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2020 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS IN REVIEW

The City's 2020 State of the City Address, held January 27, brought together community leaders, business representatives, residents and students for an evening of celebration, camaraderie and reflection. Starting with the Community Fair, guests were able to meet with various community groups and learn about the recent accomplishments of City departments.

For the formal Address, City Manager Steve Schoeny shared highlights from 2019 and insight on our organization's commitment to excellence in the services we provide, before turning to the key initiatives that will help define our next century. This included the Lane Avenue Planning Study, the work of the Community Center Feasibility Task Force, and the pending formation of the Community Relations Committee. Each initiative addresses different aspects of our community's makeup, but all are interconnected by a shared vision for strengthening Upper Arlington as a community that is welcoming and meets the needs of its residents today and into the future.

2019 Community Awards

A popular highlight of the Address is the Community Awards Program. Each year, the City receives an impressive slate of nominations for the five categories, highlighting the individuals, civic groups and businesses dedicated to making UA the best it can be. The 2019 Community Awards were no different, and we are proud to share details of this year's winners and to acknowledge all who were nominated.

Business – Melia Wolf and Cover to Cover Children's Books

The front window of Cover to Cover Children's Books reads "Welcome Friends." That is exactly what Cover to Cover and its owner are to UA—a very special friend. This quaint, welcoming bookstore—located in the Mallway—plays host to free storytimes and activities for children, provides teacher discounts and PTO donations for special events, and has gifted dozens of new books for the waiting rooms of Franklin County Jobs and Family Services. Melia is an active supporter of Equal UA, the UA Education



Foundation and many other community groups. Cover to Cover is a hidden gem for our special community! It's a welcoming place to hang out, see an author, meet new friends, play chess or build at the train table, or get a great book recommendation..

Our congratulations to the following nominees: Adam Parsons and the UA Veterinary Hospital; Dr. Kristin E. Devor; Arlington Urgent Care; COhatch

Community Enrichment – Jim Nicklaus and Bob Wandel

Jim and Bob had a vision to recognize Jack Nicklaus and the start of his career here in UA. Jack went on to become the greatest golfer in the world. Jim and Bob were part of efforts to rename Parkway Park to Jack Nicklaus Park, then set about building a tribute to Jack in the park. Over three years, they collaborated with

an architect, staff and a committee to design a tribute that celebrates Jack's early accomplishments. They conducted a fundraising effort with the UA Community Foundation and worked with a construction firm to implement the park feature. The tribute to Jack highlights his accomplishments as a youth and young adult, illustrating to our community's youth what is possible and inspiring them to follow their dreams. .

Our congratulations to the following nominees: Susan Caruso and the Northam Park Tennis Advisory; Tracy Peters; Kathy Meyer and Ellen Erlanger; Karla Gengler-Novak; Demi Tsapatsaris; The Citizen Financial Review Task Force

Community Safety – The Stand Project Members and Community Partners for the Vaping Video Series

The Surgeon General has declared vaping an epidemic among youth in the U.S. Unfortunately, UA is not immune to this epidemic – as of 2017, 40.9% of high school students and 12.6% of middle school students have tried vaping. We know that these numbers have only increased. In 2019, The Stand Project took on the issue of vaping by creating a video series in partnership with UA Police, the Schools, Syntero, local businesses, OhioHealth, parents and students to educate the entire community about the risks of vaping and to spark conversation. The Stand Project also created a resource page on it's website for parents and students.

Our congratulations to the following nominees: Community FIT Leadership Team; School Resource Officers

Senior – Susan Maxey

Susan is a wonderful advocate for our community. She has diligently collected and shared important City information to the community through social media and her involvement in meetings and organizations. She has proven to be a trusted community member as people seek her out to get her input and knowledge on City issues and services. If she doesn't have the answer for someone she seeks

it out. Susan has also taken it upon herself to share communications from the City on several FaceBook groups. She regularly shares the City's posts to help inform residents of messages that are important. UA is fortunate to have a woman like Susan who cares about the well-being of our community, her neighbors and residents as a whole.

Youth – Greensview Elementary Students

A group of students at Greensview Elementary School published a book titled Golden Bears A to Z. Students applied for one of several positions including writers, editors and marketers. A grant given by the UA Education Foundation allowed the students to work with Mascot Books to publish the book. The book highlights favorite places, traditions, history and people in our community. The proceeds of the book sales have been donated to the Upper Arlington Education Foundation to "pay it forward."

Our congratulations to the following nominees: The UA Idea Day Planning Team; Ellen North and Addison Rosenbusch

For more on the 2020 State of the City Address, and to view the presentation, please visit upperarlingtonoh.gov.



Melia Wolf (left), Council Member Michele Hoyle



From Left: Jim Nicklaus, Bob Wandel, Council Member Jim Lynch



From Left: Ali Scott, Sonya North, Jenny Ledman, Council Member Michaela Burriss



Greensview Elementary students with their teacher, Mark Walter, and Council Member Brian Close

2020 Wall of Honor Inductees Announced

The City and UA Historical Society are pleased to announce that Linda Gold Readey and Kenneth (Ken) Thompson have been selected for induction onto the Wall of Honor in 2020.

UA was fortunate that Linda Readey brought her light to our community. As the founding Executive Director for the UA Community Foundation, Linda put in place a framework that made the foundation's first major gift—the Amelita Mirolo Barn at Sunny 95 Park—possible. Linda had a long and distinguished record of service to the community. She served two terms on the Board of Education, was a Leadership UA graduate, a member of the Upper Arlington Rotary Club, Director of Promote UA, and a Board member for First Community Church.

As the City's first Parks & Recreation Director and over his 26-year tenure, Ken Thompson nurtured and expanded the

parks network, amenities and offerings, with much of his legacy still enjoyed by residents today. He led efforts to develop Fancyburg, Northwest and Lane Road parks. Notable programming accomplishments included formation of the Senior Center; the Northam Park clay tennis courts; cooperative efforts with the Schools to assume management and ultimately ownership of the community's three outdoor pools; formation of the Cultural Arts Commission; development of street tree legislation and the formation of a parks & forestry program; and the launch of the first Therapeutic Recreation Program in Central Ohio.

An induction ceremony is scheduled for 3 pm, Sunday, May 17, at the Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road. For details, visit www.uahistory.org.

CITY STREETS

Plans are taking shape for the 2020 construction season, which includes:

- Street reconstruction on sections of Ardleigh, Cranford, Haviland, N Devon roads and Northwest Blvd
- Road resurfacing and routine repairs to sections of sections of Ainwick, Andover, Coventry, Northam, Oakmont, Roxbury and Yorkshire roads, Ivanhoe and Old Ravine courts, Oxford Alley, Reedbury Lane
- New sidewalks on Mountview Road
- Improvements tied to the Lane II project
- Storm sewer improvement on Northwest Blvd.

Full project details can be found at upperarlingtonoh.gov. As construction season gets underway, we also share project updates via our Facebook and Twitter pages.

City Flags Available for Purchase

After launching our new City logo and branding in 2019, The Community Affairs team in the City Manager's Office set about designing options for a new City flag. An extensive design and research process ensued, as the team considered what makes for a successful and memorable flag design.

In the summer, the community was asked to vote on two options. The results were tallied, with one flag emerging as the clear favorite. Fast forward to the 2020 State of the City Address on January 27, where the preferred design was unveiled and made available for residents to purchase.

Upper Arlington's new flag prominently features the Golden Bear—recognizable to all as the symbol of UA's proud heritage. Two stars represent our community's cherished past and golden future, and discreetly pay homage to Upper Arlington's most popular community celebration, the Fourth of July. Additionally, horizontal stripes



above and below the bear, represent the two rivers that run on either side of our community.

The flag may be purchased for \$50 from the City's online store, at

upperarlingtonoh.gov/shop and can be picked up from the Finance Counter at the Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road anytime during regular business hours.



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Steve Schoeny Northam Park Athletic Fields & Tennis Study

From my new vantage point as City Manager, I learn something new each day about the inner workings, history, challenges and opportunities that our community's leaders take into consideration on any given issue.

Northam Park is a great example. Most residents don't know or forget that what we think of as Northam park is really three properties: Tremont School, St. Agatha and Northam Park. The City, the Schools and St. Agatha work together to make the properties feel relatively seamless through a variety of shared use agreements and past land transactions between the City, Schools, Library and St. Agatha Church.

