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2015 State of the City Address in Review

View our “I Am The City of Upper Arlington” employee videos at www.uaoh.net

Our 2015 State of the City Address, held January 26, drew a large crowd eager to enjoy a vibrant evening that blended old favorites with some new elements. First, our thanks to the more than 25 UA civic groups and City departments that brought the Community Fair to life, providing excellent networking opportunities for attendees.

As the formal Address began, the audience enjoyed a preview of the UA High School Vocal Music Group’s February production of *Mary Poppins*, as they performed *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*.

With the theme “I Am The City of Upper Arlington,” a series of videos were mixed into the presentation to showcase the faces and work of City employees. Mayor Don Leach, Vice Mayor Debbie Johnson and City Manager Ted Staton shared highlights of 2014, such as the City’s focus on addressing its financial situation through the work of the Citizen Financial Review Task Force, which led to the successful passage of an increase in the income tax rate to fund the City’s 10-year Capital Improvement Program.

Looking ahead to 2015, highlights of what to expect relative to infrastructure projects in the coming year were shared (see page 4 for details). Other projects on the horizon include planning and implementing the next phases for the Northam Park master plan, including addressing Tremont Pool, which had to close at the end of the 2014 season as a result of structural issues.

Our ever popular Community Awards program brought the evening to a close, with the following worthy 2014 recipients.

Business of the Year – Catherine Vonderahe, South of Lane Café. With the goal of creating a boutique-like restaurant in UA, Catherine opened the doors to the South of Lane Café, a breakfast-lunch



Members of the Upper Arlington High School Vocal Music Group provided the audience with a sneak preview of their February production of *Mary Poppins*.



restaurant that attracts individuals from all over the Columbus region to The Mallway. Catherine has helped to further enhance the Mallway’s attractiveness

as a mixed-use destination. She is currently working to coordinate greater collaboration between Mallway businesses.

Community Enrichment – Citizen Financial Review Task Force.

One of last year’s hardest working groups received the Community Enrichment Award. Members of the Citizen Financial Review Task Force did for the City what we couldn’t have done by ourselves – reviewing and validating to their fellow residents what was needed to keep the City

financially strong and to address a backlog of infrastructure projects. Led by Rich Simpson and three subcommittee chairs – Jack Hershey (Cost Reduction), John Ness (Capital Improvements), Michele Hoyle (Revenue Options) – other Task Force members included Ted Bernert, Dennis Concilla, Kris Devine, Bill Gabel, Chris Guglielmi, Marianne Mitchell, Dan McCormick, Lori Trent and Ron Wigington.



Pictured from the Task Force are (from left): Lori Trent, Rich Simpson, Michele Hoyle, Ron Wigington, Chris Guglielmi, Marianne Mitchell.

Community Safety – Tina Muldoon.

Tina is passionate about UA becoming a safe, walkable community. She is responsible for the successful Safe Routes to School Program (Walking Wednesdays) that we see today at our elementary schools and has volunteered her time to help build and grow a program that serves over 2,000 students. Tina has also volunteered with the City in developing an infrastructure grant application for Safe Routes to School.

Super Senior – Karen Patrick. Karen is the ultimate “I can do anything you need,” “What do you need help with?” “I can fill in today,” volunteer. As Front Desk Volunteer Coordinator at the Senior Center, not only does she schedule other volunteers, she fills in at the drop of a hat if needed.



Karen is pictured receiving her award from Council Member Erik Yassenoff.

Youth – Anna Grumman. Perhaps one of our hardest categories for picking a winner is the Youth Award, since we always hear such impressive stories of the engaged and selfless members of

our youth community. UA High School senior Anna Grumman was our much deserving recipient this year. In addition to academics and various school extracurriculars, Anna volunteers at Riverside Hospital and has logged over 100 hours there. She also volunteers at the Physicians’ Free Clinic of Columbus where she directly assists the doctors and nurses who support and treat uninsured patients.



Tina and her children were present to receive her award from Council Member Mike Schadek.

Rotary Club of Upper Arlington Volunteerism Award – Millie McVey.

Last but not least, the Rotary Club of Upper Arlington presented its Volunteerism Award – and a \$500 check for the charity of the winner’s choice – to Millie McVey.

Millie has been an active volunteer since the 1960s. She has held many positions with Buckeye Ranch, Pleasure Guild, Junior League and the Childhood league. She was very active in First Community Church and Trinity Methodist Church. Currently she volunteers weekly in the clothing room for New Life Church.



The State of the City presentation and other event highlights can be found at www.uaoh.net under the “Headlines” section on our homepage.

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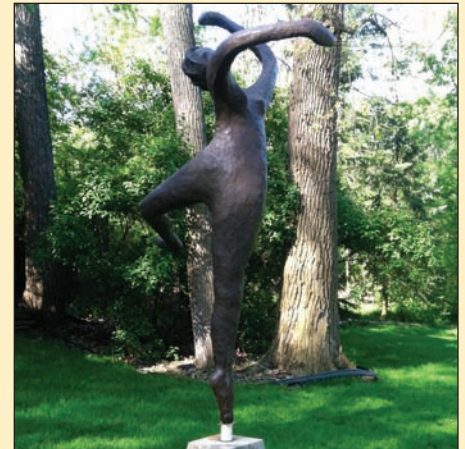
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Library & City Partner to Give Alfred Tibor Sculptures a Fitting Home



Movement will be one of two pieces located adjacent to the Miller Park Library.

Our Cultural Arts staff and the Commission have been hard at work to bring an exciting “Arts in Community Spaces” project to fruition. The City is the recipient of seven sculptures donated by internationally renowned artist, Alfred Tibor. The number of pieces was originally higher, but after further thought and discussions with the artist and the Dublin Arts Council, it was agreed the two art entities would share this extremely generous gift.

In UA’s case, we have a great plan identified for our seven sculptures, thanks to a partnership opportunity suggested by the UA Library. Additionally, the costs for installation have been covered courtesy of several donors who are very supportive of the arts in UA.

Three bronze pieces are to be located by the Miller Park Library. One sculpture will be placed within the roundabout, and the remaining two will be located just outside the building, with patrons set to enjoy a wonderful view of these works from within the building. These three pieces will be installed in the spring, with an unveiling reception scheduled for 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, April 19.

The remaining four pieces will be kept in storage while proposed plans for Northam Park are finalized, with the goal of their installation within a reading garden located immediately adjacent to the main Library.

For additional details, please call our Cultural Arts Division at 583-5310.

CITY STREETS *Updates on Road Improvement Projects*

The 2015 road construction season will be a busy one for UA, 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.

Tremont Road, Phase I

Scheduled to begin early July

Resurfacing work between Fishinger Road and Tremont Road, and full reconstruction from Fishinger south to Ridgeview Road. The City has secured a zero interest loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission in the amount of \$1.78 million to help fund this project.

Derby Road Waterline

Scheduled to begin early July

Bridge Replacements

Scheduled to begin early May

For Bridgeview Road and Glenrich Parkway.

