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## 2018 State of the City Address in Review



Upper Arlington High School Vocal Music Program students treated the audience to a preview of their February production of *Anything Goes*.

As UA celebrates its 100th birthday in 2018, our Centennial plans were front and center at this year's State of the City Address and Community Fair. Attendees learned about the progress made with the Centennial Plaza and History Walk Legacy Project, to be installed at Northam Park this spring, along with the many other activities planned to make this a special year for our community. See page 8 for Centennial news.

It wasn't all about the Centennial, however. City Manager, Ted Staton, and members of City Council shared details of an impressive number of projects that were either brought to a successful conclusion in 2017, or began to take shape. This includes:

- Completion of a broad community survey, which indicated that the City is on track in its provision of services and attention to various issues;
- The start of two important studies - the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan process, and the River Ridge/Kingsdale West Study;
- Completion of the new Tremont Pool and Playground at Northam Park;

- The successful transition of 911/dispatching services to the Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center at Dublin;
- The transition to a new Solid Waste Program; and
- The City's continued investment in capital improvements in 2017, with another busy year of road, bridge and waterline improvements slated for 2018.

### 2017 Community Awards

A popular part of our State of the City Address is the Community Awards Program. Each year, winners are selected from an impressive slate of candidates who have all made a positive difference for our community over the past year. Our congratulations to the following recipients:

#### Business Award

**OhioHealth, John Leff & Brian Jepson**  
OhioHealth has worked hard to generate awareness surrounding the health crisis of addiction and substance abuse. From



physicians and nurses advocating in our community to providing funding and meeting space, OhioHealth has been an outstanding partner for The Stand Project. This kind of generosity is contributing to cultural change. Dr. John Leff acts as an extension of OhioHealth as a subject matter expert, attacking the issue of substance abuse with passion, knowledge and first-



**COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT RECIPIENTS (from left): Erik Yassenoff, Ed Seidel, Melanie Circle Brown, Cindy Holodnak, Sara Klein, Charlie Groezinger**

hand patient experience. With a full medical practice, John makes participating in The Stand Project a priority as an At Large Member of the Board. Under the leadership of Brian Jepson, OhioHealth awarded The Stand Project a \$15,000 grant to help grow the initiative and agreed to in-kind printing services for community resource guides distributed to every student in UA.

*The 2017 Business Award nominees also included: Dr. Kristin Devor, Fred Salmon at the Flower Galaxy, Schoedinger Northwest Chapel.*

## Community Enrichment

**UA Historical Society History Book Committee; Sara Klein, Chair, Cindy Holodnak, Melanie Circle Brown, Ed Seidel, Kristin Greenberg, Erik Yassenoff, Charlie Groezinger**

In preparation for Upper Arlington's Centennial year, this volunteer team from the UA Historical Society decided now was the right time for an update to the history book on Upper Arlington. They went much further than picking up where the version from the late 1980s left off—they decided to return to Upper Arlington's beginnings and to capture the milestones and stories of the community's evolution anew. Following many months of research, fact checking and organizing, they enlisted the help of a local writer to put one voice on the stories that can be found within

*100: A Cherished Past, A Golden Future.* The result is a delightful read that celebrates our community's first century and is sure to become a "go to" resource for many.

*Our additional Community Enrichment nominees are: Fam-Ess Learn to Earn Program, Jennifer Faure, Paul Imhoff, Mandy Markoff & Michelle Montgomery, Patty Matthews.*

## Community Safety

**Hollie Goldberg**

Hollie was recognized for her many years of dedicated service and advocacy on behalf of the older adult population living in UA. She has been a tireless advocate for the fragile elderly and their care givers. Hollie is a consummate and caring professional who would do anything to improve the lives of UA's aging community members. After 40-plus years working in the field of aging supportive services—many of those years spent with Northwest Counseling Services and Syntero—Hollie retires in March. We are grateful for all that she has contributed to bettering the lives of others.

*The 2017 Community Safety nominees are: Courtney Campbell, Julia Gomez, Charlie Reed, Officer Jon Rice.*

## Senior Award

**Denny Mardas**

Denny is a calm, gentle, unassuming man with a huge heart for young people. He

raised his family here and now enjoys watching his grandchildren grow up here. As a long-time member of the Upper Arlington Optimist Club, and someone with a passion for understanding the challenges facing young people in the area of substance abuse, Denny introduced The Stand Project to his fellow Optimist members, with a 'Friend of Law' award and funding support one of the positive results. He regularly volunteers for The Stand Project, participating with the Youth Engagement Team, helping to launch a student led group and to fund its first signature event, "Movie at the Marv." His generosity of time, advocacy and philanthropy is much appreciated.

*Our additional Senior Award nominees are: Ed Sweeney, Elaine Walter.*

## Youth Award

**Max Gillum**

In March, Max will put on his fourth annual Dodgeball tournament for charity. Max started as a 5th grader at Windermere. He is now an 8th grader at Hastings. The first year, the tourney was held at Jones and raised over \$2,800 for Faith Mission charity. Since then, the tournament has been held at the High School. Kids from all five elementary schools and both middle schools compete in a giant dodgeball tournament. Last year, Max raised over \$8,000, which he presented to the Refuge—a Columbus-based homeless charity for men struggling with illness or addiction. Max begins planning in early January with emails, calls, sign-ups and ground work, spending his evenings (after school and wrestling practice) putting it all together for the annual March event.

*Congratulations to the 2017 Youth Award nominees: Molly O'Connor and Dante Landolfi for the Barrington Elementary 4th Grade Informal, The Stand Student Group (Townsend Thompson, Andrew Armstrong, Aidan Brennan, Susie Lynn, Michael Partridge, Isabella Sanfillipo, Mitchell "Drew" Weisberg – President, Minnah Mohamed, Haley Gillespie – Vice President, Brandon Weaver), Audrey Unverferth, Declan Unverferth, Kota Wharton).*



## Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan Update

The Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan review and planning process is a vital step in guiding future decision-making on how to get the most value from our limited parks and the facilities within them, while fulfilling the recreational wants and needs of the community.

The response from residents eager to be part of the process has been impressive. More than 700 residents completed a quick questionnaire, more than 120 participated in a series of focus groups and a first public meeting, discussions were held with various groups vested in our parks system in some way—such as the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Cultural Arts Commission, Field Sports Advisory Group, Tree Commission, and Senior Advisory Council—and one-on-one telephone conversations were held with City Council, School Board, Library and community representatives.

While the community outreach phase was underway in the fall, representatives

from PROS Consulting were also taking a detailed look at existing parks and recreation facilities, and comparing them with those of other communities, researching recreation trends and more.

As existing conditions, needs and community wants came into focus, the team prepared for an important next step—conducting a statistically valid survey of the community, which has been fielded early in 2018. At press time, more than 500 responses had been received, well above the target response rate. As this survey closes, an online version open to all in the community will be available February 26 through March 16, and a version specifically targeting our community's youth will be available during the same timeframe.

### Next Steps

Once the survey phase has been completed, it will be time to begin sharing the findings of this extensive process with the community, per the following schedule:

- **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**  
- 6:30 pm, Wednesday, April 4, 3600 Tremont Road
- **Council Conference Session** - 6:30 pm, Monday, April 16, 3600 Tremont Road
- **Community Meeting** - 6:30 pm, Wednesday, April 18, 3600 Tremont Road

For more on the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan, visit [www.uaoh.net/parksplan](http://www.uaoh.net/parksplan).



A group of residents, including several veterans of the armed services, are collaborating to significantly enhance the Veterans memorials at Mallway Park, to create an inviting and attractive place for reflection and appreciation of the men and women who have served their country. Upon completion, the enhanced Veterans Memorial Park will be re-dedicated and gifted to the community. Landscape architecture firm, POD design, has been secured to develop initial concepts for the park enhancements.

In the New Year, the community was invited to be part of a process to review and provide feedback on the proposals. This included public meetings and an online survey.

The group is planning to bring its proposal to City Council in April, please watch for details soon. Pending Council's support for this project, a fundraising effort will be undertaken in 2018 to help facilitate most or all of the project costs. Visit [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net) for additional project details and updates.

## River Ridge/Kingsdale West Study

The team working on the River Ridge/Kingsdale West Study is to be congratulated for conducting a thoughtful and thorough process that has facilitated extensive community engagement.

Total attendance at the two workshops and open house was around 500 people. Then, three surveys tied to each step in the process, generated more than 1,000 survey responses.