From 2015-2018, the City completed improvements to the Tremont Pool, the parking lot, the playground and Centennial Plaza on the west side of the park. For Northam Park to function effectively as a place for field sports, events and tennis, we need to invest in infrastructure in the rest of the park.

To that end, we have hired MSA Sport to develop a schematic design of infrastructure improvements to the athletic fields and tennis court complex. Given the well-established nature of Northam Park, this project is not going to redesign or reprogram the park, but it will develop a long-term plan for enhancements to those existing athletic and civic facilities already contained within the park. Our focus is on infrastructure—such as drainage, restrooms, storage and shelters—that

will allow us to have a park that is safe, resilient and appealing.

This study process is expected to run from January-June 2020. As a first step, a series of focus group meetings were held in late January, designed to obtain input from members of the community that make frequent use of the existing facilities. These meetings included field sports representatives, members of the Northam Park Tennis Courts, community event representatives and park neighbors.

In May, the public will be invited to participate in a second round of engagement, at which time a series of conceptual designs will be shared. This round of engagement is expected to include a public meeting, community

pop ups at the Library and within the park, and an online survey.

By late May or early June, MSA will provide a "Vision Package" for improvements that will include renderings and schematic drawings. It will also include phasing information and cost estimates, to assist the Parks & Recreation Department as it schedules improvements within the Parks Capital Improvement Program.

When you compare the condition and aesthetic appeal of the new Tremont Pool, playground and Centennial Plaza with the aging tennis courts and worn athletic fields, the difference is striking. I for one can't wait to see these facility upgrades completed, affirming Northam Park's place as our central and most beloved community park.

If you wish to learn more about this study and would like to participate or obtain updates, contact the Parks & Recreation Department, at 614-583-5300 or parks@uaoh.net.

Raise the Roof

6:30-10:30 pm, Friday, May 8

Amelita Mirolo Barn

Raise the Roof is a celebration of the donors that make it possible for the Upper Arlington Community Foundation to bring good to our community!

At this year's event, Mary Ann Krauss will be presented with the 2020 Heart of UA Award. Well known for her many years of exceptional community service, Mary Ann has served on the Board of Education, City Council, the First Community Village Board, and the ADAMH Board of Franklin County, and is a member of the Upper Arlington Rotary Club and First Community Church. She played an instrumental role in the formation of the UA Community Foundation, served on the Foundation Board, took a lead role in fundraising efforts for the Amelita Mirolo Barn, and has also donated generously to various projects of the Foundation.

Tickets for Raise the Roof 2020 go on sale March 1. Sponsorship packages are available in support of this event. Follow the Upper Arlington Community Foundation on Facebook for updates as the event approaches or visit uacommunityfoundation.com.

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FROM CHAMBERS | *Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions*

Council Organizes for Next Two Years

As a new Council body forms—which typically occurs every two years—several important housekeeping practices occur at the start of the new term.

Early in January, new Council members Michaela Burriss and John Kulewicz were sworn into office, as was Brendan King, who had been elected to serve a second term on Council. Council members then selected Kip Greenhill to serve and President of Council and Brendan King to serve as Vice President of Council for 2020.

President Greenhill also made the following appointments:

- **Council Rules Committee:** John Kulewicz, Brian Close, Brendan King
- **Financial Policies Committee:** Jim Lynch, Michele Hoyle, John Kulewicz
- **Council Member Designate:** Brian Close
- **Community Improvement Corporation:** Brendan King, Michele Hoyle, Brian Close
- **Leadership UA:** Michaela Burriss
- **Upper Arlington Commission on Aging:** Kip Greenhill, Michele Hoyle
- **Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission:** Michaela Burriss



2020 CITY COUNCIL
(from left): Vice President Brendan King, John Kulewicz, President Kip Greenhill, Michele Hoyle, Michaela Burriss, Jim Lynch, Brian Close

2020 Council Retreat

In February, City Council convened for a retreat, to discuss how members could best work together and with the Administration in the coming months, and to identify and prioritize key goals the City should address in 2020.

Four primary areas of focus emerged from this process:

- **Economic Development** – the City will be developing a strategic plan for economic development. This will include research of the best practices in other communities, revisiting how and when incentives should be used to encourage business development in the community, and ensuring that

the program and its results are transparent and regularly shared with residents.

- **Community Center Feasibility Study** – Council has placed a top priority on supporting the work of the Community Center Feasibility Task Force. Members agreed the City should continue to dedicate resources to moving this process forward.
- **Community Relations Committee** – as Council prepares to form a Community Relations Committee this spring, members affirmed their support of this effort to further UA as a community that is welcoming, cohesive and inclusive.
- **Capital Improvement Program** – since 2014, the City has been implementing a proactive 10-year Capital Improvement Program designed to address a backlog of deferred maintenance needs. As we enter year seven of this expanded approach, Council believes the community's infrastructure needs should continue as a top City priority.



Michaela Burriss (top picture), Brendan King (bottom left) and John Kulewicz (bottom right) were sworn in to serve their 2020-2023 terms on City Council.



ODA to Treat for Gypsy Moths

The gypsy moth was one of the first invasive species to damage trees in the U.S., and it has been established in Ohio for a number of years. The caterpillars are voracious leaf feeders. Large populations can defoliate trees causing damage to tree health.

This invasive pest is managed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA). ODA sets gypsy moth detection traps around Ohio each year. When populations exceed a tolerable threshold, ODA intervenes. Recent trap data suggests that parts of Central Ohio, including Upper Arlington, are due for intervention in 2020.

ODA has announced plans to use two products during late spring and early summer:

- **Early May: Gypchek** – Gypchek is a biological control made of nucleopolyhedrosis virus, a virus that weakens and kills young gypsy moth caterpillars. A second application may occur approximately one week after the first.
- **June: Splat GM Organic** – this is a biodegradable lure that disrupts adult gypsy moth mating. The product mimics the scent of gypsy moth pheromones. Humans can't detect these fragrances, but by dropping Splat GM Organic over the area (at a rate of less than one cup per acre) males become confused and are much less likely to find mates, reducing reproduction rates.

Both products are targeted, state-of-the-art treatment methods with no harmful collateral damage to people, property, animals or other insects such as honeybees. The products are applied by small, bright yellow airplanes that fly at relatively low heights over UA for brief periods.

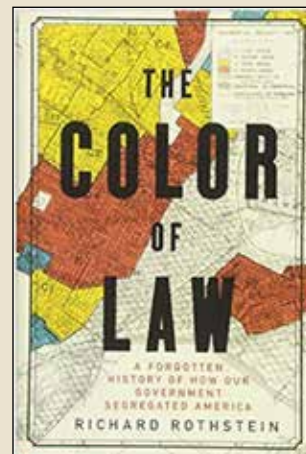
Visit <https://agri.ohio.gov/> or contact the Parks & Forestry Division, at 614-583-5340.

UA Historical Society HistorySpeaks Event

Through its 2020 HistorySpeaks programing, the Upper Arlington Historical Society is bringing Richard Rothstein—an author and leading authority on housing policy in the U.S.—for an onstage discussion of the themes from his book, *The Color of Law*.

Racial segregation characterizes every metropolitan area in the U.S. *The Color of Law* demonstrates that racial segregation was created by racially explicit and unconstitutional government policy in the mid-20th Century that subsidized whites-only suburbanization.

This event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4 at Jones Middle School, beginning at 7 pm. Tickets are \$15 for general admission. Visit www.uahistory.org/ events for additional details and to purchase tickets.



SCRAM! Wildlife Control

Whatever the cause, when an issue with wildlife arises, the best way to address it is to seek help from the experts. The City contracts with SCRAM! Wildlife Control, a division of the Ohio Wildlife Center dedicated to providing wildlife control that is natural, humane and permanent. SCRAM! is the only provider of non-lethal solutions to nuisance wildlife issues for residents and businesses. Under the City's contract, these services are available at a discounted rate and include:

- An inspection of your property to document animal evidence (prints, droppings, nesting material, hair snags).
- Identification of any structural compromising areas, entry points and safety concerns (chewed/exposed wires, latrines, tunneling and disruption of insulation).
- Labeling of compromised wiring with surveyor's tape for later repair by a contractor.
- Recommended solutions to permanently solve your wildlife issues with a documented plan.
- Provision of animal eviction and exclusion solutions for homeowners and businesses.
- Transportation of injured or ill animals to Ohio Wildlife Center's hospital if necessary.