Street Reconstruction Program

Scheduled to begin mid May

Complete replacement of curbs and gutters, driveway approaches and the street surface. This year's SRP projects will be on sections of Club Road, Elgin Road, Leighton Road and Sherwin Road.

Street Maintenance Program

Scheduled to begin early May

Replacement of the top surface of the roadway, with some spot curb and gutter work. Sections of the following streets will be part of this program:

- Avalon, Bridgeview, Club, Edgemont, Glenmere, Harwitch, Haviland, Herrick, Jervis, Johnston, Lane, Ridgeview and Roxbury roads
- Barrymede and Victorian courts
- Criswell, Hillview, Lakinhurst and Old Riverside drives
- Glenda Place, Glenrich Parkway, Hampton Lane and Westwood Avenue

Rendering of the Tremont Road project, which will take the section between Five Points and Ridgeview Road to a three-lane configuration with middle turn lane.



Residents on the affected streets will be invited to a public meeting in advance of the work beginning for all projects except the Street Maintenance work. Full project details can be found at www.uaoh.net under **Living in UA | Road Construction Updates**, where you can register for e-mail updates on some projects. Additionally, we share frequent project updates throughout the construction season via the City's Facebook and Twitter pages, or you can register for project updates via our UA Alerts Notification System.

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If the answer is no, you're missing out on quick, easy access to updates on City services, community news, special projects and more!



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Holiday Refuse Collection Delays

Solid Waste.....583-5370

- **Memorial Day, Monday, May 25** – delays collection by one day for all zones. Normal service resumes the following week.

Yard Waste

Solid Waste.....583-5370

Yard Waste Program guidelines:

- Place yard waste in approved biodegradable yard waste bags, bundles or refuse cans. Plastic bags and yard waste mixed with refuse are not accepted.
- Containers should not exceed 50 pounds or 35 gallons.
- Place at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day.
- Bundles cannot exceed five feet in length or 50 pounds and should be tied with biodegradable string.
- Each bundle/container requires one Solid Waste Sticker.

Free Yard Waste Drop-off

Ohio Mulch.....921-9335

Residents may drop off acceptable yard waste free-of-charge at the Regional Composting Facility, at 4120 Roberts Road. The following items are accepted: Grass; sod (just dirt not accepted); brush; leaves; trees cut to six-foot lengths, trunks/stumps no greater than 18-inch diameter; shrubs (no wire baskets or plastic containers); flowers/vegetables (no plastic containers). Call ahead to check hours of operation.

Household Hazardous Waste

1249 Essex Avenue, Columbus

www.swaco.org

The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) has a drop-off site for unwanted household hazardous materials. Visit SWACO's website for hours and details.

FROM CHAMBERS

Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

Next Steps for Northam Park and the Tremont Pool

If you frequent the main UA Library or have children at Tremont Elementary, you've probably been enjoying the reconstructed and much improved parking lot between the two facilities at Northam Park. With its enhanced design, traffic flow for elementary student drop-off and pick up is much improved and a gateway/pedestrian entry into the park from Tremont Road – soon to be completed – provides a fitting welcome to one of UA's most heavily used community parks. Throw in some new LED lights, made possible in part by a grant from UA's successful participation in the AEP Ohio Energy Savers Program, and Phase I of the Northam Park renovation can be considered a resounding success.

Now the focus turns to necessary infrastructure improvements within the park itself. As is the case for other elements of UA's infrastructure, the City recognizes that significant maintenance work and park upgrades are required to prepare the park for the decades ahead. To that end, the City is readying to dedicate capital funds for some significant projects.

A Northam Park Master Plan, created in 2013 by the firm MKSK, sets forth a vision for Northam Park that addresses significant drainage and infrastructure issues and reimagines a central community park that maximizes functionality. MKSK is in the midst of turning the master plan concepts into more detailed plans that will provide City Council with the information it will need in order to set direction to Staff.

Reconfiguration of the Park

A primary concept around which the master plan is built involves the centralization of the City- and School-owned sports fields, within an oval design. The plans also call for a multi-use path that circumnavigates the sports fields, with opportunity for other facilities and programming areas around the perimeter of the park. The result is flexible space that can support both sports leagues and special events with ease, and that addresses the flooding issues by working more effectively



2015 Upper Arlington City Council

Front row (from left):

David DeCapua;
Debbie Johnson (Vice President), Donald B. Leach (President), John C. Adams

Back row: Kip Greenhill,
Mike Schadek;
Erik F. Yassenoff

with the natural sloping and drainage within the site.

It will be the recommendations for addressing this core infrastructure and sports field reconfiguration that comes before Council in the short term, along with recommended timing for subsequent steps that could include Northam Park Tennis Court relocation plans, and how best to accommodate the sports leagues and special events that typically frequent Northam Park in a given season while construction is underway.

Tremont Pool

After approximately 60 years of service, it was clear for some time that Tremont Pool's days as we knew it were numbered. For more years than expected, our Aquatics Staff were able to make repairs that kept the facility in service but as the pool closed each fall, many wondered if it would be able to reopen come the next Memorial Day Weekend. Unfortunately, an underground infrastructure issue was discovered after the 2014 season that

proved too extensive to justify a repair attempt.

Funds have already been identified within the City's 10-year Capital Improvement Program for a new aquatics facility at Northam and now the serious work of determining what exactly that will entail is ahead of us.

In both instances we will be taking steps to keep residents informed of progress made and to invite you to provide us input at critical points in the planning and decision-making process.

Be sure to follow the City on Facebook or Twitter if you want quick updates on these projects, or check in at www.uaoh.net on a regular basis and look for the Northam Park Master Plan page under the Headlines section of our homepage.



Sadly Tremont Pool patrons will need to cool off at either Devon Pool or the Reed Road Water Park this coming outdoor season, while next steps for the Tremont Pool are determined.

BUILDING BLOCKS

Website Upgrades

The Community & Economic Development Department has been enhancing its section of the City website to provide a more effective and efficient user experience. Plus you can enjoy a video highlighting the work of the department, created for this year's State of the City Address.

Permits Record Search

This new online feature allows you to check the recent history of permits that have been pulled for all properties within UA. So, if you are looking to purchase a property that has had recent upgrades, you can be sure the work was fully vetted to meet building code requirements. It's also a great way to check that any contractor you are using for a project is pulling the necessary permits and to track progress.

Current Development Projects Map

In addition to viewing a list of active construction projects or proposed projects that are working their way through the public review and approval process, the department has added a Google Map depicting the locations of the projects in progress around the community.

Informational Brochures

The department tries to make it easy for you to find the information you need for any project, large or small. On this page of the department's section, you can find quick access to a full range of brochures that include guidelines for:

- Fences, decks and sheds
- Generator installation
- Residential driveways
- Swimming pools, hot tubs and gazebos
- Residential construction projects
- Equipping your home for older adult safety

Applications & Forms

The majority of the department's permit applications can be found here too as printable pdf files.

Just visit www.uaoh.net and click on the **Development** link under **Departments** to find all this and more.