In addition to taking a deep dive into the makeup of the district—from housing stock to population trends—a series of recommendations have emerged that blend resident feedback with actionable items the City can pursue in support of the district. These include:

- Creation of a Safe Routes to School plan for Wickliffe Elementary School
- Installing sidewalks on Mountview and Nottingham roads
- Increasing flexibility for accessory structures in the district

- Reducing building height limits in River Ridge and the portions of Kingsdale West that don't front Tremont Road
- Allowing the enclosure of existing carports
- Exploring the creation of a rental permit program

At press time for this newsletter, a presentation for City Council and members of the Board of Zoning and Planning was scheduled for the Monday, February 26 City Council Meeting, beginning at 7:30 pm. Pending Council's support of the report, next steps will be to map out implementation of the recommendations.

The full list of recommendations and other useful documents summarizing the study process, can be found at [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net).

## FROM CHAMBERS

### Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions



#### 2018 Upper Arlington City Council

**Front row (from left):** Michele Hoyle, Brendan King (Vice President), Kip Greenhill (President), Carolyn Casper

**Back row:** Jim Lynch, Brian Close, Sue Ralph

#### Charter Review Commission

In January, a Charter Review Commission began a review of the City Charter. The Commission is comprised of 10 members, selected by each member of the 2017 City Council and the three Council-members Elect. They are: John C. Adams (Chair), Bob Dunn, Megan Heydlauff, Mary Ann Krauss, Maria Mone, Matt Petersen, Jon Secrest, Rich Simpson, Elizabeth Fenner Yassenoff, Julie Bruce Zogbaum. The City Manager and City Attorney serve as non-voting ex-officio members.

The Charter is considered the most important legal document for the City, since it defines the organization, its structure, functions and essential procedures. The Charter must be reviewed by a Council-appointed Commission of at least seven members once every 10 years at a minimum. Any proposed amendments to the Charter require a vote of the residents of Upper Arlington.

The review process is expected to last approximately four months. Should this review process result in proposed amendments, City Council may place these proposals on the November 6 ballot.

#### A Brief History of the Upper Arlington Charter

- The first Village Charter was adopted in 1919, with a commission form of government;
- Upper Arlington was incorporated as a City in 1941 when its population exceeded 5,000 residents.
- In 1956, citizens voted to amend the City Charter, adopting a Council-Manager form of government.
- Updates to the City Charter were last made in 1998. No changes were recommended from a 2008 review.

## CITY SERVICES

### Solid Waste Program Updates

Local Waste Services .....614-583-5370

[www.localwasteservices.com](http://www.localwasteservices.com)

[request@localwasteservices.com](mailto:request@localwasteservices.com)

Here are some useful service reminders to help you get the most out of our new program:

- Place all items for disposal at the curb between 6 pm the night before and 7 am on your regular collection day. Keep trash and recycling containers at least three feet apart from other items to provide easy access for the collection equipment.
- **Screening Requirements** - Households should keep trash and recycling containers out of view from the street—in a garage, shed, screened behind a fence or landscaping, etc.—except when putting them at the curb the night before or by 7 am on collection day.
- **Trash** - Place trash items in your gray trash container (loose or bagged) and wheel to the curb with the lid opening facing toward the street. If you have additional items that cannot fit into the container from Local Waste, place in a secondary, lidded container clearly marked as “trash,” and bring to the curb.
- **Recycling** - Place accepted recyclables loose (do not bag) in your blue recycling container and wheel to the curb with the lid facing toward the street. Recyclables are taken to the Rumpke Recycling Facility, and accepted items are determined by Rumpke, not Local Waste. If you have additional recyclables, place them into a secondary, lidded container clearly marked as “recycling,” and bring to the curb. A list of accepted recyclables can be found at [www.uaoh.net/trash2018](http://www.uaoh.net/trash2018).
- **Bulk Items** - Bulk items, such as furniture, appliances and other qualifying larger items are collected as part of this program. A list of accepted bulk items can be found at [www.uaoh.net/trash2018](http://www.uaoh.net/trash2018).
- **Yard Waste** - Place yard waste in approved biodegradable yard waste bags, bundles or trash containers clearly marked as “Yard Waste,” and place at the curb by 7 am on your regular collection day. Plastic bags or yard waste mixed with trash are NOT accepted. “Yard Waste” decals are available at the Municipal Services Center and UA libraries.
- **Billing Questions?** - Households were mailed their first semi-annual bill in late January for Solid Waste and the Stormwater Utility. If you have questions about this invoice, please call the Finance Department, at 614-583-5280.

## CITY STREETS *Updates on Road Improvement Projects*

The 2018 road construction season will be another busy one, as our Engineering Division takes steps to reduce the backlog of necessary work as part of our 10-year Capital Improvement Program. Read on for a summary of what to expect.

### 2018 Street Reconstruction Program

These projects are comprised of complete road reconstruction, new curb and gutter, driveway apron replacement and storm sewer repairs on sections of the following streets:

- **Abington Road** (Mountview Road to Redding Road)
- **Anson Street** (Overdale Drive to Hillview Drive)
- **Ashland Avenue** (Corp. line to Stanford Road)
- **Bickley Place** (Anson Street to Johnston Road)
- **Brandon Road** (Northam Road to Ridgeview Road)
- **Coventry Road** (Cambridge Boulevard to Waltham Road)
- **Donna Drive** (Fairlington Drive to Center Drive)
- **Fairfax Road** (Waltham Road to Guilford Road)
- **Lytham Road** (Bickley Place to Fenwick Road) - new sidewalks will also be installed on one side of the street from Glenda Place to Fenwick Road, as part of the City's efforts to install new sidewalks on collector and arterial streets as reconstruction projects occur.
- **Reed Road** (McCoy Road to Lane Road)
- **Stonehaven Drive** (Stonehaven Drive to Chevy Chase Avenue)
- **Sudbury Road** (Inchcliff Road to Zollinger Road)
- **Tewksbury Road** (Oxford Road to Arlington Avenue)
- **Westwood Avenue** (Tremont Road to Stanford Road)

### 2018 Street Maintenance Program (SMP)

Road resurfacing work - routine repairs designed to prolong the useful life of a street:

- **Asbury Drive** (Zollinger Road to Farleigh Road)
- **Arlington Center** (Partlow Drive to Henderson Road)
- **Bridgeton Drive** (Reedbury Lane to Greenvue Drive)
- **Cassill Court** (Cassill Street to cul de sac)
- **Chantry Court** (Sandover Road to cul de sac)
- **Fontaine Drive** (Tremont Road to cut de sac)
- **Guilford Road** (Northwest Boulevard to Coventry Road)
- **Kennybrook Bluff** (Kenbrook Common to cul de sac)
- **Longhill Road** (McCoy Road to dead end)
- **Lyon Drive** (Mumford Drive to Langston Drive)
- **Montague Court** (Sedgewick Drive to Concord Village Drive)
- **Reed Road** (McCoy Road to Fishinger Road)
- **Romney Road** (Fishinger Road to Hythe Road)
- **Sussex Court** (Sussex Drive to cul de sac)
- **Sussex Drive** (Lane Road to dead end)

### Waterline Replacements

Replacement of waterlines, service transfer and installation of full-depth pavement patch for the following streets:

- **Charing Road** (from Canterbury Road to Leeds Road)
- **Dorset Road** (from Asbury Road to Edington Road)
- **Cheshire Road** (from Tewksbury Road to Cambridge Boulevard)
- **Osborn Drive** (from Vassar Place to Osborn Drive)
- **Inchcliff Road** (from Oldham Road to Redding Road)
- **Grace Lane** (from Reed Road to Ritamarie Drive)

### Bridge Improvements

- **Dorset Road Bridge Replacement** - Over Evans Run

### Sustainable Sewer Solutions 2018 Project

Sanitary sewer improvements for the area south of McCoy Road, between Clairmont Road and Ashmore Road.

### Tewksbury Road Storm Drainage Replacement

Storm water pipe replacement from Arlington Avenue to Oxford Road

### Farleigh Road Storm Structure Replacement

Storm structure replacement at Farleigh Road and Avalon Road.

### Streetlight Replacement

Replacement of old wooden streetlights with metal poles on:

- **Kioka Road** (from Zollinger Road to Fishinger Road)
- **McCoy Road** (from Kenny Road to Reed Road)
- **Northam Road** (from Tremont Road to Northwest Boulevard)

### Traffic Signal Replacement

Replacement of traffic signals on:

- Lane Avenue and Northwest Boulevard
- Guilford Road and Northwest Boulevard

Full project details can be found at **www.uaoh.net**, where you can register for updates on some projects. Additionally, we share project updates via our Facebook and Twitter pages.