- Reuniting infants with wild families.
- Educating customers and neighbors regarding wildlife biology.
- A two-year guarantee on the work that is provided.
- SCRAM! services are licensed, certified and insured.

Additional details about SCRAM!, can be found at www.SCRAMwildlife.org. The City has an Animal Control page under the Resources section of its website, at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov.

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Community Center Feasibility Task Force Update

A key 2018 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan recommendation is that the City revisit the issue of inadequate indoor community gathering space. As a direct result of survey feedback showing strong support for investigating the potential for a community center in UA, in July of 2019 City Council established the Community Center Feasibility Task Force (CCFTF)—comprised of 16 resident volunteers—to lead this process. By the close of the year, the CCFTF had selected a consultant team led by Williams Architects, with OHM Advisors and PROS Consulting.

The feasibility study is being conducted in two phases. First, the CCFTF is seeking answers to three core questions: What kind of community center makes sense for UA? Do we want a community center? Do we need a community center? If the answer to the last two questions is “YES,” the study will transition to a second phase that drills into details, such as what facilities to include, where a community center might be located, and the costs for construction, operations and ongoing maintenance.

The CCFTF is in the midst of an extensive phase of community engagement activities. Three components are critical to successfully gathering and considering residents thoughts and ideas within this process:

- First, we need residents to participate. We know the CCFTF, City staff and our consultants don't have all the answers and ideas.
- Second, at this point, residents are encouraged to think expansively about what a community center could be. The study is in the brainstorming and information gathering phase, so any and all ideas are welcome. The hard work of narrowing and focusing will come later.
- Finally, while an email or a conversation is helpful, it isn't as impactful as taking part in a survey, pop up, community meeting or focus group.

These feedback channels are structured to truly capture, account for and analyze all of the feedback that we get. Feedback received through a less structured channel is much more likely to get lost in the noise of everything else.

Focus Groups & Interviews

Interviews and focus group meetings were held in January and February with representatives of groups that might benefit from a community center. This included active sports groups, arts and culture organizations, the senior population, recreation instructors, schools and early education providers, local civic groups and non-profits, businesses, and health and wellness entities.

Community Pop Ups

A series of Community Pop Ups have been scheduled to bring the CCFTF out to the places and events frequented by residents. These pop ups feature quick, idea generating activities. Remaining dates and locations for the Community Pop Ups are as follows:

- UA Senior Center - 10 am-Noon, Thursday, February 27
- Hastings Middle School Production of Frozen - 6:30 pm on, Friday, March 6
- Middle Schools Concourse Gallery Reception - 2-4 pm, Sunday, March 8

Community Meeting

6-8 pm, Thursday, February 27

UA Senior Center, 1945 Ridgeview Road
A community meeting has been scheduled to provide residents an opportunity to learn more about the feasibility study, and to provide feedback on the primary questions being addressed in this first phase.



Surveys

A statistically valid survey is being fielded from late February through the end of March. This type of survey process is designed to ensure that responses are reflective of the community as a whole. Three thousand randomly selected households will be mailed a survey packet that includes a cover letter, hard copy of the survey with a postage-paid envelope, as well as a link to complete the survey online if preferred.

As the statistically valid survey process nears its end, a second version of the survey will be made available online to all residents who wish to participate. The feedback gathered through this supplemental process will be used as additional, anecdotal data.

Youth Engagement

A series of youth specific surveys will be fielded late February, targeting students and providing an opportunity for them to have a voice in the process.

Members of the CCFTF strongly encourage residents to be involved in the feasibility study—your feedback is vital to determining how the City should proceed with this important community issue. Full details of the work of the CCFTF can be found at uacommunitycenter.com.

UA CARES Updates

Grab Bar Program

One of the many programs offered by the Fire Division's CARES program is proving a great success. So much so, the Grab Bar Program was recently promoted by Channel 10.

Residents Wanda and Don Lozier were kind enough to let Karina Nova and her film crew make a visit to their home to learn how the grab bars installed by our firefighters have increased safety within their home, after Wanda experienced a bad fall.

"The shower is probably the most dangerous place for a fall," explained Jon Hamilton with the division. "It's wet, it's slippery...People can have their blood pressure drop in the shower and become dizzy...Installing grab bars gives them a good place to hold onto."

Since the program started, calls for help following a fall in the home have decreased by 67%.

CPR, AED & First Aid Training

Learning how to administer CPR or undergoing first aid training can mean



the difference between a positive outcome or loss of life when an emergency occurs, and the UA Fire Division is on a mission to increase the number of citizens who are trained in these life-saving techniques. To that end, through the UA CARES Program, Fire Division personnel are available to provide training to residents and businesses. The trainings can be arranged at Fire Station 72 or remotely, through the Street by Street option.

To learn more about the trainings that can be provided and how to participate, please contact CARES at 614-583-5352 or CARES@uaoh.net.



Franklin Soil & Water Tree & Plant Sale

Order Deadline: March 29

www.franklinswcd.org/products

Each year, the conservation team at Franklin Soil & Water offers its Spring Tree and Plant Sale. The sale features different species of native plants (bare-root woody plants and trees); plug and container perennials (prairie grasses and flowering plants); seed mix (pollinator and native Ohio prairie mixes); and rotate in edible (berries, apples, mushroom kits) and live stakes (fast growing riparian species for streambank stabilization).

To learn more and place your order, visit www.franklinswcd.org/products.



BUILDING BLOCKS

2019 Development Statistics

To say 2019 was a record-breaking year is an understatement. The total construction value for the year totaled \$407.6 million. When compared to recent years—which have consistently been around \$100 million—the jump is impressive.

Breaking these statistics down:

- Commercial projects were valued at \$326.5 million. This included:
 1. The UA Schools projects – new high school, replacements and renovations/additions to the middle schools
 2. The Fairfax at First Community Village – a complex of 70 apartments for older adults, similar to the Chelsea

3. The Lane II mixed use project and hotel along Lane Avenue
- Residential projects were valued at \$81 million. This included 25 new homes with an average value of \$967,000.
- As a result of all of this activity, the Community Development Department's permit and registration revenues for 2019 totaled \$2.24 million.

The activity signals that Upper Arlington is in a strong position on many levels: these impressive levels of reinvestment in our schools, businesses and homes affirm our community's appeal and a confidence that investing within our community is money well spent.

Golden Bear Redevelopment Update

In August of 2019, the Board of Zoning and Planning (BZAP) approved a Final Development Plan for a proposed redevelopment of the Golden Bear Shopping Center that would replace the existing shopping center and FC Bank building with a six-story, mixed-use project. As part of its Final Development Plan approval, BZAP granted conditional uses for multi-family residential and structured parking. Those conditional uses expire after six months if construction or the activity/use has not begun. As a result, in February 2020, the applicant applied for and received a conditional use extension for an additional six months.

NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

City e-News

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 614-583-5040

Get timely service news and special project updates from the City by e-mail, with the following options:

- **City Insight** - twice monthly e-news on City services, special projects, upcoming events & more.
- **Activity Link** - monthly programming updates from Parks & Recreation
- **Arts Link** - monthly updates on Concourse Gallery exhibits and other community arts programming
- **Sentinel** - monthly program updates from the Senior Center

Visit the **Connect** section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov, to register.

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 614-583-5030

A full list of public meetings can be found on our **Events** calendar, at upperarlingtonoh.gov. Highlights of upcoming Council agendas are shared on Facebook, with meetings live-streamed. Follow @CityofUA for updates!

Book the Barn for Your Event

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

The Amelita Mirolo Barn at Sunny 95 Park is a popular venue for weddings and other memorable events, such as birthday parties, retirements, baby and wedding showers, and corporate events. Book the Barn at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Sunday Swim at UA High School

1-3 pm, Sundays Through May 3

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

Sunday Swim provides a weekly opportunity for families to enjoy the High School's indoor aquatics facility, held most Sundays from 1-3 pm. The cost per visit is \$3 for a resident or \$20 for a season pass (\$40 for a resident household).

Spring/Summer Activity Guide

Registration Begins March 11

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

The Spring/Summer Activity Guide is your guide to the many events, programs and recreational opportunities offered by the Parks & Recreation Department. An online version of the guide can be found at parks.uaoh.net.

Home Security Alarm Permits

POLICE 614-583-5100

Households with home security systems are required to obtain a license from the Police Division. The one-time \$50 fee is non-transferable and covers both Police and Fire services. Households are allowed up to three false alarms per calendar year—any false alarms thereafter are subject to a \$50 fine to offset the costs for emergency response.