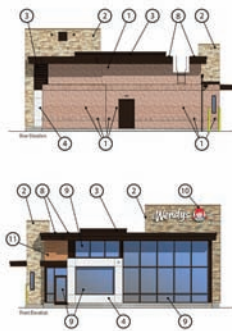
Project Updates

1515 Lane Avenue

Unfortunately, plans for a Northstar Café with corporate offices above will no longer be implemented. A new proposal for the site by the property owner is pending.

Wendy's Restaurant on Henderson Road

Subject to approval by the Board of Zoning and Planning, Wendy's Henderson Road presence will soon be shifting into UA proper and in to the shopping center that houses TJ Maxx and Starbucks among other businesses. Construction is expected to begin this summer.



OSU Wexner Medical Center Project at Kingsdale

While official development plans have not yet been submitted to the City, this project is moving ahead as planned. The sale agreement between OSU and the City calls for construction to begin by August of this year, with completion by the close of 2016, so watch for updates in the very near future.

2014 Department Statistics

The department processed 2,630 permits and inspected projects worth more than \$75 million in construction value in 2014, another impressive year for community reinvestment. In the past three years alone, the construction value total exceeded \$225 million, staggering numbers when you consider UA's size and the fact that it is a built out community.

As a result of all this activity, the year ended with permit revenues of \$877,150 – up 25% from 2013 and one of the highest on record.

2015 Wall of Honor to Induct Robert S. Crane, Jr.

The UA Historical Society and the City are pleased to announce that they will induct business leader and philanthropist Robert S. Crane, Jr. (Bob) onto the Wall of Honor in 2015.

Mr. Crane grew up in a family that was hit hard by the depression. With his father, he built Crane Plastics to a million-square-foot operation with 650 employees. He believed that to those that much had been given, much was expected, and worked hard to improve his community through a variety of endeavors. Over the years, Mr. Crane served in many leadership community service roles, including as United Way President, chairing several annual campaigns, as Governing Committee member at the Columbus Foundation, as President of First Community Village, as Chair of the Governing Board of First Community Church and more.

A plaque posthumously commemorating the contributions of Robert S. Crane, Jr. will be dedicated during a Sunday, May 17 ceremony, marking his inclusion in the Upper Arlington Wall of Honor. Watch for more details as the date approaches.

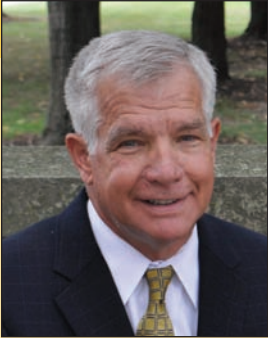


UA Parks & Recreation's Spring/Summer Activity Guide has everything you need to welcome warmer weather!

Grab a copy at the UA libraries, City buildings and other local drop-off points.

Visit www.uaoh.net to view our Activity Guide flipbook – now conveniently placed on our homepage. All you have to do is click on the class title and you're taken straight to a simplified online registration process.

Don't miss out on all the fun you could be having with UA Parks & Recreation!
614-583-5300 | www.uaoh.net



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Theodore J. Staton

What's Next for the Kingsdale/Macy's Site?

Since hearing about the pending closure of Macy's and Kroger's purchase of the property, comments from the community have ranged from sadness about the end of an era to hopes that the structure might be saved, from suggestions of what the City should do – including build a community center – to concern that we might have two grocery stores facing each other across a parking lot and of opportunity lost.

First, I would like to share a little background on steps leading to this point.

In the fall of last year, Macy's issued a request for proposals to the development community. During that process, the City was contacted informally by several developers interested in purchasing the site to discuss their prospects for receiving City support and to see how their ideas conformed with Kingsdale's Planned Mixed Use District zoning requirements.

Of these entities, representatives from Kroger met with staff in the Community & Economic Development Department. Their ideas comprised a multi-story development with a smaller Kroger store and some combination of additional uses that could include retail, office, residential or a hotel. At that time, Staff pointed out that the proposal would face challenges relative to zoning code requirements.

So why didn't the City do more when we first heard that Macy's was looking at its options for selling the property? Several factors come into play.

There are instances where the City has purchased commercial property in order to control what happens next – and the OSU project at Kingsdale is a great example of that. However, each situation must be carefully considered before public funds are expended in this way. In this case, a price tag of over \$10 million coupled with the

City's financial challenges and existing commitments took this option off the table.

Plus, let's not forget that the idea for a community center at Kingsdale was explored in great depth in 2002. At that time, plans collided with an ambitious effort by the City to own and redevelop a large chunk of the Kingsdale property – ultimately the community voted two-to-one against a community center at Kingsdale.

Macy's had every right to seek its best option and price for selling the site, just as any private property owner has. The Kroger Company clearly recognizes the positive energy and progress being made in our community and believes its investment in Kingsdale is a good business proposition.

Our role in this issue is ahead of us at this point. The City's land use and zoning requirements are in place to protect the best interests of the community as redevelopment projects are brought forward. Without knowing exact details of Kroger's redevelopment plans but knowing the nature of its business operations, there will likely be several zoning challenges relative to the development of big box retail establishments.

The City certainly values The Kroger Company and its long-term presence in Upper Arlington at the Henderson Road location. In February, I met with two senior level real estate representatives for Kroger. Our conversation was cordial, focused on keeping the lines of communication open moving forward, as Kroger's plan for the site begins to take shape.

In the short term, we are inviting resident input on this issue via an online survey – to date more than 1,600 responses have been received and we plan to keep the survey open through mid-spring. Please visit www.uaoh.net for additional details and updates as this issue moves forward.

Reminders for Safe, Responsible Use of Golf Carts Over Fourth of July

From one celebrated community tradition can come many other related traditions. In the case of our community's Fourth of July celebrations, many of us have built our own family traditions around the day itself. Family members descend from out of town, the barbeque grills are fired up, and neighborhoods pool their resources and artistic talents to create award-winning floats for the annual parade.

Another popular tradition that seems to be taking hold with many is the rental of golf carts for use over the course of the holiday period. It sounds like a fun idea, but there are requirements and potential consequences associated with this practice, since golf carts fall within the City's laws for motor vehicles.

In years past, our Police Division has exercised restraint when encountering golf cart violations. However, with golf carts hitting the streets in increasing numbers and the safety concerns likewise increasing, residents should be advised that certain violations will not be tolerated. To be sure you don't put yourself or your family at risk for unwanted consequences, we are asking that you brush up on the requirements and issues that are likely to be acted upon by our officers if they encounter them.

A fuller explanation of the requirements can be obtained under the **Headlines** section of our homepage at www.uaoh.net, or by calling 583-5150, but here are examples of violations that will be acted upon by our officers:

- Driving without a valid driver's license or while under suspension
- Vehicular assault
- Reckless operation
- Failure to obey traffic control devices
- Driving while under the influence
- Hanging outside the vehicle

Here's to a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July weekend for all this year!

NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holiday:

- **Monday, May 25** – Memorial Day

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 583-5030

Check the "Public Meetings" link under Upcoming Events on the City's homepage for a current listing of City Council meetings and agendas, plus upcoming Board and Commission meetings.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery®

Sunday, March 8

To kick off Daylight Savings Time, clocks "spring forward" at 2 a.m. Sunday morning. Before everyone goes to bed Saturday night, they'll change all of the clocks throughout their homes to reflect the time change. The Fire Division wants to remind everyone that 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, but changing them while changing all of your clocks serves as a great reminder. 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 12-25

FIRE DIVISION 583-5100

Fire hydrant flushing will occur during the weeks of April 12-18 and April 19-25. UA residents who have signed up for the UA Alerts Notification System will receive advance notice via the devices they chose when they registered. There will also be notices posted on the City's social media sites and webpage.

Signs reading "Hydrant Flushing Today" will be placed at prominent intersections in each area before flushing starts, and removed when completed for the day.

Flushing is performed to ensure the hydrants are operating properly, and to clear the waterlines of debris. Active flushing will occur between 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Residents could

experience discoloration of water during this time period, and up to 48 hours after flushing has taken place.

Residents are cautioned to refrain from doing laundry during this period. 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 in the house and allow water to run freely until it appears clear again. Avoid turning on hot water taps during the flushing period, because the water heater will replenish itself with rusty water, which will remain in storage in the tank until used up.

Some persons will experience staining of clothes and other items despite these notices. Clothes should be kept damp or wet to prevent the stains from setting. The recommended "rust-removers" or "rust fighters" are carried among the cleaning products at grocery and hardware stores.

City Manager Blog

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 583-5040

For regular updates on UA happenings from the City Manager's perspective, check out Ted Staton's blog at www.uaoh.net. As well as hearing from Ted, this is an easy way to share your feedback on the topics at hand. We hope you enjoy being part of the conversation.

Mosquito Awareness

FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

www.myfcph.org 525-BITE

Each year, the City encourages residents to help keep mosquito populations to a minimum by checking their property for areas that can collect water and serve as breeding sites - it's never too early to take preventive measures. Watch for updates as the season gets underway.

Grass/Weed Control Guidelines

CODE COMPLIANCE 583-5070

The proper care and maintenance of property and landscaping benefits the entire community. City code specifies that grass

must not exceed 10 inches in height and should be kept free of noxious weeds. Failure to comply with this guideline will result in notice from the City to rectify the situation within five days, at which time the City will make arrangements to cut the grass/weeds at the owner's expense.

Safety Town Registration

POLICE DIVISION 583-5150

Sessions: June 15-26, July 6-17

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



learn how to make wise decisions in potentially dangerous situations, as well as how to handle emergencies in their young lives. 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. You can register online beginning March 18 at www.uaoh.net.

Block Party Permits

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 583-5040

Planning summer fun on your street? Be sure to allow at least one week to get your block party permit approved. There is a nonrefundable \$50 fee for block party permits. You can file your permit online at www.uaoh.net or stop by the City Manager's Office, 3600 Tremont Road.

Filing Income Taxes

www.ritaohio.com

All UA residents aged 18 and up are required to file an income tax return with the City of Upper Arlington, regardless of whether any tax is due. With tax season just ahead, you can use the following free online services through the City's income tax coordinator, the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA).

- **RITA E-File** – a quick, secure way to file municipal income taxes. Features include: step-by-step calculation of taxes or refunds, the ability to file even if you moved in 2014 and electronic transfer of refunds into your account.
- **RITA E-Payment** – a simple and secure method to pay municipal income taxes online. All you need is your bank routing number and account number.
- **RITA E-Registration** – if you have not



Sandwich Stroll

Calling all older adults. Register with the UA Senior Center to be part of this year's Sandwich Stroll, brought to you by the City and UA Commission on Aging. Scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, May 5, you can enjoy the camaraderie of others as you walk the pathway at Sunny 95 Park and learn health tips from participating vendors. The morning ends with a picnic and entertainment. For additional details, look for your copy of the *Spring/Summer Activity Guide*, then register at www.uaoh.net or in person at the Senior Center.

previously filed a municipal tax return with RITA, you can sign up electronically.

2014 Income Tax Form Help

8 a.m.-5 p.m., M-F

8 a.m.-Noon, March 7, 14, 21, 28

RITA's Worthington Office

760 Lakeview Plaza Blvd, #400

The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) is hosting on-site municipal income tax return assistance free of charge to any RITA taxpayer. No appointment is necessary however, assistance is on a first-come, first-served basis and wait times may vary.

The Number to Call in an Emergency is 9-1-1

FIRE DIVISION

583-5100

Our Fire Division wishes to remind residents that it's always best to call 9-1-1 in an emergency situation. One of our fire stations may be just around the corner, but if you call there or even show up for help, there's no guarantee anyone will be there – they could be out on an emergency run.

Shelter & Amelita Mirolo Barn Rentals

PARKS & RECREATION

583-5300

It's that time of year – weddings, reunions and more! If you're interested in renting the Amelita Mirolo Barn or one of our shelter

houses, you can find this information online at www.uaoh.net under *Departments | Parks & Recreation | Facilities*. Our rentals are affordable ways to have fun with any group!

UA Among the Safest Places in Ohio

Despite our relatively low number of police officers per 1,000 residents as compared to other Central Ohio communities, a recent study conducted by *ValuePenguin* ranks Upper Arlington as one of the safest places to live in the Central Ohio region and as the seventh safest place to live in Ohio out of municipalities with populations greater than 20,000. The study, based off of 2013 FBI crime statistics, analyzes violent crimes (robbery, aggravated assault, murder/manslaughter, etc.) and property crimes (burglary, larceny-theft, etc.) for 230 law enforcement agencies in Ohio that participate in the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting program.

Leadership UA Community Night 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9 3600 Tremont Road

www.leadershipua.org

If you have been pondering the possibilities of giving back to your community through public service – be it a City Board or Commission, or via elected office for the City

or Schools – Leadership UA is hosting an evening designed to give you the “soup to nuts” on what it takes.

Utility Payments Due

FINANCE & ADMIN. SERVICES 583-5280

In mid February, the City mailed out the 2015 Annual Utility Bills for the Stormwater Utility, Solid Waste service fee, and in some cases a Neighborhood Lighting Utility fee. Billed at \$45 per household, the collected Stormwater Utility funds are used to defray the costs of the City's deteriorating storm drainage system. The Solid Waste fee of \$40 helps spread the costs for providing all components of Solid Waste services to the community more evenly, allowing the City to provide recycling collection at no charge. The deadline for sending back payment in full is Friday, March 20. The easiest way to pay is online at www.uaoh.net.

Options for the Safe Disposal of Prescription Drugs

With recent changes in state law, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) is no longer hosting spring and fall prescription drug take back days, since it is now possible for qualifying area hospitals, clinics and pharmacies to serve as drop-off locations. At this time, we are aware of a drop-off location at the City of Worthington Police Division, located at 6555 Worthington Galena Road (call 885-4463 for details). Another option is to check with area pharmacies to see if they are set up as collection points. The DEA also has a searchable database for nearby locations, available at: www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch/spring/main?execution=e1s4.