## CITY MANAGER UPDATE

**Theodore J. Staton**

### Do You Have a Centennial Tree?

The City's Tree Commission is initiating a search for majestic old trees that may have witnessed Upper Arlington's founding in 1918, as part of the City's Centennial celebrations. Trees determined to be at least a Century old will be provided a temporary marker for the Centennial year, and will become part of the City's registry of venerable trees.

A survey of historic trees completed in 1987 to honor the City's celebration of the U.S. Constitution's 200th anniversary yielded 80 nominations of spectacular trees by homeowners. A similar call went out in 2000, after the two oldest trees on the 1987 list had died. That year, the City identified a 330-year-old sycamore at 2140 Cambridge Road as its oldest living treasure. It is still standing today.

Unfortunately, many other trees on the list have been felled through the years by storms, disease and old age, as commission members learned last fall when they undertook a visual inspection of listed trees. Commissioners hope to update the list in 2018 with nominations from homeowners who believe they might have a Centennial tree growing on their property. In addition to age, qualifying Centennial trees need to be visible from the street.

Homeowners are asked to send their name, address and phone number to our Parks & Forestry Division, along with any other information that may be useful in dating the tree, including photos or a mention in a family history. Commissioner Hope Weber will visit the site and use an equation that accounts for size, species and site quality to determine the tree's age. She also will identify its species, all information she will pass on to the homeowner.

As a quick reference, Weber said a tree's diameter at chest height, 4.5 feet above the ground, provides a good indicator of age. "A 100-year old tree is about 25 to 30 inches in diameter, whereas a slower growing 100-year old tree like an oak might only be 20 to 25 inches in diameter."

Karla Gengler-Nowak, who co-leads Friends of the UA Parks, said many trees were likely planted when a home was built so the age of the tree is often the same as the age of the home. Likely Centennial prospects may therefore be found in the City's historic district. Neighborhoods near Fishinger Road, Farleigh Road, Fairfax Drive and Henthorn Road, which were built into existing forests without disturbing trees, are other areas where old trees might be identified.

In addition to compiling a list of notable trees, the commission is issuing a call to action for the next Century—plant a tree today.

To nominate a centennial tree for review, call 614-583-5340 or send an email to scothrel@uaoh.net.

## 2018 Wall of Honor Inductees Announced

The City and the Upper Arlington Historical Society are pleased to announce the selection of four worthy former Upper Arlington residents, as part of an expanded, Centennial induction ceremony:

- J.W. Jones, a teacher and former UA Schools Superintendent, after whom Jones Middle School was named.
- Clark Poston Pritchett, Jr., a local attorney and former President/Mayor of City Council.
- Jeanne (McCoy) Purnhagen Schaal, the first female President of the Northwest Kiwanis Club and a community business advocate.
- Jacob L. "Jake" Will, a businessman and army veteran who took pride in supporting his community through numerous philanthropic endeavors.

The 2018 Wall of Honor Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 20, beginning at 3 pm, at 3600 Tremont Road.

## Volunteer UA Expo 10 am-6 pm, Wednesday, April 18 Tremont Library [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net)

Are you looking to find the right volunteer opportunity that fits your interests and availability? Nonprofits from around the community will be in the Main Library's atrium on Wednesday, April 18 to talk about their organizations and volunteer needs. This event is made possible through a partnership of the Upper Arlington Commission on Aging, City of Upper Arlington, Upper Arlington Public Library, Leadership UA, Tri-Village Lions Club and Syntero, Inc.





## Spring Centennial Updates

*The first signs of Spring are upon us. Likewise, the first signs that it's UA's Centennial year are also popping up across the community. Be on the look out for street banners, signs and new decals on City vehicles for starters. Read on for details of various Centennial updates.*

### UA's Birthday Celebration

3:30-6:30 pm, Tuesday, March 20

#### Tremont Library

Turning 100 is certainly cause for celebration and that's just what the Centennial Task Force plans to do! On the anniversary day of Upper Arlington's incorporation as a village in 1918, guests can take part in a fun scavenger hunt using mock-ups of the History Walk markers that will be featured at Northam Park, listen to popular music from every decade since 1918 and enjoy a variety of Centennial themed desserts.

The celebration will take place from 3:30-6:30 pm, with an official ceremony towards the end of the evening to honor the City's monumental birthday. This is one party you won't want to miss!

### Support Our Centennial Year Celebrations

#### Centennial Fund

[www.uacommunityfoundation.com](http://www.uacommunityfoundation.com)

While many UA Centennial projects are already taking shape, there's always more we can do to celebrate this special year. A Centennial Fund has been established at the Upper Arlington Community Foundation as a convenient place to make a tax free donation to support the Centennial.

A limited number of opportunities remain to support The History Walk. For a \$10,000 donation, families, service groups or businesses will be recognized for their support of the Centennial via a plaque on one of the History Walk pillars. Call 614-583-5040 to be connected with a member of the Centennial Task Force today.



### 4th of July Float Builders Information Session

6-7:30 pm, Tuesday, April 17

3600 Tremont Road

UA's Centennial 4th of July celebrations will be here before we know it and the Upper Arlington Civic Association (UACA) is pulling out all the stops to make this year one for the record books.

Neighborhood floats are considered the "heart and soul" of the 4th of July Parade. Every year they get bigger and better, and the challenge is on to make 2018 the best year yet! To help neighborhood families and community organizations plan their floats, the Civic Association hosts a Float Builder's Information Session each spring AND offers reimbursement for some of the float building expenses.

The Float Builder's Information Session is on the horizon, scheduled for 6 pm, Tuesday, April 17. The theme for the 2018 celebration will be announced, the new 4th of July logo unveiled, and UACA and City Police Division representatives will guide you through the dos and don'ts of creating a vibrant—and safe—float. If your neighborhood has yet to join the Parade, this is the year to start a new tradition! Visit [www.uaca.org](http://www.uaca.org) for details.



The Senior Center gardens are now home to two beautiful metal benches celebrating our Centennial year, thanks to the UA Senior Advisory Council.



## Earth Day to Arbor Day Celebration

April 22-27

It's clear to anyone who lives here that UA loves its trees. We are proud to have been designated as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation since 1990, and each year we celebrate UA's urban forest with an Arbor Day tree planting ceremony. Since it's 2018 and UA is celebrating 100, plans are afoot for 10 ceremonial planting locations at or near the community's public and private schools, with 10 new trees installed at each site by students and community officials. This exciting project is made possible courtesy of a partnership between the Upper Arlington and Tri-Village Rotary Clubs and the City.

Watch for dates and times for the tree plantings on the City's Facebook page and the *City Insight* e-newsletter, for the following locations:

- St. Agatha School
- St. Andrew's School
- Wellington School
- Jones Middle School
- Hastings Middle School
- Burbank Early Childhood School
- Eastcleft Road, opposite Wickliffe School
- Langham Road, near Tremont School
- Sunny 95 Park, near Greensview School
- Windermere Road, near Windermere School

Rotary



CENTENNIAL MERCHANDISE: Available at [www.uaoh.org](http://www.uaoh.org)

## Kingsdale Water Tower to Receive a Centennial Facelift

The water tower at Kingsdale is a community landmark that screams to be "Centennialized!" And this spring, that's exactly what will happen, as our Centennial bear is added to two sides of the tower. If you can think of other creative ways to showcase our Centennial logo, we'd love to hear from you.

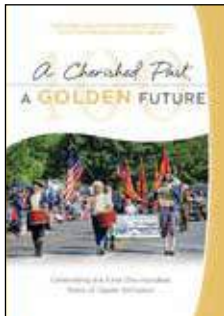
Visit [www.uaoh100.org](http://www.uaoh100.org) to send us your ideas.

## UA History Book

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

A lot has happened in 30 years, since a history of UA was last memorialized in a book for the community. Keeping with the tradition of capturing the progression of our community, the Historical Society—with the assistance of the Upper Arlington Library—embarked on the task of researching and writing a new historical celebration of our community. If a copy has not yet found its way to you, visit [uahistory.org](http://uahistory.org) to place an online order OR you can purchase copies directly from:

- Municipal Services Center
- First Merchant Bank branches (Reed Road, Tremont Center, Grandview Avenue)
- Fresh Crafts Gallery (Mallway)



## UA Birthday Bash

11 am, Tuesday, March 20

Senior Center, 1945 Ridgeview Road

Happy 100th birthday Upper Arlington. Celebrate with your friends at the Senior Center at a Centennial-themed monthly luncheon. Hear about UA's history, then enjoy songs from the past 10 decades courtesy of Trombones Plus with The Little Big Band. Cost is \$10, and reservations are required. Call 614-583-5320.