Senior Center Luncheons

SENIOR CENTER 614-583-5320

The UA Senior Center invites you to join them for their monthly luncheons, which begin at 11:30 am:

- **Tuesday, March 10** - Vocal and acoustic guitar performance by Billy Foley. Cost \$10 by March 6.
- **Tuesday, April 14** - Featuring female quartet, Four Harmony's Sake. Cost \$10 by April 10.

Solar Panels on Homes

DEVELOPMENT 614-583-5350

As residents embark on home renovations, an increasing number are adding solar panels as an environmentally friendlier source of power. In the last two years alone, more than 40 sets have been installed. With recent updates to section 6.09 of the Unified Development Ordinance, it's now possible to place solar panels on the front of homes. Contact Community Development for details.

Census 2020

2020census.gov/jobs



The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting in our area for people to work on the 2020 Census. Many full and part-time positions are available, with flexible hours, great pay and paid training. Visit the link above to learn how you could be part of this important process.

Prescription Drug Take Back Day

10 am-2 pm, Saturday, April 25

**Municipal Services Center Parking Lot
POLICE DIVISION 614-583-5150**

In addition to hosting the year-round drop-off unit for old and unused prescription drugs, the City's Police Division participates in the spring and fall Drug Take Back Days coordinated by the Drug Enforcement Agency. Drop-off old and unused prescription drugs drive-thru style. For the rest of the year, visit the Police Division section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov for details of accepted items.

Statewide Tornado Drill

9:50 am, Wednesday, March 25

www.ready.ohio.gov

As part of Ohio's Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week, Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security will participate in the annual statewide tornado drill. This is a timely reminder of how important it is to have an emergency plan—both at home and at work—and to practice it.

2019 Income Tax Filings & RITA Walk-in Taxpayer Assistance

Deadline: Wednesday, April 15

www.ritaohio.com

In UA, all residents aged 18 years and over must file an annual income tax return with the City, regardless of whether any tax is due. The City uses the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) for the processing of UA income taxes. RITA has recently updated and streamlined its MyAccount platform, which allows taxpayers to electronically file their taxes, update their accounts, send and receive secure messages, make payments and much more, at www.ritaohio.com.

Walk-in Taxpayer Assistance

RITA's Worthington Office
760 Lakeview Plaza Blvd, #400

RITA also provides free, onsite municipal income tax return assistance each spring. Agents can answer questions, take payments and assist with RITA municipal income tax preparation. Dates and hours are as follows:

- **Saturdays, March 7-April 11:**
9 am-Noon
- **Mondays & Thursdays, March 9-April 2:** 8 am-6 pm
- **Monday, April 6-Friday, April 10:**
8 am-6 pm
- **Monday, April 13-Wednesday, April 15:** 8 am-7 pm

Please bring all necessary tax documents, including:

- W-2 Forms from all employers, and any W-2G Forms and 1099-MISC Forms.
- Federal Form 1040, Federal Schedules C, E & F, Federal forms K-1, 2106 (if applicable).
- Addresses and dates for each location in which you resided during 2019.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery®

Sunday, March 8

To kick off Daylight Savings Time, clocks "spring forward" at 2 am, Sunday morning. The Fire Division reminds

you this is a good time to change the batteries in your home's smoke alarms. To stay safe, replacing batteries in all smoke alarms should be done at least once a year. In addition, smoke alarms should be tested once a month and if an alarm chirps, warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

Fire Hydrant Flushing

April 27-May 8

FIRE DIVISION

614-583-5100

Fire hydrant flushing will occur weekdays, April 27-May 8. This is part of an annual fire hydrant maintenance program that keeps hydrants in operable condition. Notice of the areas to be flushed on a given day are provided in the following ways:

- Signs reading "Hydrant Flushing Today" are placed at prominent intersections in each area before flushing starts.
- Call 614-583-5115 for information on the areas being flushed.
- The City's website features a section with daily updates about areas being flushed.

Most residents will notice no difference in their water supply, but a few could experience water discoloration after flushing has taken place. Refrain from doing laundry on the day hydrants are flushed in your area. Before resuming laundering, partially fill washers on the cold setting until the water runs clear. Run a sample of water into a transparent

container to check for settling or discoloration. Once the water is clear, the washer can be spun out to drain the tub for a normal laundry load. Turn on all faucets and allow water to run until it appears clear. Some may experience staining of clothes despite these notices. Clothes should be kept damp or wet to prevent the stains from setting. "Rust-removers" or "rust fighters" are carried among cleaning products at grocery and hardware stores.

Safety Town Registration

Sessions: June 15-26, July 6-17

POLICE DIVISION

614-583-5150



Safety Town is a two-week summer preschool program that teaches all

aspects of safety. Kids learn about pedestrian safety by tricycling about a miniature village complete with streets, sidewalks, buildings, stop signs and a working traffic signal. Registration begins Wednesday, March 11 for residents, and Friday, March 13 for non-residents. The cost is \$100 and classes fill quickly.

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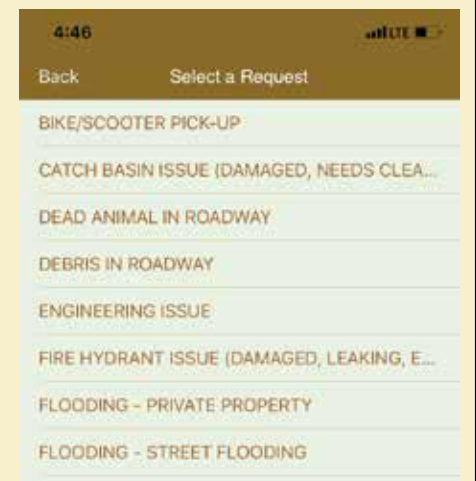
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The Parks & Recreation Department is seeking applicants to serve as pool lifeguards, day camp staff, and more. Visit <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/uaoh/> for details and to apply today.

UA Click2Fix

Visit the AppleApp or GooglePlay store and search **UA Click2Fix** to download our new smartphone reporting app. Residents can use the app to submit requests or notify the City of issues such as potholes, street-light outages, damaged street trees, etc. You can also view the construction update map and contact staff using the app's Directory. Call Public Service at 614-583-5350 if you have any questions.



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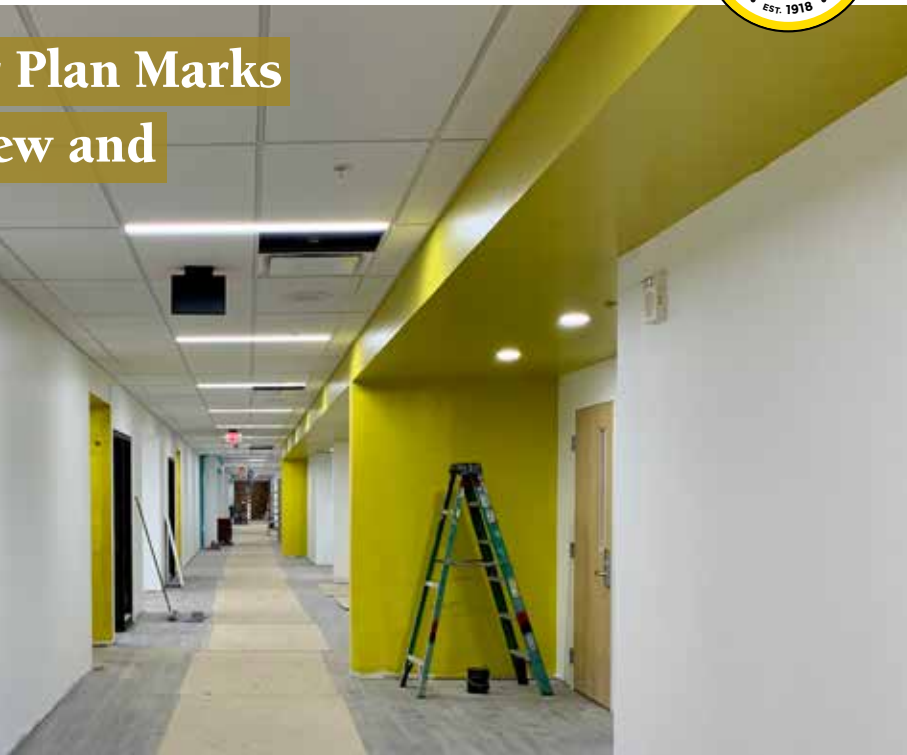
BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

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Community's Master Plan Marks Milestone as First New and Renovated Learning Spaces Open

Contractors put the finishing touches on the new and renovated learning spaces at Tremont Elementary School.