March 1-7 is Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week

Tornado Safety Drill 9:50 a.m., Wednesday, March 4

Tornadoes are nature's most violent windstorms and are the number one risk for Franklin County. More than two dozen tornadoes have hit Franklin County since 1954. Designing and exercising a tornado safety plan is paramount, both at home and in the workplace. Visit www.weathersafety.ohio.gov for important safety tips and more.

Schools*i*NSIGHT

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS



Hundreds Turn Out for First Annual State of the Schools

What do ukuleles, three-dimensional printers and augmented reality demonstrations have in common? They were all part of the first annual State of the Schools event on February 3.

After a performance by the honors choirs from Hastings and Jones middle schools and an introduction by Board of Education President Nancy Drees, hundreds of parents, students and community members heard an update on the district's commitments to the community and a look at its vision for the future.

Superintendent Paul Imhoff and Treasurer Andrew Geistfeld spoke to the crowd of more than 300 about the schools' work in the areas of efficiency, accountability and results.

Geistfeld shared that the district is nearly 80 percent of the way toward meeting its Efficiency Project commitment to improve the bottom line by \$4.5 million by the summer of 2017. So far, more than \$3.5 million in cost-efficiency measures have been implemented.

The project also called for the formation of an Efficiency Task Force made up of residents with expertise in the business

community. In its report to the Upper Arlington Board of Education, the task force noted that capital assets, in particular the district's aging facilities, are its biggest area of concern for the district's long-term financial health.

Imhoff expanded on the task force's concern by announcing a master planning process for the district's facilities, which on average are more than half a century old.

"In order to protect our financial resources for the classroom, we must deal with our aging facilities using a data-driven, business-like approach," he said.

The two-year, three-phase planning process will involve residents, staff members and facilities experts. It will culminate in a comprehensive master plan for all of the district's facilities, including expert recommendations on implementation timing and funding.



and to understand the areas in which we need to grow," said Imhoff. "The state report card provides an important, but fairly narrow, look at our achievement and growth. The Quality Profile will tell the rest of the story and raise the bar for accountability in our school district."

The prototype Quality Profile and a feedback survey is available at www.uaschools.org. The feedback will be used to create the first official Quality Profile that will be released in the fall.

In the area of results, Imhoff discussed the district's recent strategic planning process, saying careful planning was critical to preserving the balance between financial efficiency and providing the top-quality, well-rounded education expected by the Upper Arlington community.

The planning process involved dozens of volunteers, multiple feedback loops and an intentional focus on what matters most for the student educational experience.

The five goals in the plan are performance, personalization, accountability, efficiency and results. Imhoff highlighted one objective from the personalization goal, the implementation of a one-to-one technology program during the next three years.

In the area of accountability, Imhoff invited the community to provide feedback on a prototype of the Upper Arlington Quality Profile, an annual report meant to serve as a companion to the state report card.

"Our community wants and deserves a way to benchmark our success as a district



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SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff

Facilities Master Planning Process

During our first annual State of the Schools event in February, I announced the launch of our district's facilities master planning process. During the next two years, we will involve our students, staff and the community in an effort to ensure we use our facility funds in the most efficient manner possible, thereby maximizing the resources available for the classroom.

This initiative stems from a recommendation by the Efficiency Task Force, a committee of volunteers with expertise in various areas of business. After several months of studying our financial documents and business practices, they prepared a report for the Board of Education that named our capital assets – namely our aging buildings – as their main area of concern. The report went on to say that an immediate focus on facilities costs “is essential to the long-term financial health of the district.”

We cannot let our facility costs endanger our educational program. We must protect our resources and tackle this concern using a data-driven, business-like approach.

The first step is to assemble a community task force that will serve as an advisory and oversight team for the entire two-year process. Once that team is formed, we will move into the assessment phase, which will include a community dialogue about how well our buildings support modern educational goals. This phase will also include a detailed estimate of what it will cost to maintain these facilities for the next 30 years. There is no zero-cost option when it comes to aging buildings, and the cost of our current path is a critically important data point for determining the most efficient way to move forward.

The second phase will focus on solutions and alternative options. We will price out

these options in the same way we estimate the long-term cost of operating our current facilities. Once all of that information is assembled, we will ask our community to engage with us in a dialogue around which option is best for the future of the school district both financially and educationally.

In the third and final phase we will form yet another community task force. This group will be financial experts, and we will ask them to review the solution selected by the community and make recommendations on the best time frame for implementation and the most prudent method of funding.

As we begin this long-term process, we must also tackle an immediate need at Tremont Elementary School. In the past five years, enrollment has grown from 534 students to nearly 600 students. In the next 10 years enrollment is projected to climb to about 650. There is a definite need for more space, and we plan to begin an addition to Tremont as early as this summer. Thanks to the foresight of our community and Board of Education, a permanent improvement levy put in place in 2007 is able to cover the cost of this needed addition. In recent years, these funds have been used to address similar concerns at Greensview and Barrington.

As we look ahead, let's work together to ensure we are taking the most efficient path with our facilities to protect our resources for the classroom. There will be many opportunities for community and staff engagement – please get involved as we plan for the future. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at superintendent@uaschools.org or 487-5030.

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

Auditor of State Award

Every year the State Auditor's Office sends a team to audit school districts. The team delves into financial records, reviews practices and checks the accuracy of data. I'm proud to say we have again received a clean audit report and earned an Ohio Auditor of State Award for fiscal year 2014. You can find the audit report and other financial documents at uaschools.org. My thanks to all district staff for conscientiously following proper financial reporting procedures.



Association Agreements Lead to Savings

I must also thank our two associations, the Upper Arlington Education Association and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees Local 201, who have worked with us to find new ways to be more efficient. We negotiated new agreements with both groups last year, finding ways to save the district more than \$500,000 in insurance costs during the next several years. Salary schedule freezes are also helping us operate more efficiently. For example – the payment structure in the new UAEA contract alone will save about \$3 million compared to those being approved in other area districts.

Our staff members are truly dedicated to our students and community. I thank them for their partnership as we continue to honor our efficiency commitment.

Online Fee Payment

We are proud to offer an online option for paying fees and managing lunch accounts. This is our second year partnering with SPS EZpay, which allows parents to make credit card payments from a computer, tablet or phone. Users pay a \$2 transactional fee, which allows the district to offer this convenient option at no cost to the general public. SPS EZpay is becoming more and more popular and is an easy way to take care of unpaid fees. To learn more visit www.spsezpay.com/upperarlington and select “create an account.”

BITES From the Apple

SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



UAHS Hockey Teams Face-off for Charity

The UAHS ice hockey program hosted "Drop the Puck for Pink at the Rink" on January 9. The hockey players raised close to \$18,000 to benefit the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research and the Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation in support of the CCYHA Columbus Blue Jackets Special Hockey Program, a program that provides children and young adults with developmental disabilities the opportunity to learn to skate and play hockey.

Athletes from the UAHS varsity and junior varsity hockey teams, as well as the opposing teams, played in honor/memory of those who have battled cancer. Representatives from the Spielman family and the Special Hockey Program were on hand, along with Columbus Blue Jackets player Boone Jenner and mascot, Stinger. Students who attended the event were invited to participate in an open skate following the games.



students at Windermere Elementary School. Senior Matt Daehn said he appreciates the importance of learning computer science at a young age.

