection including long sleeves and gloves, as you may encounter hidden troubles such as brambles or poison ivy. The process, however, is relatively simple and easy. Grab a handful of ivy with your non-dominant hand and pull it toward you while dislodging its roots from the ground with a light-weight hand mattock. Monitor newly cleared areas for several years, especially in spring when new growth is likely to appear.

The return of native plants to our woodland area was slow at first, but as dormant tubers and corms recovered with an increase in moisture and sunlight, the number of bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*), mayapples (*Podophyllum peltatum*), and sweet Betsy trilliums (*T. cuneatum*) has also grown. I've also added natives, especially ferns, where the slope needed stabilizing.

There are a number of good substitutes for English ivy. Depending on site conditions, consider these natives: Allegheny spurge (*Pachysandra procumbens*), green and gold (*Chrysogonum virginianum*), Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*), cinnamon fern (*Osmunda cinnamomea*), switch grass (*Panicum virgatum*), Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*), or galax (*Galax urceolata*). Or, if you're not adverse to a non-native plant, think about bugleweed (*Ajuga reptans*), monkey grass (*Liriope muscari*), or dwarf mondo grass (*Ophiopogon japonicus*).

## **FOR SALE**

**1926 Knabe baby grand piano**, walnut case with ivory and ebony keys. Completely refurbished and refinished in 2004. Tuned last in December 2016. Asking \$7,000 or best, reasonable offer.

Contact Michael or Roberta Wentworth, at wentworths\_md@verizon.net or call 410-349-9358

**27 ft. Tartan Sailboat.** Now at Dock 1. Priced to sell. Call Tom Kozel at 410-626-7830 or email tjkozel@verizon.net

## **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](http://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.

# UCI OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS

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

UCI Board of Directors  
*and liaison roles*

Jason Dowell – Co-President, Nautical Liaison  
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Irene Godoy – TBD  
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Vacant  
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Renee Kelly  
Jim Quigley

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Treasurer  
Assistant Treasurer

## DEPARTMENTS & ACTIVITIES

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Manager	Lynne Andrews
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Reservations	Ginny Vernick
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Beach Camp	Lisa Gattie
Capital Improvements	George Collis
Equestrian	Suzanne Vaaler
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Scenic Control	Vacant
Beautification	Michelle Mahan
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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
Halloween Party	Jessica Lane
Fall Camp-out	Grigon/Hays
Guy's Beer & Brats	Scott Glubke
Wings, Chili, Homebrew	Suzy Sundius
Children	
Weekly Playgroup	Mahan/Cukor
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## INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATIONS

### 2017 ULMSTEAD SWIM CLUB

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

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Swim Team Liaison	Suzanne Vaaler

### SWIM CLUB QUICK LINKS

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

### SWIM TEAM

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

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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 – March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> -UCI Board meeting 7:00PM at the barn  -Children's Playgroup @ Barn 12:00 PM	<b>2</b> Boy Scouts @ Barn 7-8 PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Guys Get Together @ O'Loughlins 5PM	<b>9</b> Boy Scouts @ Barn 7-8 PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Slip Selection @ Barn 9:30AM
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Savvy Seniors - 9:30AM Coffee at the Wimmer's House	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> -Boy Scouts @ Barn 7-8 PM  -Children's Playgroup @ Barn 12:00 PM		<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Boy Scouts @ Barn 7-8 PM	<b>24</b> Boy Scouts Camp Spencer - Jim Bridger site (24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Boy Scouts @ Barn 7-8 PM	<b>31</b>	
Deadline for the April Weathervane is March 25. Email: <a href="mailto:weathervane@ulmstead.org">weathervane@ulmstead.org</a>						