Kicking off what will be a historic year for the future of Upper Arlington Schools, the first new and renovated learning spaces in the first phase of the community-developed facilities master plan opened to students and staff in February at Tremont Elementary School.

"This is a very exciting year for our schools and our community as we will see the completion of three projects in the first phase of the master plan," said Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D. "These new learning spaces represent our community's commitment to building our future for the students of today and generations to come."

At Tremont, the kindergarten and media center addition and the renovated second floor learning spaces opened just after the Presidents Day holiday. Work at Tremont will continue through the summer to renovate the first floor classrooms. By the start of the 2020-2021 school year in August, the Tremont project and the new Greensview and

Wickliffe Progressive elementary schools will be completed and those new and renovated learning spaces will open to students and staff.

"These spaces are the future of learning in Upper Arlington, and it will be exciting to begin to see the impact that has on our students," added Andy Hatton, Ed.D., associate superintendent of learning and leadership.

The Tremont addition, with five new classrooms and 7,000 total square feet, is much-needed at this school, which has experienced significant enrollment growth over the past decade.

Districtwide, enrollment has grown by 8 percent, or about 500 students, to 6,171 over the past 10 years. Projections indicate even more significant growth – up to 21 percent, or approximately 1,300 students – over the next decade.

The renovation part of the project at Tremont includes all new mechanical,





SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

Quality Profile Measures Progress Toward New Strategic Priorities

This is a historic time for the Upper Arlington Schools as we continue building on our future by building on our strengths. Thanks to our visionary Board of Education, we have embarked on a new strategic plan that defines our goals for the next several years. Our new strategic plan identifies a focused set of priorities that support our position as a national leader in education and continue our focus on challenging and supporting every student, every step of the way.

We are proud to share with the entire community our new 2020 Quality Profile, our annual accountability report that gives our community a clear and transparent look at what's happening in our schools and with our students. The latest version of our Quality Profile has been updated to align with our new

strategic priorities – whole learning and student and staff well-being, with a foundation of continuous improvement.

Whole learning is our core business - academics. We will build on our strengths to provide an even greater integration of rigorous academic content with deeper learning skills through a variety of engaging experiences, environments and relationships.

Student and staff well-being is critical to fostering a safe and inclusive environment. We will focus on two areas of well-being - belonging and balance.

The foundation of the plan is a focus on continuous improvement. This is the idea of getting better at getting better - it started with our Efficiency Project a few years ago, and now we will ensure it's threaded through everything we do.

These priorities are all grounded in our mission, vision and values:

- **Our Mission:** Challenge and support every student, every step of the way

- **Our Vision:** Uniquely accomplished students prepared to serve, lead and succeed
- **Our Values:** Start with Heart, Strength in Team and Contagious Drive

We believe it is critically important to continue to provide our community with the Quality Profile to measure our progress toward our strategic priorities. An executive summary of the Quality Profile was sent out to residents this month, and the full Quality Profile report is available on our website, www.uaschools.org/qualityprofile.aspx. I encourage you to take time to read these documents.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at (614) 487-5030 or superintendent@uaschools.org.

electrical and plumbing – a financially sound investment by our community for the long-term operations of the school, Imhoff said.

All of the projects in the first phase of the master plan, he added, remain on budget and on schedule for completion over the next two years.

As the renovation work at Tremont moves to the first-floor classrooms, contractors continue to make significant progress on the new Upper Arlington High School, the new Greensview and Wickliffe, and the addition and renovation project at Barrington Elementary School. Work on the new Windermere Elementary School will begin this summer.

For monthly construction updates, photo galleries and a timeline, please visit www.uaschools.org/facilities.

Upcoming Construction Events

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events, and watch your mailbox and our website this spring and summer for more details!

- **Sunday, April 26** - Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School open house
- **Sunday, April 26** - Windermere Elementary School groundbreaking ceremony and open house
- **Saturday, May 2** - Greensview Elementary School open house
- **Sunday, August 16** - Grand opening for Greensview, Tremont and Wickliffe elementary schools

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SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

UAHS Senior Selected for Freedom Prize Panel

Cassie D'Angelo, a senior at UA High School, has been selected as one of 24 young people from around the world to serve on the judging panel for the Freedom Prize 2020.



D'Angelo recently spent two days in Normandy, France, working with her peers on the panel to help narrow the applications for the award and experiencing the sites of the region.

"The international panel for the Freedom Prize 2020 is the perfect venue to promote peace, and encourage young people to become involved in the world," D'Angelo said. "By participating on the panel, I hope to develop a sense of global community within our generation in order to cooperate and make the world a more peaceful place."

The Freedom Prize, established in 2019 by the Normandy Region in partnership with the International Institute of Human Rights and Peace, raises awareness of freedom, peace and human rights by honoring an inspiring person or organization committed to those values. It involves young people at every point of the process – from applications to the international panel of judges to the selection of the winner via an online vote.

D'Angelo is interested in pursuing international politics after high school and shared that this experience "fits in perfectly with what I am hoping to do with the rest of my life."

UAHS Senior named UA's COSI STEM Star for 2020



UA High School senior Penelope Hartley will represent the Upper Arlington community as a 2020 COSI STEM Star and grand marshal at COSI's Big Science Celebration in honor of her extensive contributions to STEM at the high school.

A four-year engineering student, Hartley is one of the first at UAHS to earn the Project Lead the Way Engineering Ohio Graduation Pathway. She has been an integral member of the high school's FIRST Robotics team, and she also is an advocate for women in STEM.

After becoming involved with The Ohio State University Society of Women in Engineering, Hartley established a sister chapter at the high school. She has arranged opportunities for her peers to connect with career engineers and invited alumni and prominent adult STEM-supporting women for an event called STEM Girls Go to College to help girls prepare for challenges they may face in STEM at the university level.

In support of COSI's Science Festival, the UA Library will offer a variety of STEM related programs May 6-May 8 for a range of ages. Babies and toddlers can attend STEM Storytimes, preschoolers can drop in at a STEM Play & Learn, elementary age children can become an archaeologist for a day, and teens and adults can play in the virtual reality sandbox using the library's Oculus Quest, Google Cardboard and Merge

Cubes. An astronomy talk and stargazing event, led by OSU's Astronomy Department, is available to all ages.

Registration is required for most events and details can be found at <https://ualibrary.libnet.info/events> by limiting the dates from May 6-8. You can also stop by the community's tent at COSI's Big Science Celebration on May 9 to try some hands-on wizarding science activities.

Gretchen Zunic honored as Strings Teacher of Year

Upper Arlington Schools teacher Gretchen Zunic was recognized by the Ohio String Teachers' Association in January as the 2019-2020 School Orchestra Teacher of the Year. Zunic is an educator in the UA Schools Strings program, teaching at the high school and middle school level. She is in her 24th year of teaching for the Upper Arlington Schools.



Nominations sought for UA Educator Hall of Fame

The Upper Arlington Schools Educator Hall of Fame is accepting nominations through March 31 for outstanding retired educators. The Educators Hall of Fame recognizes the best of the best among retired teachers and administrators of all grade levels. Criteria and nomination materials are available at www.uaschools.org/EducatorHallofFame.aspx. The new inductees will be recognized during the Upper Arlington High School Open House sponsored by the Upper Arlington Alumni Association.

Legacy Campaign Update

The Upper Arlington Board of Education and Legacy Steering Committee thanks the many generous individuals, families and businesses that have supported the Legacy campaign! This historic private fundraising effort is nearing the finish line, having raised 91 percent of the \$7.5 million goal. We will be continuing to raise the remaining \$650,000 over the next several months and look forward to celebrating the Legacy campaign's success when the new high school opens in the fall of 2021.

The Legacy campaign is incredibly significant to our school district and our community. It allows us to complete the scope of the first phase of the community-developed facilities master plan and offer enhancements to the



schools and student experience.

No other Ohio public school has taken on a project of this magnitude before. Since our fundraising efforts began in January 2019, we have heard from graduates spanning many generations who have shared amazing stories of what an Upper Arlington education has meant to them. It is

incredible to see so many alumni, families and community members coming together to leave a legacy and pay it forward for future generations of Upper Arlington students.

The Legacy campaign is looking forward to meeting new donors – to learn more, visit www.uaschools.org/legacy.