"When I was in elementary school, I would have enjoyed having this opportunity, and it would have given me more of a head start," said Daehn. "I discovered that I liked computer science junior year and could have discovered this earlier."



Senior Matt Daehn and fifth-grader Nathan Varda code together in the program Scratch.

Fifth-grade student Nathan Varda said he likes interacting with the older students. "It's cool to work with high school students because they have more experience and can help you with things you want to code."

While this is the first experience for some elementary students, others are already experts. Fifth-grader Rhea Pathak taught herself different coding languages through online modules and is focusing currently on Javascript. She is adamant that all students should have a chance to learn to code. "Our homework is online, and we are in a computer era – it makes sense that everyone should learn to program."



In fact, the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics estimates there will be more than 4.2 million jobs in computing and technology in the US by 2020; however, only two percent of math and science college majors currently study computer science. UA Schools is increasing its computer science offerings and opportunities to prepare for the jobs of the future. UA Schools is increasing its high school computer science and engineering offerings and opportunities to help prepare students for jobs of the future.

Elementary Students' Commitment to Fight Childhood Hunger

Fifth-grade students from Wickliffe Progressive School, led by teachers Sarah Oberlin and Lindsay Bennett, have taken on a long-term commitment to impact childhood hunger in our local community. Inspired by local author Michael J.

Rosen's poem "A Dream Without Hunger," the students have partnered with an organization focused on childhood hunger.

The students met with Lamar Graham of Heart to Heart, a local food-pantry that also supports their clients by providing referral services for employment, counseling and health. He shared that most of their clients have two or three children and would welcome the opportunity to provide their children with toys and books during the holiday season. After learning of the needs, students organized a school-wide toy drive and collected more than 375 items.

They also learned about poverty and how it impacts families. With help from volunteers, students participated in a simulation tasked with paying one month's worth of bills on salaries at or near the Federal Poverty Level. It challenged them to



think about what it's like to be someone who struggles daily with poverty.

These lessons provided hands-on learning opportunities that directly impact the students' community and have opened their eyes to ways they can get involved and help those in need. Oberlin said, "It is important for us to be aware that hunger is an ongoing concern and that we can make a difference in our small way. We also hope to inspire the students to a lifelong commitment to service in their community."

UAHS Students Receive Honors in Scholastic Art Awards Competition



UA High School students achieved great success in the 2015 Central Ohio Regional Scholastic Art Awards. From thousands of entries, UA received 17 Honorable Mentions; eight Silver Keys and two Gold Keys. Senior Megan Sengelmann and Junior Jack Campise earned Gold Key awards and an invitation to present their work in New York City and compete for national honors and prizes such as scholarships and opportunities to have their work included in national publications. The awards have an impressive legacy dating back to 1923. Past winners include Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath and Truman Capote.

Burbank Summer Registration

Registration is now open for Burbank Early Childhood School's (BEC) summer program. BECS offers part-day and full-day preschool as well as extended-day kindergarten. Teachers encourage individual learning and discovery rather than group instruction. BECS is tuition funded and serves approximately 200 students each year.

BECS offers three summer sessions for children ages 2-1/2 to Kindergarten. BECS is ODE Licensed and has degreed teachers with an average of 15+ years of teaching experience. Burbank has also received Ohio Department of Education's High Quality Program Award. For a tour, call 487-5155.

THE UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Highlights of the Upper Arlington Board of Education



2015 Upper Arlington Board of Education

Back row: Vice President Matt McClellan, Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Treasurer Andrew Geistfeld, President Nancy Drees

Front row: Stacey Royer, Carol Mohr, Robin Comfort

During its organizational meeting on January 12, the Upper Arlington Board of Education unanimously selected member Nancy Drees to serve as its president during 2015. Member Matt McClellan was unanimously selected to serve as vice president of the board.

Thanks to a partnership with the City of Upper Arlington, Board of Education meetings are held in the Council Chamber of the City's Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road. In general, meetings begin at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Some exceptions apply and last-minute scheduling changes are possible. Please refer to uaschools.org, for the most up-to-date information.

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, March 10, 6 p.m. – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, April 14, 6 p.m. – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, May 12, 6 p.m. – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, June 9, 6 p.m. – Council Chamber
- Wednesday, June 24, 7:30 a.m. – District Office, 1950 N. Mallway Drive
- Wednesday, July 15, 8 a.m. – District Office, 1950 N. Mallway Drive

For additional meeting dates, please visit www.uaschools.org/board

The Quality Profile: Community Feedback Wanted

All community members are encouraged to provide thoughts and feedback on the prototype of the Upper Arlington Quality Profile between now and March 20.

The Quality Profile is an accountability tool meant to serve as a companion piece to the state report card, providing a way for the community to benchmark the schools' successes and better understand areas in which growth is needed.

A committee of residents and staff members drafted a prototype of the Quality Profile as a part of the district's recent strategic planning process. Committee chair Bill Shkurti said it is important to view the prototype "not as a last step, but as first step in a conversation between the schools and the community."

The district hopes you will join the conversation by visiting www.uaschools.org to view the prototype and leave feedback. The comments will be used to refine the prototype before the first official Upper Arlington Quality Profile is published in the fall.



SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Wickliffe first graders experienced the types of games, chores and jobs from days gone by during a visit from *Bring the Farm to You*.



Students at Greensview Elementary School make monthly visits to Arlington Court Skilled Nursing and Rehab Center.



Barrington fifth graders had the opportunity to teach younger students during the Cosmic Adventure Museum.

UAHS students in Ms. Alaudini's German class have been collaborating on a project with students studying German in New Zealand and had the opportunity to "meet" over Skype.



Thirteen fantastic students from Hastings and Jones took part in a district spelling bee. Congratulations to winner Sophia Shen (right) and runner-up Joy Jang (left) of Jones Middle School!

Tremont Elementary first graders marched the halls collecting canned foods to help fight hunger in our community.



Hastings and Jones middle schools hosted speaker, Alex Sheen, founder of the "because I said I would" social movement focused on fostering positive attitudes, a spirit of community service and bettering humanity.



Kindergarten students at Windermere put on a great performance of *The Mitten* in December.

SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Hastings and Jones honors choirs collaborate to kick off the State of the Schools event.



Windermere second graders showing school pride while singing the school song.



High school students discussing the use of technology in the classroom.



Jones technology teacher Stephen Gdovin, discussing 3D printing with community members.

First Annual State of the Schools Event 2015

Thanks to everyone that came out to the first annual State of the Schools event on Tuesday, February 3, 2015. The evening included an update on the district's strategic plan and goals for the future. Attendees had the opportunity to hear great performances and see presentations from every school.



Top: Board president, Nancy Drees, introduces the first annual State of the Schools event.

Bottom left: Superintendent Paul Imhoff sharing information on the Strategic Plan and introducing the Quality Profile prototype and the facilities planning project.

Bottom right: Treasurer Andrew Geistfeld discussing the efficiency project and the facilities planning project.



Theater students perform portion of Mary Poppins play during learning fair.