## Historical Society Trolley Tour

Various Tour Times

Saturday, April 28

The Upper Arlington Historical Society Trolley Tours have become a popular signature event. In 2018, you can enjoy a "Centennial Tour," visiting sites of note from the community's early beginnings. Reservations are required, with tickets priced at \$20 per person for Historical Society members, and \$25 for non-members. Visit [www.uahistory.org](http://www.uahistory.org) for tour times and to reserve your seat.

*For full details of Upper Arlington's Centennial celebrations, visit:*

[www.uaoh100.org](http://www.uaoh100.org)



# NewsBITES

## CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

### Sunday Swim at UA High School PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

Sunday Swim provides a weekly opportunity to enjoy the High School's indoor pool, held most Sundays through May 6, from 1-3 pm. The cost per visit is \$3 for a resident.

### Book the Barn for Your Event PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

Since opening in 2011, the Amelita Mirolo Barn has become an increasingly popular venue for wedding and other memorable events. So much so, availability during "wedding season" on Fridays and Saturdays is limited. Don't forget that the Barn is a great year-round venue for birthday parties, retirements, baby and wedding showers, corporate events and more! Book the Barn at [www.amelitamirolobarn.com](http://www.amelitamirolobarn.com).

### City INSIGHT eNews CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 614-583-5040

Did you know that you can get updates from the City, with information similar to what you find in this newsletter but sent directly to your inbox? To register to receive our twice monthly e-newsletter, go to <http://tinyurl.com/uanewsletter>.

### COGO Bike Share Stations Coming to UA DEVELOPMENT 614-583-5040

Watch for the installation of UA's first COGO bikeshare stations this summer, at the following locations: Kingsdale, Tremont Center, Mallway, Lane Avenue, and Northwest Boulevard at North Star Road. Bike sharing is ideal for people wishing to enjoy an occasional ride for short distance trips without the need to own a bicycle. You can pick up and return bikes at any COGO station within the network, which include OSU campus and downtown Columbus. This project was made possible thanks to a MORPC grant covering 80% of the installation costs.

### Finance Department Receives Two Awards FINANCE 614-583-5291

Our congratulations to the Finance Department for receiving two awards from the Government Finance Officers Association:

- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, for the 30th consecutive year;
- Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting (2016 PAFR), for the 12th consecutive year.

### City Manager to Serve as Chair of COMMA CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 614-583-5040

City Manager Ted Staton has been selected by his peers in the region to serve as Chair of the Central Ohio Mayors and Managers Association (COMMA). COMMA is a collaborative association of Central Ohio Mayors and City Managers, created for the purposes of considering & addressing common regional public policy issues impacting local governments and serving as advocates for shared community interests.

### UA Representation on MORPC Sustainability 2050 DEVELOPMENT 614-583-5070

Planning Officer Justin Milam has been selected to serve as a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's Sustainability 2050 Program, which supports member communities' sustainability efforts through technical assistance, collaboration and recognition.

### Swamp Romp ENGINEERING 614-583-5360

The call is out for area Scout groups to participate in this year's Swamp Romp, scheduled for Saturday, May 12. The morning starts with breakfast and conservation demonstrations, before teams head out to

clear trash from various natural waterways in UA. Contact Jim Palmer (614-583-5360, [jpalmer@uaoh.net](mailto:jpalmer@uaoh.net)) to register.

### Prescription Drug Take Back Day

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, April 28  
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 also 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 [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net), for details of accepted items.

### RITA to Host Walk-in Taxpayer Assistance Events

Noon-6 pm, Friday, March 16  
Grandview Center, 1515 Goodale Blvd  
OR

### RITA's Worthington Office

760 Lakeview Plaza Blvd, #400

- Regular Hours: M-F, 8 am-5 pm
- Starting March 10: Sat, 9 am-Noon
- M, April 9-W, April 11: 8 am-6 pm
- Th, April 12-Tu, April 17: 8 am-7 pm

The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) invites all taxpayers required to file a

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municipal income tax return for any RITA municipality to attend a free Taxpayer Assistance Event. Agents will be on-site to answer questions and assist with RITA municipal income tax return preparation. Please bring all necessary tax documentation, 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 2017

## Statewide Tornado Drill

9:50 am, Wednesday, March 21

[www.ready.ohio.gov](http://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.

## Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery®

Sunday, March 11

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 23-May 4

FIRE DIVISION

614-583-5100

Fire hydrant flushing will occur weekdays, April 23-May 4. This annual test is part of a fire hydrant maintenance program that keeps hydrants in operable condition and identifies any deficiencies that require repair. Notice of the areas to be flushed on a given day are provided at the beginning of that day in the following ways:

- Signs reading "Hydrant Flushing Today" are placed at prominent intersections in each area before flushing starts, and removed when completed for the day.
- You can call 614-583-5115 to get information on the areas being flushed that day.
- Residents are notified via email, text or voicemail using the ALERT Franklin County notification system, at the beginning of the program.
- 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 in their area. Please refrain from doing laundry on the day hydrants are flushed in your area. Before resuming laundering, partially fill washers 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

POLICE DIVISION

614-583-5150

Sessions: June 18-29, July 9-20

Safety Town is a two-week summer preschool program that teaches children all aspects of safety. They

learn about pedestrian safety by tricycling about a miniature village complete with streets, sidewalks, buildings, stop signs and a working traffic signal. Four sessions are offered, please note that classes fill quickly. Register online at [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net).



## UACA Seeking Teacher "Golden Apple" Award Nominees

Nomination Deadline March 29

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

A driving force behind the Civic Association is the desire to give back and celebrate others who help make the UA community so strong. The annual Golden Apple Awards is one of these special programs. Each year, students, parents, co-workers and friends are invited to submit nominations for the year's most outstanding educators. The recipients are then surprised with an awards presentation in their classroom, while surrounded by their students.

Twelve Golden Apple Awards are presented each year. Eligible schools are: Barrington, Greensview, all pre-schools within Upper Arlington City limits, Hastings, Jones, St. Agatha, St. Andrew, Tremont, Upper Arlington High School, Wickliffe, Windermere and Wellington.

## Parks & Recreation Seeking Summer Seasonal Staff

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/uaoh/>

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.

Spring/Summer 2018

# Activity Guide

Schedule of Youth | Adult | 50+ | Summer Pool Programs

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- Preschool/Youth - Kindermusik, Soccer Tots, Creeper Crawly Creeklin', Gardening, S.E.E.K. Programs, Summer ARTventure
- Adults - CSI Upper Arlington, Sweets, Sips & Snuggles, Beginner Social Latin Dance, Intro to Kayaking, Starting a Small Business, Healthy Hormones, Women's Self Defense
- 50-Plus - Centennial Sandwich Stroll, French Fun & Fitness, iPhone Series, Pallet Wood Sign, POUND®, Reiki

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# Schools<sup>★</sup>INSIGHT

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## Fourth-annual State of the Schools Celebrates Bright Future of District During Centennial Year

As the Upper Arlington community and schools celebrate their centennial year, the annual State of the Schools event showcased the innovation and excellence that are propelling the district into its second century.

The fourth-annual State of the Schools on February 5 featured student performers and presenters, artists and their art, and student- and staff-led initiatives and ideas unfolding in the district's nine schools. Kicking off the district presentations in the Learning Center at Upper Arlington High School were the Tremont Elementary Troubadours with a performance that included "Serve, Lead, Succeed," an original centennial song inspired by the district's vision statement.

"Our centennial is a major event, and our history is indeed worth a year-long celebration and more," Superintendent Paul Imhoff said. "But we all know that our very best days are not behind us—they are in front of us."

In his remarks and videos with testimonials from students and staff members, Imhoff highlighted the progress toward the five goals in the district's



strategic plan, but he noted that "we are just getting started."

"We will continue and deepen our focus on performance and personalization," he said. "And we will work with our students, staff and community to design and build new learning environments for our elementary and high school students where we can continue to prepare them for their future."

In a message that resonated throughout his remarks, Imhoff shared that "I am proud that our community understands that buildings are not the most important thing—what happens inside of those buildings is what matters most."

was approximately 5,600 students. That number has risen to more than 6,100 today, and is projected to grow to almost 7,200 by 2027-2028.