Alumni Spotlight

Peter Kahn, UA High School Class of 1985

Peter Kahn is a UA High School graduate who holds the title of Spoken Word Educator at Oak Park and River Forest High School (OPRFHS) in suburban Chicago. OPRFHS is the focus of the *America to Me* documentary series, which offers an in-depth look at the effects of race, equity, culture and privilege on educational opportunities. Kahn plays a pivotal role in the series as his students use the power of poetry to express their own experiences. Upper Arlington Schools, in partnership with the Upper Arlington Education Foundation, was pleased to welcome him for a student poetry workshop and a community discussion in February.

College / career experiences

I earned a B.A. in English from Tufts University, an M.A. in English education from The Ohio State University (go Bucks!), and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Fairfield University.

After working as a social worker in Chicago in the early 1990s, I became a

high school English teacher at OPRFHS. I created our Spoken Word Club in 1999. I took a sabbatical/leave of absence from 2001 to 2003 to work in London, England. While there, I led poetry workshops in over 30 schools, and co-founded the London Teenage Poetry Slam.

Upon my return to OPRFHS, I created a new role as Spoken Word Educator. I took a leave of absence for the 2012-2013 school year and returned to London as a visiting fellow at Goldsmiths, University of London, where I created the Spoken Word Education Training Programme. I've been back as the Spoken Word Educator at OPRFHS since.

I have my first book of poetry



coming out with Nine Arches Press in the U.K. in June. I'm currently working with Hanif Abdurraqib (a Columbus native/resident), Franny Choi and Dan Sullivan on a poetry anthology celebrating the 20th anniversary of our Spoken Word Club at OPRFHS.

How did UA Schools prepare you for success?

I received a top-notch academic experience, which allowed me to be accepted to all eight colleges I applied to. Some of my most memorable teachers were Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Gardner, Mr. Steva, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Cole, Dr. Allen, Ms. Phillips, Mr. Sebastian, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Caruso. They were wonderful educators, and I think back fondly of my time in their classes. I also made some lifelong friends. If I'm completely forthright, the lack of diversity was quite problematic for me and was a real detriment to my high school experience. I hope that has changed for the better since I graduated in 1985.

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Congratulations to District Spelling Bee winner Abi Talarzyk, a student at Hastings Middle School, and runner-up Matthew Schmersal of Jones.



Upper Arlington High School students and teachers represented UA alongside Ohio Representative Allison Russo at Computer Science Advocacy Day at the Ohio Statehouse in December.



Fourth-grade students at Greensview Elementary School participated in the 18th annual Rockathon – raising \$5,500, including \$1,000 generously donated by Meijer, for After School All Stars and the YMCA.



Thanks to an Upper Arlington Education Foundation grant, students at Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School spent a week learning about the fields of archaeology and anthropology through hands-on activities led by local archaeologist/educator Jeff White.



In January, Upper Arlington High School welcomed 10 new inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame – top row, from left: Bill Ruoff, Dave Shelby, Audrey Plant, Lee Spitzer and Tim McClellan; bottom row, from left: Jeff Backes, Gus Crim, Kirsten Flower, Jim Hamilton and Blake Haxton.



Inspired by the film "Dark Waters," students in Upper Arlington High School's Community School engaged in a whole learning experience – uniting language arts, chemistry, environmental science and politics – all in relation to the class of chemicals called PFAS.

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Congratulations to the top three students in the Upper Arlington High School Poetry Out Loud competition: from right, winner Emma Bhatt, first runner-up Natalie Harrison and second runner-up Sammy Bonasso.



These students at Windermere Elementary School marked the 100th day of the school year by imagining themselves at 100 years old.

'America to Me' Special Events

With the support of the Upper Arlington Education Foundation (UA+Ed), Upper Arlington Schools welcomed special guests from Oak Park and River Forest High School (OPRFHS), home of the "America to Me" series. In February, UA Schools, in partnership with UA+Ed, wrapped up a 10-part community screening and discussion series for the documentary, which offers an in-depth look at the effects of race, equity, culture and privilege on educational opportunities in a well-resourced community in suburban Chicago. UA Schools will continue to partner with OPRFHS as we move forward with our diversity, equity and inclusion work, a key part of the well-being priority in the new strategic plan.



ABOVE: On February 3, OPRFHS Board of Education President Dr. Jackie Moore, Superintendent Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams and Director of Communications and Community Relations Karin Sullivan shared their experiences at a special conversation with Upper Arlington High School students and teachers, and later at the "America to Me" community screening and discussion event that evening.



LEFT: On February 7, Peter Kahn, a 1985 graduate of UAHS and current Spoken Word Educator at OPRFHS, joined students and teachers for a poetry workshop and later shared his experiences with race and racism at OPRFHS at a community conversation that evening.

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

Upper Arlington Schools is committed to being a good steward of the community's investment in our schools. Effective and efficient use of our financial resources is crucial to ensuring that we can provide the high-quality educational experiences that our community expects.

Every year, we rely on an external, third-party review of our finances by the state auditor's office. A team from the auditor's office delves into our financial records and reviews our practices.



This year, our district again earned a clean audit opinion and the Auditor of State Award. We are proud that we are consistently recognized for honoring our commitment to effective and accountable financial practices for our community.

Enrollment Update

The number of students we serve is growing quickly. In order to have a clear picture of our projected enrollment growth, we commission an external, third-party projection report each year. This report studies actual growth over the past 10 years and provides projections for the next decade. Our latest report shows that enrollment has grown by 8 percent, or approximately 500 students, over 10 years. Projections indicate more significant growth – up to 21 percent, or nearly 1,300 students – over the next decade. To give this context, our K-12 enrollment as of

October 2019 was approximately 6,171 students.

This is one of our greatest and most exciting challenges as a school district. More students create a need for more staff, space and supplies. Even though enrollment is growing, state funding has remained relatively flat for over 20 years. And, due to a state law known as House Bill 920, even as property values increase in UA, our school property tax rates on voted operating levies decrease so that the district gets the same flat amount. Some exceptions allow for a small amount of revenue growth, but overall, districts must ask for an additional operating levy just to keep up with inflation. That, combined with our growing enrollment, is why we will be returning to voters with an operating levy in November 2020. We will continue to keep a keen eye on efficient and effective use of our financial resources while responsibly planning for this growth.

2019-20 SCHOOL DATES

**End of Second Trimester
(Kindergarten-Grade 5) and Third
Quarter (Grades 6-12)**
Thursday, March 12

**No School for Students and
Certified Staff**
Friday, March 13

Spring Break
Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 20

No School for Students
Monday, March 23

No School for Students and Staff
Friday, April 10

**Kindergarten Parent-Teacher
Conferences**
Wednesday, April 15

*Grades K-5: School all day; morning and
afternoon kindergarten conferences*

Early Dismissal (K-12)
Wednesday, April 29

*Dismissal at 1 pm for elementary students;
1:30 pm for secondary students.
Morning kindergarten ends at 10:05 am;
afternoon kindergarten begins at
11:05 am; no LIFT classes.*

UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION



2020 Upper Arlington Board of Education

From Left: Carol Mohr,
Jenny McKenna, Vice President
Scott McKenzie, President
Nancy Drees, Lori Trent

Nancy Drees, Jenny McKenna and Lori Trent were sworn in January 7 for terms on the Board of Education. This is the first term for McKenna and Trent, and the third for Drees. Their terms run through December 31, 2023. At this meeting, the board selected Nancy Drees as president of the board for 2020. Drees served as vice president in 2019. The board selected Scott McKenzie as vice president for 2020.

Thanks to a partnership with the City of Upper Arlington, Board of Education meetings take place in the Council Chamber of the City's Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road. In general, the meetings begin at 6 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Some exceptions apply, and last-minute scheduling changes are possible.

Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, March 10, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, April 14, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, May 12, 6 pm – Council Chamber

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Celebrate Women's History Month

The 2020 Women's History Month theme is "Valiant Women of the Vote." According to the Women's History Museum, the theme honors the brave women who fought to win suffrage rights for women, and for those who continue to fight for the voting rights of others. This March, the Main Library offers two programs exploring chapters from women's history.

Kati Burwinkel presents **"The Lincoln School Story"** on Saturday, March 7 at 11 am. Did you know the first northern challenge of the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision happened in Hillsboro, Ohio? A group of African-American mothers refused to send their children to the dilapidated Lincoln School and marched with their children to the white Webster School every day. Hear from the people who lived this inspirational fight in the documentary short, *The Lincoln School Story*. This program is sponsored by Equal UA.