2015 KEY SCHOOL DATES

Spring Break

Friday, March 20 – Friday, March 27

End of Third Grading Period

Thursday, April 2

No School – Students and Staff

Friday, April 3

Staff Professional Day

Monday, April 6

- No school for students

Beginning of Fourth Grading Period

Tuesday, April 7

Early Dismissal for Staff Professional Development

Wednesday, April 8

- Elementary students dismissed at 1 p.m.
- Secondary students dismissed at 1:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, April 15

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25

Upper Arlington High School Commencement

Sunday, May 31

2 p.m., at the Jerome Schottenstein Center

Last Day for Students

End of Fourth Grading Period and Second Semester

Wednesday, June 3

Staff Professional Day

Thursday, June 4

2015 State of the Schools

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“The focus of this plan isn’t technology; it is personalization,” said Imhoff. “Every student having a device every day provides a powerful tool for our teachers to do even more to personalize instruction and meet the needs of every student.”

The one-to-one program will be accomplished within the district’s current financial resources and include instructional elements on digital citizenship. Imhoff also stressed that providing more access to technology won’t limit student interaction, hands-on activities or the student-teacher relationship.

“The relationship between a teacher and a student creates the magic of education. Technology can never replace that. It is at the core of the learning process here in Upper Arlington.”

A learning fair highlighting special programs and projects at each of the schools followed the formal presentation. Displays included Windermere Elementary School’s Ukulele Orchestra, three-dimensional printing by middle school technology and engineering students and demonstrations of how tablet computers can be used to augment reality.

Those in attendance were also treated to performances by Barrington Elementary School’s Taiko drumming group and UA High School’s Symphony Strings and the cast of the spring musical, *Mary Poppins*.

A video of State of the Schools is available at uaschools.org.

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Alumni Spotlight

Alumni Spotlight – Jeffrey Myers, class of 2007

Notable achievements at UAHS: While in school, Jeffrey took part in the prestigious orchestra program, performing in many of the nation’s finest concert halls during national orchestra contests.

College and career experience: Jeffrey studied with renowned pedagogue Robert Lipsett at the Colburn Conservatory of Music in Los Angeles, California, where he earned his Bachelor of Music and Artist diploma. Jeffrey is currently touring the country with the Calidore String Quartet, which is based in Manhattan. In 2014 the Calidore were selected by the Emerson Quartet to become artists-in-residence and visiting faculty at Stony Brook University (SUNY). The 2014-15 season marks the release of Calidore’s debut album and a second release. The group made its Columbus debut on February 8 with a performance at the Columbus Museum of Art.



How did UA Schools helped prepare Jeffrey for success?

“Besides getting to work with the top-notch teachers at UA... I also had the opportunity to perform as a soloist with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra in front of the entire student body. That type of performing experience is extremely difficult to come by and I feel that very performance prepared me for what I do today.”

Library **iNSIGHT**

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Senior Services Workshop and Expo to be Held May 20

Older adults, their families and caregivers are invited to attend the Senior Services Resource Workshop and Expo at the UA Main Library, 2800 Tremont Road, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20. The event will include exhibits in the library's atrium as well as five presentations with speakers from local service agencies and businesses.

Exhibits will be located in the library's main floor atrium, while educational programs will take place downstairs in the Friends Theater and Meeting Room B. Please note that we do have an elevator.

Respite care during the presentations will be available upon request from Home Care Assistance. Please call 481-8888 to make arrangements for this free service. The following educational programs are scheduled:

Man's Best Friend: Aging in Place with Your Pet

10:30 a.m.; Friends Theater

Join some four-legged representatives from area shelters and therapy dog organizations to learn about how pets can decrease loneliness, increase socialization and promote a healthy outlook as we age.

What's Your Emergency?

1 p.m.; Friends Theater

Dr. Lauren Southerland from the OSU Medical Center's Department of Emergency Medicine will discuss senior health and emergency situations, and provide information about the geriatric emergency department.

Keeping You Connected in a Digital World

3 p.m.; Friends Theater

Whether you're tech savvy or tech phobic, we have a wealth of resources. Learn how to get the most out of your library with our free

digital resources. Librarian Megan Sheeran will give an overview of these services and take a look at social networks and video chatting to help you keep in touch with friends and family.

De-Clutter and Downsize: Finding Solutions to Sort Your Stuff

4:30 p.m.; Meeting Room B

What do you do with all that stuff? Finding help to sort through, organize and donate unwanted items can seem overwhelming. Experienced professionals will explain how

to simplify the process of downsizing and organizing items in your home.

Where Do I Start?

Finding Senior Services in UA 6 p.m.; Friends Theater

Navigating the maze of senior services can be a daunting experience. An expert panel of local service providers will discuss services that are available in your neighborhood to assist seniors. Services include caregiver support, home health care, transportation, emergency response systems, geriatric care management and retirement living.

Miller Park to Welcome Three Bronze Sculptures by Alfred Tibor



Ribbon Dancer is to be placed in the Miller Park roundabout.

The City's Cultural Arts staff and Commission have been hard at work for many months to bring an exciting "Arts in Community Spaces" project to UA. The City is the recipient of seven sculptures donated by internationally renowned artist, Alfred Tibor and thanks to a partnership with the Library, three of these sculptures will be installed in the vicinity of Miller Park this spring. An art unveiling is planned for Sunday, April 19, between 2-4 p.m. Check page 3 of the *City Insight* section for additional details.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Chris Taylor

New Partnership With Longtime UA Partners

The Upper Arlington Public Library is pleased to join the City of Upper Arlington and the Upper Arlington City Schools as a contributor to this publication. It's the latest outcome in our ongoing search for ways to collaborate and save dollars for all of our taxpayers.

Recently our state professional association, The Ohio Library Council, created a tool which allows public libraries to calculate the return on investment that they provide to their communities. Return on Investment (ROI) is a tool businesses use to measure their success. While public

libraries are not for-profit businesses, it still makes sense to measure the services we provide to our communities against the dollars we spend to provide them.

The calculator was developed for the Ohio Library Council by Fleeter and Associates, an economic analysis and public policy research company. It allows us to enter the number of times our patrons used various services like circulation of various item types, downloads of electronic format items, reference questions answered, computers used, use of meeting rooms, homebound deliveries, etc. It then uses the

fair market value of those same services had they been purchased rather than borrowed from the library.

Using this calculator we were able to estimate that for every dollar spent, we returned \$5.82 in value to the community. We think this is a conservative estimate because we have not tracked some of the items that could have increased the value (hours that patrons spend on our wireless Internet access) and there are many other services that we provide that do not have a comparable retail market value because no one sells those as a service (storytimes for babies, toddlers and families).

Just like the credit card commercial, while there are some things we can put a price on, so much of what happens at the library — like spending time with family or getting a good book or movie recommendation — is priceless.

Choose Privacy Week is May 1-7

Which websites do you go to every day? If you're like many people, you check the news and weather, get your email, perhaps even make some purchases. How would you feel if someone knew every website you went to, and saved a record of your Internet activity? Even with typical routines, many of us would prefer to keep our online activity private.