"We are working with our design team and our community, staff and student groups to make sure our new and renovated buildings will accommodate this growth," he said.

As the student population grows and the district works to design six new or renovated school buildings, it remains committed to its mission: to challenge and support every student every step of the way. As part of that commitment and the personalization goal in the strategic plan, the district, in partnership with the Upper Arlington Education Association and the local chapter of the Ohio Association of Public School Employees, launched a district-wide focus on cultural competency and diversity training for staff members.

"We are committed to each student and seeing each student as an individual," Imhoff said. "To fully realize our potential as a district we must first ensure that ALL Means ALL."



One of the biggest challenges for the district, he said, is the growing enrollment in those buildings. Ten years ago, district-wide enrollment



This effort complements the performance goal in the strategic plan that all students attain academic excellence. The inaugural UA Idea Day at the High School, Imhoff said, is a great example of progress in this area. UA Idea Day came up through the UAHS Research & Design Lab and was made possible by the UA Education Foundation and the UAHS PTO. The day of workshops and conversations on February 9 provided all students and high school staff an opportunity to explore their interests and “create, innovate and dream.”

“I couldn’t be more proud of our students, staff, the Upper Arlington Education Foundation and the high school PTO for making this happen,” Imhoff said. “Great things are happening in our schools, and this is a perfect example of the results that are coming from our focused strategic plan.”

Imhoff concluded his remarks with the presentation of the second annual Dr. Robert Arkin Service and Leadership Award to Kellie Ali, Jennifer Heck and Tracy Peters for their work as the co-chairs of Citizens for UA Schools.

Following the presentations, the Learning Fair and the Upper Arlington Education Foundation’s Gallery of Grants featured more than 50 performances and displays from all nine schools. For a glimpse of State of the Schools, please turn to a special State of the Schools photo collection on Page 16.



## SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

**Paul Imhoff**

### Volunteers Come Together for Design Process

The work to design the new high school and renovated or rebuilt elementary schools is unfolding over four phases, and the end of February brought the end of the first phase, programming.

The programming phase brought together hundreds of students, staff members and community members to serve on Building Steering Committees, Building Design Teams and a Districtwide Green Team. We focused on the types of spaces needed at each of the buildings and discussed how those different spaces might flow together in the finished buildings.

Up next is the schematic design phase, which will run from March through May. During this period architects will work with our committees to develop and refine site and building plans. We’ll get our first glimpse at renderings of how the buildings might look and hold another round of community meetings to gather feedback. We’ll also get two independent cost estimates to ensure we are staying on budget.

In the final two phases, design development and construction documents, architects will use feedback to further develop the designs and then prepare the final renderings needed so that each project can be presented to bidders.

We expect to break ground on the high school site in late 2018, where the first steps will be to build the new Marv Moorehead Stadium slightly to the south. That will clear the way for construction to begin on the new high school in early

2019. We anticipate opening that building in the fall of 2021.

We expect to break ground for four of the five elementary projects in early 2019, with the new Greensview and Wickliffe and renovated Barrington and Tremont opening in the fall of 2020.

Construction should begin on the new Windermere Elementary School during the summer of 2020, with an opening scheduled for fall of 2021.

The next few years will be an exciting time as these new learning facilities begin to take shape based upon the ideas and collaborative work of so many volunteers.

One trend that will remain top of mind throughout the design process is our continued enrollment growth. During the past 10 years, we have grown by about 500 students, or about nine percent.

Each year we commission a third-party enrollment projection report, and the latest update indicates enrollment will continue to grow at an even faster pace for the next 10 years, predicting an additional 1,100 students by the 2027-2028 school year.

We all know it’s a great time to be a Golden Bear, and the enrollment growth is a sign that the word is out! It is also the reason why careful planning for future space and staffing needs will be critically important in the coming months and years.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [superintendent@uaschools.org](mailto:superintendent@uaschools.org) or 614-487-5030.

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# BITES From the Apple

SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



## New Robotics Team Joins International Competition



A team of more than 20 UA High School students will compete for the first time in the international FIRST Robotics Competition, thanks to funding from the Upper Arlington Education Foundation, Tri-Village Rotary, as well as a \$6,000 grant from NASA designated for rookie teams. The UAHS team is entirely student-led and was created by students under the vision to inspire and involve more women in STEM. Each FIRST Robotics team is given six weeks starting in January to build and program a robot to perform a designated task for competition. The UAHS team will compete at the regional level March 28-31 in Cleveland.

## Pinta Named National Coach of the Year for Girls Lacrosse

Wendy Pinta has been named 2016-2017 National Coach of the Year in girls lacrosse by the National Federation of State High School Associations. The announcement of this award in January comes just a few months after Pinta was named the Ohio

School Girls Lacrosse Association Coach of the Year. Pinta, a science teacher at the High School, has been involved in playing or coaching high school lacrosse for more than 30 years. She has coached the Golden Bears to a state title six times, most recently in 2016.

"Wendy is not only a great coach, but she is a great teacher and a great role model for the kids," said UAHS Principal Andrew Theado. "We are incredibly lucky to have her as a Golden Bear."

Pinta was honored by the school district and the Upper Arlington High School Athletic Department on February 16 at halftime of the boys basketball game versus Dublin Coffman.

## Nominations wanted for Educator Hall of Fame

The Upper Arlington Schools Educator Hall of Fame will be accepting nominations beginning March 1 of outstanding retired educators in anticipation of an induction ceremony this summer.

The Educators Hall of Fame, previously at the high-school level only, is expanding to recognize retired educators from pre-kindergarten through grade 12.

Criteria and nomination materials will be available on the district's website, [www.uaschools.org](http://www.uaschools.org), beginning March 1. The nomination window will close on March 31, and the new inductees into the Educators Hall of Fame will be recognized on July 1 during a ceremony at UA High School.

## Wickliffe Students Create Interactive Map of UA



Students in Katie Coplin's second/third grade class at Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School have created an interactive map of Upper Arlington that is scheduled to be on display at the Ohio History Center.

With the help of art teacher Lindsay Bennett, the students created the 13-by-6-foot map for an integrated studies unit on Upper Arlington. Each student created a building in Upper Arlington made of a variety of materials including cardboard, clay, cloth and pebbles. Each building features a clothespin doll depicting a community member connected to the building as well as a QR code that can be scanned to learn more about the building.

The map has been on display in February at the Municipal Services Center as part of an art exhibit featuring work from UA elementary students. It is scheduled to be on display at the Ohio History Center the week of March 11.





## UAHS Students Receive Regional Art Awards

Ten UA High School students have been recognized through the 2018 Central Ohio Regional Scholastic Art Awards. From thousands of entries, these students received three Gold Key awards, three Silver Key awards and 11 honorable mentions in seven categories.

Sarah Garzon, a senior, received two Gold Key awards for "I Miss My Dog" in the digital art category and "Lightning God" in mixed media; a Silver Key for "Circus" in digital art; and two honorable mentions, including portfolio. Joanna Nielsen, a junior, received a Gold Key for "Our Protectors in the Dark" in drawing/illustration. Caley Mulligan, a senior, took home two Silver Key awards and an honorable mention in drawing/illustration. The Gold Key recipients

advance to the national level for medal consideration and an opportunity to show their work in New York.

## Tremont Music Teacher Receives Symphony Award

Tino Benedetti, a music teacher at Tremont Elementary School, is the winner of the Columbus Symphony's 2018 Music Educator Award in elementary education. An alumnus of Tremont, he previously ran the guitar program at the UA High School before being hired at Tremont for the 2015-2016 school year. At Tremont, he runs an after-school guitar and ukulele club with intervention specialist Lina Taylor as well as a songwriting club with media specialist Kristin Bugnitz.

"Mr. Benedetti is a master teacher," said Principal Jim Buffer. "He instills a love of music in the children of Tremont

Elementary that benefits our entire learning community, including our staff and parents."

With the award, Benedetti will receive a \$2,500 grant for music education.

## Inaugural UA Idea Day Inspires Students, Teachers at UAHS



UA High School students experienced a day of learning unlike any other at the inaugural UA Idea Day on February 9. Through workshops and conversations in a variety of subject areas, UA Idea Day aimed to inspire high school students and teachers to create, innovate and dream.

Alice Finley, projects and program coordinator with the UA Education Foundation, brought the idea to Laura Moore, instructional leader of the UAHS Research & Design Lab, after attending Chicago Ideas Week two years ago. Finley, Moore, several students and community members planned the day-long symposium—a first of its kind for a high school in Central Ohio.