Barbara Palmer, Professor of Political Science at Baldwin Wallace University, presents **"From Mrs. Satan to Madam Speaker"** Saturday, March 21 at 2 pm. The first woman to run for president was Victoria Woodhull, a native Ohioan called "Mrs. Satan" in the media for her controversial stance on women's equality. In the first election after the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, Florence Allen successfully ran for Ohio's state supreme court, making her the first woman elected to any state high court. Women were also elected to the Ohio state legislature for the first time. Yet it would take until 1995 for Jo Ann Davidson to become Ohio's first and only female Speaker of the Ohio House. Get a history of Ohio women in politics and find out how our state fares.

Related Reading

The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote by Elaine Weiss

The Women's Suffrage Movement by Sally Roesch Wagner

Why They Marched: Untold Stories of the Women Who Fought for the Right to Vote by Susan Ware

Bad Girls Throughout History: 100 Remarkable Women Who Changed the World by Ann Shen

The Book of Gutsy Women: Favorite Stories of Courage and Resilience by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton

Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II by Liza Mundy

Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly

A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II by Sonia Purnell

Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War by Karen Abbott

Hill Women: Finding Family and a Way Forward in the Appalachian Mountains by Cassie Chambers

Library Seeks Teen Summer Volunteers

We are seeking teen volunteers for this year's "Imagine Your Story" Summer Reading Club. Volunteering is a great way to gain experience, meet friends, earn service credit, and get a glimpse at the behind-the-scenes world of the library. Several previous teen volunteer leaders and junior volunteers have enjoyed the experience so much they returned the following year.

Our Main Library is seeking five high school teen volunteer leaders and 50-60 junior volunteers. Lane Road Library is seeking two high school teen volunteer leaders and 25-30 volunteers, and Miller Park Library is seeking 25-30 junior volunteers.

Teen Volunteer Leader

Teens entering grades 10-12 or who graduate high school in 2020 are eligible to be a Teen Volunteer Leader. The position involves a commitment of 8-10 hours per week from the end of school through July 31. Applicants must write an essay and be interviewed. Those chosen gain valuable leadership and career skills by training junior volunteers, assisting with programming and collection needs, and other duties as assigned. Teen Volunteer Leaders are unpaid, but selected students receive recognition, letters of recommendation, and service hour credit for their participation. High school Teen Volunteer Leader applications are available online Wednesday, April 1 and are due Friday, May 1.

Junior Volunteers

Students in grades 7-12 wishing to help register and award prizes at our summer

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Explore...GATHER...*grow!!*



Children at Miller Park Library celebrated the Disney Frozen movies by making paper crowns, beaded snowflakes, and cotton-ball Olafs.



These stuffed friends discovered what happens at the Library after we close during our Stuffed Animal Sleepover. These cuddly critters read books, colored with crayons, played on iPads, and had snacks from the vending machine.



Thanks to a private donation, Lane Road Library has a new staff work room and adjustable-height front desk. The first floor also has new carpeting to give it a fresh look.



Program Highlights

BalletMet Storytime

Come to the Miller Park Library on Wednesday, March 11 at 10:15 am to listen to a ballet-themed story and meet a costumed student dancer from BalletMet. This special program features a movement activity, Q&A, photo op and more. Registration opens February 26.

Music in the Atrium

Spend a relaxing Saturday morning with live music in the Main Library's atrium. Dogwood Road performs new and traditional Irish music on Saturday, March 7 at 11 am. UCelli: The Columbus Cello Quartet performs Saturday, April 11 at 11 am.

Peeps Science

Kids in grades K+ can explore STEM activities using colorful marshmallow Peeps on Thursday, March 26 at 4 pm, at the Lane Road Library. Make Peep slime and a Peep catapult.

The Write Stuff Writers' Conference

Our special workshop and expo just for writers returns to the Main Library on Saturday, March 28. A variety of sessions on topics like storytelling, mystery writing, finding an agent, self-publishing and more. From 10 am-4 pm in the atrium, chat with representatives from organizations that support writers. For full descriptions, speaker bios and registration, visit <https://write-stuff.eventbrite.com>. Registration for presentations and workshops is required and space fills quickly. Reserve your spot beginning March 1.

Adaptive Gardening for Seniors

Unable to enjoy gardening like you once did? Landscaping professional Tisa Watts visits the Main Library on Wednesday, April 1 at 1 pm to share tips, techniques, and observations from her 20+ years

of professional gardening experience. She covers adaptive strategies such as raised beds and container gardening, and gives insight into obstacles like our existing garden space and our existing and future physical challenges. Discover ways to make gardening easier, more efficient and more enjoyable, no matter your age.

Celebrate National Poetry Month

Lane Road Library is offering two programs aimed at helping adults enjoy poetry. We begin with How Poetry Works on Saturday, April 4 at 11:30 am, with poets and creative writing teachers Dameion Wagner and Julie Otten. Learn how to read, interpret and write poetry using several different forms. On Thursday, April 23 at 7 pm, 2019 Ohioana Poetry Book Award winner Marcus Jackson and 2019 Ohioana Readers' Choice Award winner Rachel Wiley discuss their creative processes and poetry at a Poetry Author Panel. Registration is open for each program.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

From Left: Bill Shkurti, Board President Gloria Heydlauff, Stephen Flynn, John Yesso, Kevin Fix, Kate Hare and Vice President Peter Hahn



In general, meetings of the Upper Arlington Public Library Board of Trustees begin at 5 pm on the third Tuesday of each month in Meeting Room B of the Main Library. All meetings of the Board and its committees, with the exception of executive sessions, are open to the public. You can sign up to receive email notification of upcoming Board meetings at www.ualibrary.org/pages/board-trustees.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, March 17 at 5 pm
- Tuesday, April 21 at 5 pm

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reading table are encouraged to apply for a Junior Volunteer Position. Applications for Junior Volunteers will be available online Wednesday, April 1 and are due by Sunday, May 31.

Book Buddies

Back by popular demand, all three Library locations are seeking teens to help with our Book Buddies Program. Teens entering grades 6-12 are paired with a younger student and act as their "reading coach." Applications for Book Buddies will be available online Wednesday, April 1 and are due by Sunday, May 31.

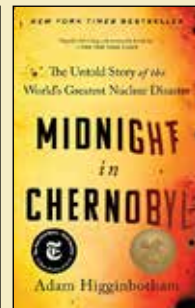
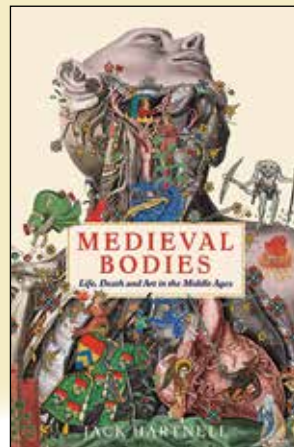
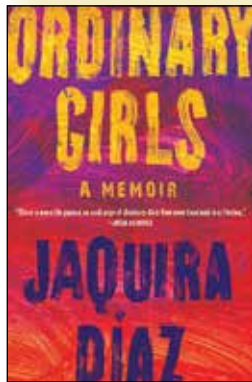
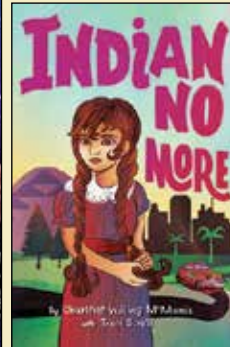
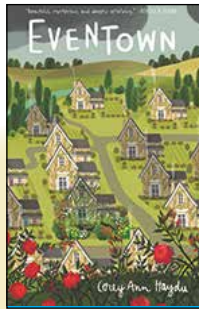
Applications for these positions will be available online on April 1 at teensmakeadifference.ualibrary.org. Stop by any of our locations for more information.

OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

Indian No More By Charlene Willing McManis

"Before being terminated, I was Indian." Ten-year-old Regina Petit tells the story of her family relocating to Los Angeles in the 1950s after her tribe, the Umpqua, is "terminated" by the government. The story is fictional but based on the author's childhood and highlights Native issues as seen through the eyes of a young child. This is an important voice often missing from literature for young people. McManis passed away before the book was published so the story was completed by Traci Sorrell of the Cherokee Nation.