"Not only has UA Idea Day provided a number of unique, real-world learning challenges for the students who are planning the event," Moore said, "their efforts have produced an opportunity for their peers unlike any other."

This opportunity was possible through funding from the Upper Arlington High School PTO and the Upper Arlington Education Foundation. In addition, many presenters donated their time that day.

"Due to the passion, generosity and dedication of our community, students were able to experience a day that might have changed their lives forever," Moore said.

## THE UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION



### 2018 Upper Arlington Board of Education

**Back row:** Robin Comfort, Treasurer Andrew Geistfeld, Scott McKenzie, Superintendent Paul Imhoff

**Front row:** Vice President Stacey Royer, President Carol Mohr, Nancy Drees

During the January 9, 2018, organizational meeting for the Upper Arlington Board of Education, Carol Mohr and Scott McKenzie were sworn in for terms on the board after their election in November. The Board selected Mohr to serve as President and Stacey Royer to serve as Vice President for 2018.

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. Visit [www.uaschools.org](http://www.uaschools.org) for the most up-to-date information.

### Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, March 6, 4:30 pm — District Office, 1950 North Mallway Drive
- Monday, April 16, 6 pm — First floor of the Learning Center at Upper Arlington High School, 1650 Ridgeview Road

# SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



The cast of "Anything Goes" offered a preview of the UAHS production of the musical. Performances were in late February.

## State of the Schools

The fourth-annual State of the Schools featured performances and displays from every school and a Gallery of Grants made possible by the Upper Arlington Education Foundation (UA+Ed). The displays highlighted service-learning projects, one-to-one technology innovations, the arts and more. Thanks to all the students, staff and community members who participated and attended this event on Monday, February 5. For a video of highlights from the Learning Fair, please visit our website, [www.uaschools.org](http://www.uaschools.org).



Two 3-D printers, one from the high school and the other from Hastings, were on display.



UAHS art and woodworking students were on hand demonstrating their techniques.



The high school's distracted-driving simulator was part of the UA+Ed Gallery of Grants.



Students from Greensview Elementary shared more about the first-grade service-learning project with Arlington Court Skilled Nursing & Rehab Center.



Students and teacher Lynn Reese offered a look at the Community School at UAHS.



The Battle Bots Robotics Club from the high school let visitors test-drive some of their robots.



# SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Students in Sarah Oberlin and Amy Miller's classes at Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School led a schoolwide gift drive in December for 80 families served by Heart to Heart Food Pantry as an extension of their ongoing service-learning project.



Jones Middle School Hunger Heroes spent time volunteering at the Hunger Hoedown for Heart to Heart Food Pantry.



Kindergarten students at Barrington Elementary School marked the 100th day of the district's 100th year by bringing in collections of 100.



Tremont Elementary School kindergarten teacher Sarah Williams celebrated the 100th day of the school district's 100th year by helping her students make "100 days smarter" crowns.



Windermere Elementary School hosted students from Livingston Elementary School as part of an ongoing partnership.



Hastings Middle School media specialist Kerri Schill led students in Hour of Code exercises.



Students shared about their cultures in the Greensview Elementary School community at the second-annual Multicultural Night.

## 2017-18 KEY SCHOOL DATES

### Early Dismissal (K-12)

**Wednesday, February 28**

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

### End of Second Trimester (K-5) and Third Quarter (Grades 6-12)

**Friday, March 9**

### Spring Break

**Monday, March 12–Friday, March 16**

### Staff Professional Day

**Monday, March 19**

No school for students

### No School for Students and Staff

**Friday, March 30**

### Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Wednesday, April 11**

Grades K-5: school all day

### No School for Students and Certified Staff

**Tuesday, May 8**

### UAHS Commencement

**Sunday, May 27**

9:30 am, the Jerome Schottenstein Center

### Memorial Day

**Monday, May 28**

No school for students and staff

### Early Dismissal (K-12), Last Day for Students

**Wednesday, May 30**

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

Additional early release dates for Middle School only (Grades 6-8): March 28, April 11, May 16

To see the full 2017-2018 school year calendar, visit [www.uaschools.org/calendars](http://www.uaschools.org/calendars).

## Alumni Spotlight

**Jody Carbiener Dreyer,**

**UAHS Class of 1979 and UA Idea Day Presenter**

### Career Experience

Dreyer is an author, adviser and recently retired senior executive at The Walt Disney Company. She joined The Walt Disney Company in 1980 and spent over 30 years in various roles. Among her many projects, she had a leadership role as part of the grand opening team of Disneyland Paris. She also served as the Walt Disney World Ambassador, the face of the company throughout the world.



### How Did UA Schools Prepare Her for Success?

Dreyer shared: "I can shut my eyes and remember Windermere Elementary and Mrs. Gardner reading *The Secret Garden*. It was magical, and she brought stories to life.

Mr. Stark at Hastings in Spanish opened new worlds, and Mr. Ziegler at the high school made me chew on issues and ideas. These teachers pushed me to think, ask questions, explore and discover.

"Through many opportunities and programs, there were many areas to jump in including student government, the science fair, pep club, lacrosse stats and yearbook. It was fun to get involved and participate in all sorts of programs and projects. I didn't always succeed, but I learned to try and try again.

"The spirit of love, compassion and support evident in UA taught me about giving back, looking beyond yourself and reaching out to lend a hand."

## Treasurer's Notes

**Andrew L. Geistfeld**

For many years, Upper Arlington Schools has been one of a handful of Ohio school districts able to maintain high bond ratings from both Standard & Poor's and Moody's. This has been important to us as a district because we are committed to being good stewards of our community's investment in our schools.

Our bond ratings became especially important when voters approved the \$230 million bond last November. A higher bond rating translates to a lower interest rate on the debt and a better deal overall for all of us living here in Upper Arlington.

With that on the line, we were pleased to have both bond rating agencies uphold our high ratings in January. Even though we were about to embark on a large investment in our facilities, both agencies found that our long history of community support and strong financial practices provided a solid foundation for these projects. The ratings did indeed help a few weeks later when we were able to sell the bonds at aggressive rates despite the challenging market.

If you would like to learn more about our bond ratings or the recent bond sales, please feel free to contact me at [treasurer@uaschools.org](mailto:treasurer@uaschools.org) or by calling 614-487-5000.





# Library **i**NSIGHT

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## National Library Week is April 8-14

National Library Week is an observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country. For 60 years, it's been a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians, and to encourage library use and support.

In the mid-1950s, research showed Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions and musical instruments. Concerned they were reading less, in 1954 the ALA and the American Book Publishers formed a nonprofit citizens organization called the National Book Committee. The committee's goals ranged from "encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time" to "improving incomes and health" and "developing strong

and happy family life. With the cooperation of ALA and with help from the Advertising Council, the committee created National Library Week in 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and Read!"

Today's libraries celebrate National Library Week by holding special programs, by recognizing library workers, and by encouraging their communities to discover and use library resources.

The UA Library will offer several programs in conjunction with National Library Week. Front and center is our Double Dollar Days program. From April 8-14, every \$1 you pay toward your overdue fines will be worth \$2 with no cap. For example, if you pay \$6, we will remove \$12 of your fines. This applies to existing overdue fines and cannot be used toward collection fees or item replacement costs.

## New Video Streaming Option Debuts

On March 12, UAPL will introduce a new video streaming service. Kanopy offers access to over 30,000 films from 800+ filmmakers. Features include titles from The Criterion Collection, The Great Courses, Kino Lorber, PBS, First Run Features, Women Make Movies and independent films.

All films are delivered via an authenticated video platform and offer unlimited simultaneous access on any device (TV, iOS/Android apps, Roku, PC, etc.) at any time and from any location. Films also include captions, transcripts and ratings.

Each UA Library cardholder is allowed five Kanopy checkouts per card per month and WiFi is required.

Patrons who enjoy streaming and downloading content to their personal devices



have several options available with their library card. In addition to Kanopy, we offer ListenColumbus, Hoopla and Digital Downloads.

For more information on all our digital collections or to make an appointment with a staff member, visit [www.ualibrary.org/mediaservices](http://www.ualibrary.org/mediaservices).

## Other Programs Planned to Celebrate National Library Week

- A panel discusses binge drinking and substance abuse in colleges on Tuesday, April 10 at 7 pm at the Main Library.
- Furry friends from Therapy Dogs International are at Miller Park Library on Tuesday, April 10 at 7 pm for *Reading to Rover*.
- Make a variety of kids' crafts on Wednesday, April 11 from 10:30 am-8:30 pm at the Lane Road Library.
- A nutritionist from The Forum gives info on healthy foods for a healthy brain on Wednesday, April 11 at 1 pm at the Main Library.
- Author Margaret Peterson Haddix speaks Wednesday, April 11 at 6 pm at the Main Library.
- Local indie rock band didi performs Thursday, April 12 at 7 pm at the Main Library.
- CCAD instructor Ann Shifflet presents the art of Maya Lin Friday, April 13 at 12:30 pm at the Main Library.
- The Turtle Lady visits Miller Park Saturday, April 14 at 11 am.
- Outdoor storytime at the StoryWalk® in Fancyburg Park Saturday, April 14 at 11:30 am.
- All ages can enjoy a family movie and popcorn Saturday, April 14 at 2 pm at the Main Library. Call 614-486-9621 opt. 3 to hear the title.

# NewsBITES

## LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

### Kevin Fix Sworn in as New Board Member

On January 9, Deputy City Clerk Elizabeth Richards swore in Kevin Fix as a new member of the Library Board of Trustees. He is a CPA and owner of Newhaven Capital Advisors, which provides financial and investing services. Kevin lives in UA with his wife, Amy and their three children. "I'm a big proponent of public libraries and am excited to be a member of the Board," he says.

### Catalog Unavailable Early March

During the first week of March, our catalog-sharing consortium will add three new member libraries. We will be open for business as usual, but will have some limited functionality from March 2-8. You will still be able to check out items (please bring your library card), use library

computers, access our website and digital services such as Hoopla, Digital Downloads and ListenColumbus. You will not be able to place holds, pay fines or renew items. No items will be due during this period, so we encourage you to keep any checked out items until March 12. We also cannot create new or replacement library cards during this time. We appreciate your patience as the Central Library Consortium prepares to give you access to even more materials.

### 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 receive a limited number of the most-used tax forms for distribution to the pub-

lic. We display these as they arrive. Staff are able to assist you in locating additional forms, 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 Tuesday, April 17.

### Library App Discontinued

The UA Library's Apple/iOS and Android mobile apps will be discontinued effective February 28. To access your account information, our catalog and other resources, please bookmark and visit [www.ualibrary.org](http://www.ualibrary.org) from your device's Internet browser. From here you can perform tasks such as searching, requesting materials, and managing your library account. In addition, you can download e-resources directly onto your mobile device, and access and redeem our courtesy code for free access to *The New York Times*. You can also go directly to our catalog at <http://catalog.ualibrary.org>.

### Upcoming Holiday Closing

All three UA Libraries will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 1.

## Teen Volunteers Wanted for Summer Library Club

All three UA Libraries are seeking teen volunteers for this year's "Libraries Rock" Summer Library 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 interns and volunteers have enjoyed the experience so much that they returned the following year. Our Main Library is seeking up to five high school interns and 50-60 junior volunteers. Our Lane Road Library is seeking up to two high school interns along with 25-30 volunteers, and our Miller Park Library is seeking 25-30 junior volunteers.

### Interns

Teens entering grades 10-12 or who graduate high school in 2018 are eligible to be an intern. The positions involve a commitment of eight-10 hours per week from the end of school to July 31, 2018. Applicants

will be required to write an essay and be interviewed. Those chosen will gain valuable leadership and career skills by training junior volunteers, assisting with programming and collection needs, and other duties as assigned. Internships are unpaid but selected students receive recognition, letters of recommendation, and service hour credit for their participation. High school intern applications are available Sunday, April 1 and are due Tuesday, May 1.

### Junior Volunteers

Students in grades 7-12 wishing to help register and award prizes at our summer reading table are encouraged to apply for a Junior Volunteer Position. We provide

training. Applications for Junior Volunteers will be available Sunday, April 1 and are due Tuesday, May 1.

### Book Buddies

All UA libraries are also seeking teens to help with our popular Book Buddies Program. Teens entering grades six-12 are paired with a younger student and act as their "reading coach." Applications for Book Buddies will be available Tuesday, May 1 and are due on Thursday, May 31. Applications for all of these positions will be available on the dates noted above at any UA library and on our website. Completed applications can be dropped off at your preferred volunteer location.

### Are you in the Library Loop?



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## OUR BOOK GROUPS RECOMMEND

In this issue, we share recommended titles from members of two book discussion groups. Book Chats are held at the Miller Park Library at 11 am on the first Tuesday of the month. The Free-Form No-Homework Book Club (FFNHBC) meets at Lane Road Library on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm.

### Snowblind

**By Ragnar Jonasson**

Fans of the Scandinavian noir genre will enjoy this title and its sequel, *Night-blind*. Jonasson presents an old-fashioned mystery set in an isolated Icelandic village where the newly appointed deputy policeman has claustrophobia when it snows. The style is reminiscent of Agatha Christie, as the author skillfully gathers a coterie of suspects, each with their own dark secrets and a plot full of twist and turns.

— Ann Moore, Book Chats

### Less

**By Andrew Sean Greer**

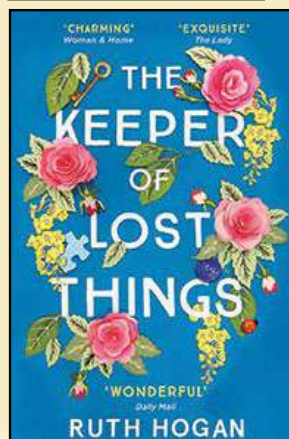
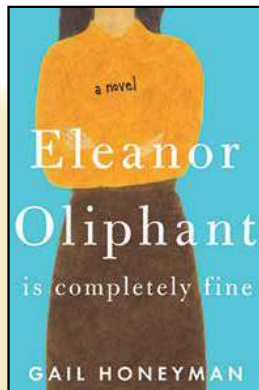
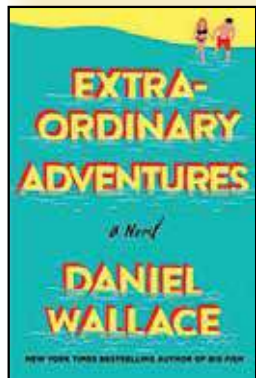
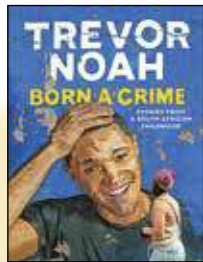
Arthur Less is an author of minor fame and even less fortune, who is self-absorbed about turning 50! He travels the world examining his past life and loves, avoiding the wedding of a former lover, while searching for his identity. Less delightfully bumbles his way through his travels and manages to come out on the other side of 50 with a better understanding of himself and where he belongs in this new world. This book hit all my emotions!

— Carolyn Pappas, Book Chats

### Born a Crime

**By Trevor Noah**

Brilliant, electrifying, eye-opening. Noah offers a never-ending stream of observation and information. I appreciate his way



of expression as he touches complicated topics such as racism and segregation with sensitivity, clarity, objectivity and through a healthy distance towards his own story. A must read for anyone interested in the struggles of South Africa.

— Christiana Heinz, FFNHBC

### The Keeper of Lost Things

**By Ruth Hogan**

When he loses his beloved fiancée a week before their wedding, a writer begins to collect found objects as part of his grieving process. These are small things such as buttons, umbrellas and ribbon. Eventually he begins to imagine how they came to be lost and writes about these “lost” things in a series of short stories. These stories win him fame and fortune. We join him towards the end of his life when he hires a new secretary. The main story is about their friendship and where it leads the secretary after his death. However, the real gems are the “short stories” interwoven in the book.

They are spare and elegant in their simplicity and astoundingly touching.

— Nancy Roth, Book Chats

### Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine

**By Gail Honeyman**

Eleanor Oliphant says what she is thinking. She is a creature of routine—work in the week and frozen pizza and vodka on weekends. She talks with her Mummy on the phone, but avoids social interactions and has no friends. But that’s okay; she is completely fine. Except she isn’t. Her life gradually changes course when she meets an IT man from her office and they rescue an elderly man who has fallen. Honeyman engages the reader with humor and

warmth, as well as sadness and surprise as she leads us through the good days, bad days, and better days of Eleanor.

— Susan Wiiten, Book Chats

### Extraordinary Adventures

**By Daniel Wallace**

Daniel Wallace has written an extraordinary, quirky, coming of age novel. Edsel Bronfman has wandered through his 34 years, knowing that something is missing from his life, but he can’t quite figure it out. His mother, Muriel, is senile with moments of lucidity. Sheila McNabb flits first one way, then another, unable to find an anchor. Thomas Edison is Bronfman’s neighbor and drug dealer. Serena Stanton is the local cop. The author brought them all together. The real strength of the novel is the well-developed characters and Wallace’s descriptions. When I finished reading, I wanted to know about their next extraordinary adventures.