— Tracie Steele, Youth Services



Medieval Bodies: Life and Death in the Middle Ages By Jack Hartnell

Medieval beliefs about the body were drastically different from ours today and can seem quite archaic and mysterious when looking at them through a modern lens. This book removes some of the mystery with a head-to-heel journey through the revolutionary advancements and disturbing convictions of this era. It utilizes vivid images and fascinating historical information, such as a discussion of a 10th-century Arabic author who provided dental advice and instructions on suturing wounds, to reveal the surprisingly sophisticated medical knowledge of the time.

— Matilda Davis-Northrup,
Technical Services

like her mother, but her mother with the help of the night sky shows her that she is already beautiful inside and out.

— Kelly Edwards, Youth Services

Ordinary Girls By Jaquira Diaz

Ordinary Girls is a debut memoir about living poor, making bad choices, and pulling oneself out of the culture of violence, drugs and crime. Born in Puerto Rico, Jaquira is a street girl with attitude and a firm conviction that she can survive anything. And she does.

— Melanie Stanley, Adult Services

Sulwe By Lupita N'yong'o

Sulwe is a beautiful picture book about accepting and loving the skin you're in. Sulwe is a young girl whose skin is the color of midnight and is darker than all of her classmates and family. She wishes she could be lighter and more beautiful

never melts. But this perfect world has a few odd rules and is almost too perfect. Can Elodee save her family before she loses them to this ideal town? Can she help her family heal and embrace their not-so-perfect family? Imagine the *Stepford Wives* but in middle school. Fans of magical realism will enjoy this novel recommended for ages 10 and up.

— Kelly Edwards, Youth Services

Midnight in Chernobyl: The Untold Story of the World's Greatest Nuclear Disaster By Adam Higginbotham

On the morning of April 26, 1986, reactor number four of the Chernobyl Atomic Energy Station in the Soviet Union exploded, triggering history's worst nuclear disaster. *Midnight in Chernobyl* is a suspenseful, articulate work of

nonfiction that reads more like an action novel. The book chronicles the years preceding the disaster to provide the important historical background in order to understand what really happened. The author creates a thrilling read, combining narratives of the people involved in the disaster, recently declassified archives, and first-hand accounts of the gruesome aftermath and ensuing cover-up. Fans of the HBO mini-series *Chernobyl* will find this book equally compelling.

— Sarah Kleinhenz, Miller Park

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Library Offers Census Help

Every 10 years, each person who resides in the United States is asked to participate in the Census. In 2020, for the first time you'll have the option to complete the Census questionnaire online rather than by phone or mail. Those who don't fill out the form by the end of April 2020 will get a visit from a Census worker, who will then complete the form with them in person.

If you'd like to complete the Census online but don't have Internet access or you have trouble navigating the Internet, we can help. We have computers at all three of our libraries, and our staff can make sure you're using the correct website and avoiding possible fraud.

Why does the Census matter? It's critically important to American communities in several surprising ways. Many small businesses use Census data to determine where to set up shop.

A great deal of federal funding (including some library funding) is distributed to states based on population, and population is determined by the Census.

Census data is also used for population studies, by everyone from public health researchers to local governments, who can use this data to make decisions about critical infrastructure: which roads will need to be expanded, which areas might need new facilities, and more. Having an accurate count means that those working in all levels of government can make informed, data-driven decisions, and it means that Ohio will get its fair share of federal dollars.

Stop by one of our locations for more information on this important civic process.

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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Listening Station

Want to listen to a CD or vinyl record album before checking it out? Use our new listening station in the Main Library's Media Department. Select an album or CD, use our headphones with sanitary covers, and sample your selection before deciding to check it out with your library card. Our vinyl collection currently includes 374 albums in a variety of genres.

Check Out Video Games

We offer a small collection of video games that you can check out and take home. We have games for PlayStation 4, Xbox One and Nintendo Switch. Stop by the Media Department and browse our selection. Choose your game case and take it to the Help Desk near the exit to obtain the disc or cartridge. Video games circulate for seven days with three renewals if there are no holds. Games can be reserved only within the UA Library system. CLC cards may be used to place holds for pickup and return at UA Libraries. Patrons are allowed three items on hold and three items checked out at a time. Popular titles include Madden NFL 20, Super Smash Bros., and Death Standing.

Tax Season at the Library

It's tax time once again. Our staff members are happy to direct you to tax information and locate specific forms. *However, please note that Library employees cannot give tax advice or answer specific tax questions.* The Main, Lane Road and Miller Park Libraries have a very limited number of the booklet that contains 1040 and 1040 SR forms, and schedules 1-3. Staff are able to assist you in locating additional forms online, and you may use our public computers to print tax forms and instructions at a cost of 10¢ per sheet. Tax returns must be filed with the IRS by Wednesday, April 15.

2020 Author Visits

We're pleased to announce that Madeline Miller, author of *Circe* and *Song of Achilles*, will speak at the 2020 Upper Arlington Author Series on Sunday, October 4 at 2 pm. The UA Author Series is a partnership of the Library and the Upper Arlington Community Foundation. Also, after the success of a visit by Rick Steves last year, nine Central Ohio Libraries are partnering again to welcome Margaret Atwood, author of *A Handmaid's Tale*

and its sequel *The Testaments*, which won the Man Booker Prize in 2019. She'll speak at the Palace Theater on Sunday, September 13 at 2 pm. Look for more details on these author visits this summer.

Passport Fair

Need a passport for spring and summer travel? Check out our passport fair in the Main Library's atrium on Saturday, April 4 from 10 am-2 pm. We'll have several stations available for new passport processing and passport photos with no appointment required. For more information, including a list of items you'll need to get a passport, please visit <https://passportservices.ualibrary.org>.

We're a 5-Star Library

Library Journal magazine has again named the Upper Arlington Public Library a 5-star Library in its 12th annual Index of Public Library Service. The LJ Index rates public libraries nationwide on criteria including per capita circulation, electronic circulation, visits, program attendance and computer usage. We ranked the highest in our budget category in circulation with 56.23 items per capita.

Holiday Closing

All UA Libraries will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 12.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit our Community Calendar at upperarlingtonoh.gov
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Concourse Gallery

M-F, 8 am-5 pm, 3600 Tremont Road
Cultural Arts Division | 614-583-5310

Middle Schools

March 4-27

Reception 2-4 pm, Sunday,
March 8

High Schools

April 2-24

HistorySpeaks

An Evening With Richard
Rothstein, Author of *The Color of
Law: A Forgotten History of How
Our Government Segregated
America*

7 pm, Wednesday, March 4, Jones
Middle School

UA Historical Society | www.uahistory.org
Purchase tickets at: Rothstein-March4.
eventbrite.com

Easter Candy Hunt & Bunny Trail

Saturday, April 4

9:30-10 am, Bunny Trail
10 am, Candy Hunt Begins
Thompson Park | www.uaca.org

Enjoy this free event from Parks &
Recreation and the UA Civic Association.
Be ready for a prompt start at
10 am.



Float Builders Information Session

6 pm, Wednesday, April 15

3600 Tremont Road | www.uaca.org

If your neighborhood is planning to
enter a float in the 2020 Fourth of July
parade, learn the tricks of the trade from
the UA Civic Association.

Arbor Day Celebration

Friday, April 24

upperarlingtonoh.gov

UA celebrates Arbor Day each year
with a tree planting ceremony. For
2020, St. Andrew's School students will
participate.

Prescription Drug Take Back Day

10 am-2 pm, Saturday, April 25

3600 Tremont Road

UA Police | upperarlingtonoh.gov

Drop-off old and unused prescription
drugs drive-thru style.

Northam Park Tennis Open House

1-5 pm, Saturday April 25

upperarlingtonoh.gov

Enjoy an afternoon of free tennis,
refreshments and enter to win a tennis
lesson with a tennis pro of your choice.
You can also purchase your membership
to the Northam Park Tennis Courts and
meet tennis pro Mike Haddow.

UACA The Walk

Saturday, April 25-Sunday, May 3

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

Watch for members of the UA
Civic Association walking through
neighborhoods seeking donations for its
2020 slate of special events.

Sandwich Stroll

10:30 am-Noon, Tuesday, May 5

Sunny 95 Park

UA Commission on Aging | 614-583-5326

UA seniors health and wellness
event. Pre-registration required.

Raise the Roof

6:30-10:30 pm, Friday, May 8

Amelita Mirolo Barn, Sunny 95 Park

www.uacommunityfoundation.com

ON THE FRONT COVER: Expansion of
the clay tennis courts at Northam Park