— Mary Austin, FFNHBC

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



State Representative Jim Hughes presented Library Director Chris Taylor with a resolution congratulating the Library on its 50 years as an independent system.

Children made Minecraft construction paper pixel art at the Lane Road Library.



UA Police Officer Bryan McKean visited the Main Library to give seniors some personal safety tips.



Despite the chilly weather, Youth Services Manager Tracie Steele led a storytime at the Fancyburg StoryWalk® featuring *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats.

Author Mindy McGinnis gave the keynote address at the Write Stuff Writers' Conference and Expo. This popular event is co-sponsored by the City of Upper Arlington Parks & Recreation Department and Cultural Arts Division.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board members in 2018 are John Yesso, (President), Gloria Heydlauff (Vice President), William Skhurti (Secretary), Maura Bowen, Kevin Fix, Peter Hahn and Sarah Mueller.

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](http://www.ualibrary.org/pages/board-trustees).

### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, March 20 at 5 pm
- Tuesday, April 17 at 5 pm
- Tuesday, May 15 at 5 pm

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## Winter Program Highlights

### Live at the Library Concerts

Join us in the Main Library's Friends Theater for free concerts by local bands. Bohemian Highway performs Thursday, March 8 at 7 pm. This contemporary singer/songwriter folk band's music features guitar, mandolin, Irish whistle, banjo, bass and heartwarming vocals. *Columbus Alive* named Columbus-based indie rock band didi "A Band to Watch" in 2017. didi performs Thursday, April 12 at 7 pm. Their songs are crafted from members' personal experiences, and reflect their view of beauty, power, love and understanding.

### Museum on the Move

Representatives from the Columbus Museum of Art will visit the Miller Park

Library on Wednesday, March 14 at 10:15 am to lead kids ages three-eight in an art project with unique supplies. Spend part of your spring break with us!

### Irish Tales and History

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by listening to Irish songs, folk tales, and the history surrounding St. Patrick, the holiday, and the Emerald Isle. Irish storyteller Cathy Jo Smith performs at the Lane Road Library Thursday, March 17 at 7 pm to help you get into the Irish spirit this St. Patrick's Day. Register at [www.ualibrary.org/events](http://www.ualibrary.org/events).

### Celebrate UA's 100th Birthday

Bring the family to the Main Library's atrium on Tuesday, March 20 between

3:30-6:30 pm for a celebration that includes refreshments, displays, children's activities and remarks.

### The Turtle Lady and Friends

Nancy Lockard, also known as The Turtle Lady, shares her passion for turtles, bearded dragons, snakes and other creatures when she visits Miller Park Library Saturday, April 14 at 11 am. Kids of all ages will enjoy this presentation.

### Earth Day Crafts

Teens in grades 6-12 can celebrate Earth Day at the Lane Road Library on Saturday, April 21 at 2 p.m. Create and decorate a planter to take home and get a flower to add to your spring garden. Register at [www.ualibrary.org/events](http://www.ualibrary.org/events).

See our *Library Link* guide for the complete schedule of programs for all ages. Pick up your copy at any UA Library or view online at [www.ualibrary.org](http://www.ualibrary.org).

## New Search Options Offer Access to Millions of Additional Items

UA Library cardholders have access to over five million items through the catalog we share with 16 other Central Ohio libraries via the Central Library Consortium. But sometimes the item you're seeking is not owned by any CLC library. Beginning February 19, you'll have two other search options: SearchOhio and OhioLINK.

SearchOhio is a Westerville-based consortium of public libraries across Ohio that provides access to more than 16 million items. SearchOhio members include small and large libraries, including the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Cuyahoga County Public Library, and Toledo-Lucas County Public Library.

The Ohio Library and Information Network (OhioLINK) is a consortium of Ohio's academic libraries and the State Library of Ohio. Its membership includes public universities, community/technical colleges, and private colleges.

If you search our catalog with no satisfactory results, you can do a separate search using SearchOhio or OhioLINK. Look for the prompt on the "no results" page.

Items borrowed from SearchOhio and OhioLINK have different checkout periods, renewals, and fines than items found in our own CLC catalog.

Here are some facts you should know when checking out these items.

### SearchOhio

#### Loan information

- 21-day loan period for print material, audiobooks, and music
- Seven-day loan period for DVDs, including BluRays
- Three renewals for all items as long as no other patrons have placed holds. Autorenewal applies.
- Limit of 75 items requested, checked out, or in-transit. OhioLINK items contribute to this item limit. The UA Library's 50-item limit still applies.

#### Overdue Fines

- \$.50 per item per day for 50 days; maximum fine \$25
- Replacement fee of \$50 if item is not returned within 30 days of due date

### OhioLINK

#### Loan information

- 21-day loan period for print material, audiobooks, and music
- Seven-day loan period for DVDs, including BluRays
- Six renewals for print material, audiobooks, and music. Autorenewal applies.
- Three renewals for DVDs, including BluRays. Autorenewal applies.
- Limit of 25 items requested, checked out, or in-transit. OhioLINK items contribute to the overall SearchOhio item limit. SearchOhio items contribute to the OhioLINK limit—if you have 25+ SearchOhio items, you will not be able to request any OhioLINK items.

#### Overdue Fines

- \$.50 per item per day; maximum fine \$15
- Replacement fee of \$110



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# calendar

## COMMUNITY

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### Concourse Gallery

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

#### Here and There: Middle Schools

March 1-23

Reception March 4, 2 pm

Work on display comes from Hastings,  
Jones, St. Agatha, St. Andrew and  
Wellington.

#### Here and There: High Schools

April 2-26

Students at Upper Arlington High School  
and Wellington bring their artwork to the  
Concourse Gallery.

#### Here and There: Faces of Columbus Raheleh Bagheri

May 4-June 22

Veteran sculptor, painter and conceptual  
artist Raheleh Bagheri applies her  
expressive talents to her new city, our  
growing Columbus metropolis, with a  
series of portraits capturing the inner  
personalities of people at work and play in  
our coffee shops.

### Centennial Birthday Celebration

3:30-6:30 pm, Tuesday, March 20

Tremont Library | [www.uaoh100.org](http://www.uaoh100.org)

Turning 100 is certainly cause for  
celebration and that's just what the  
Centennial Task Force plans to do!

### Easter Egg Candy Hunt

10 a.m., Saturday, March 24

Thompson Park | [www.uaca.org](http://www.uaca.org)

Enjoy this free event from Parks &  
Recreation and the UA Civic Association.  
Arrive by 9:45 am for a prompt start at  
10 am.

### April Fool's Breakfast

8-11 a.m., Saturday, April 7

Tremont Center | 614-228-5547

Free pancake breakfast.

### Float Builders Information Session

6 pm, Tuesday, April 17

3600 Tremont Road | [www.uaca.org](http://www.uaca.org)

If your neighborhood is planning to enter  
a float in the 2018 Centennial 4th of  
July Parade, you don't want to miss this  
information session.

### Volunteer UA Expo

10 am-6 pm, Wednesday, April 18

UA Public Library, Tremont Branch

614-583-5326 | [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net)

Connecting volunteers with area non  
profits.

### UACA The Walk

Saturday, April 21-Sunday, May 6

UA Civic Association | [www.uaca.org](http://www.uaca.org)

Watch for members of the UA  
Civic Association walking through  
neighborhoods seeking donations for its  
2018 slate of special events.

### Earth Day to Arbor Day Celebration

April 22-27

[www.uaoh100.org](http://www.uaoh100.org)

To help celebrate our Centennial, 10 trees  
will be planted at or near 10 schools, thanks  
to a partnership with the Upper Arlington  
and Tri-Village Rotary Clubs.

### Historical Society Trolley Tour

Saturday, April 28, various times

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

"The Centennial" tour takes a look at Upper  
Arlington's beginnings.

### Northam Park Tennis Open House

1-5 pm, Saturday April 28

[www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net)

### Sandwich Stroll

10:30 am, Tuesday, May 1

Sunny 95 Park

UA Commission on Aging | 614-583-5326

### Raise the Roof

7-11 pm, Friday, May 4

Amelita Mirolo Barn, Sunny 95 Park

[www.uacommunityfoundation.com](http://www.uacommunityfoundation.com)