Our librarians are privy to many such examples - people often search for information that they'd prefer to keep personal. Those who have received a new diagnosis from a doctor are looking for medical information on a condition they may not yet have even told their family about. Job hunters, the person thinking about buying a car, or someone signing up for an online dating site - all of these people may not want to publicize their actions, even though they aren't doing anything wrong.

Why does this matter? Leaving aside the recent revelations about the NSA, many of our online actions are tracked by advertisers. These advertisers track the

websites you go to, and if you're on social media, many can link your name to your online activities. In addition to being intrusive, there are actual consequences to this lack of privacy. Based on your profiled income and location, you may get different online credit offers, and even different prices from online retailers, than another person does. You could be physically tracked, spied on, or you could have your identity stolen by someone abusing their access to your information.

Every year on May 1 through 7, the American Library Association encourages citizens to Choose Privacy. This doesn't mean you should avoid social media and stop using the Internet the way you do now. Instead you can take precautions that make it more difficult for advertisers to track you online.

The Main Library is supporting this initiative by making it possible for you to "choose privacy" on our public computers, and by offering several programs.

- On Saturday, May 2 at 10 a.m., learn more about how you can be tracked online, and what you can do about it. If you bring in a functional laptop, we can get you started - we'll help you download Firefox, Adblock Plus, and HTTPS Everywhere.
- On Wednesday, May 6 at 3 p.m., we'll have a program on security. Learn how to avoid malware, and how to deal with the dozens of passwords that you have likely acquired.
- On Thursday, May 7 at 7 p.m., there will be a final program on mobile devices. Learn what you need to know about location services and public Wi-Fi.

To find out more, check out an article on online tracking from the Electronic Frontier Foundation (<http://bit.ly/1eNRD48>), the EFF's Surveillance Self-Defense project (<https://ssd.eff.org/en>), the ALA's Choose Privacy Week homepage (<http://chooseprivacyweek.org/>), and "Who is Watching You" by Julie Angwin, author of Dragnet Nation (<http://bit.ly/1xadcme>).

Discover Service Opportunities at Volunteer UA Expo

10 a.m.-7 p.m., Thursday, April 16, UA Main Library

National Volunteer Week, April 12-18, 2015, is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. On Thursday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Volunteer UA presents its annual signature event — the **Volunteer UA Expo: Where Communities and Good Causes Connect**. The expo will be held in the atrium of the UA Main Library.

This is an opportunity to talk with more than 30 community service and nonprofit organizations about their mission, services and volunteer needs so that you can find the opportunity that best matches your interests and abilities.

"We recruited three new members through the Expo two years ago," said Jane Jarrow, Director of Membership for the Tri-Village Lions and a longtime Expo participant. "In their first year as Lions, these new recruits added more than 100 hours of service."

Volunteer opportunities for both adults and teens are available through these organizations.

"This is a great place for students looking to complete their school-required service hours to pick up information and ask questions" said Jennifer Faure, Community Engagement Specialist for the Upper Arlington Public Library. "There is no question that our library is healthier because of the thousands of hours worked by volunteers each year" said Faure, "But there is also a growing body of research, accumulated over the last couple of decades, which indicates that volunteers reap significant physical, mental and social health benefits from volunteer-ing. It's great when there is mutual benefit."



Volunteer UA is made possible through a partnership of the UA Commission on Aging, the City of Upper Arlington, Upper Arlington Public Library, Leadership UA, Syntero/Northwest Counseling and the Tri-Village Lions.

For Expo updates, follow Volunteer UA on Facebook at **VolunteerUAOH**



Friends of the Library Hold Spring Sale

May 17-31, UA Main Library

The Friends of the UA Library's quarterly book sales are great opportunities to find your next great read. Mark your calendar now for the Spring Sale to be held May 17-31 in the atrium of the UA Main Library.

The sale will run during normal library operating hours: 1-5 p.m. on Sunday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday. Note that the sale will not be open on Sunday, May 24 and Monday, May 25 when the library will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Most books sold by the Friends have been donated by individuals and are in good to excellent condition.

Book prices have remained unchanged for over 20 years. Most hardbacks are \$2.00 and paperbacks are 50¢. Children's and teen books range from only 25¢ to \$1.00.

Depending on donations, the sale may also include rare books, artwork, puzzles, games and various curios.

The Friends hold a members-only presale on the first day of the sale from Noon-1 p.m. Members should look for an admission card in the mail. Show your card at the door for early entry to the sale, or buy a membership at noon that day.

On the final day of the sale, Sunday, May 31 from 1-3:30 p.m., Friends members are able to purchase a brown grocery bag of books for just \$5. Nonmember price for a bag is only \$10.

With every item you purchase, you're helping to keep the library a wonderful place for the entire community.



Started in 1977, the Friends is a volunteer organization that has raised money through sales and memberships to help the library offer quality programs and support other special projects.

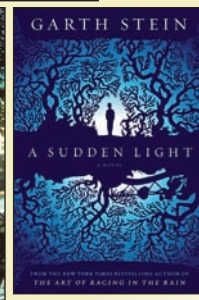
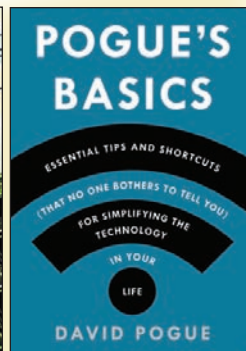
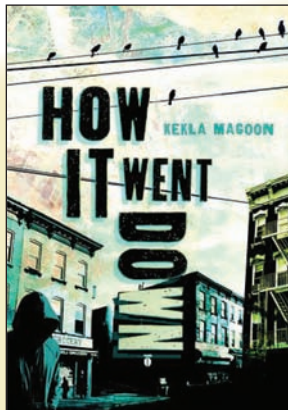
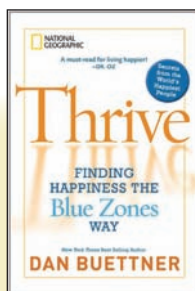
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

How it Went Down

By Kekla Magoon

This teen fiction book recounts the shooting of a black teen by a white man and its aftermath in an urban neighborhood. Told from multiple viewpoints, there is quite a lot of subject matter for discussion since no two accounts are the same. A thought-provoking book about a very timely subject.

—Laura Griffin
Technical Services



Thrive, Finding Happiness the Blue Zones Way

By Dan Buettner

This is a thought-provoking good read about the pursuit of happiness and the cultures who have best achieved it. Even though labeled as a self-help selection, it avoids the pitfalls of oversimplified advice and focuses on the

fascinating variations between the happiest places on earth, and the difficult process of finding a common thread among them. Anyone who reads it will walk away with inspiration for finding their own brand of happiness and helping others do the same.

— Diana Magee
Administrative Secretary

The Drowned World

By J.G. Ballard

This exciting post-apocalyptic novel set in London, which is completely flooded due to solar radiation, was written in 1962 but is eerily similar to the discussion of climate change today. As Earth warms to extreme temperatures and the ice caps begin to melt, many people choose to flee north while some are driven by inexplicable urges to journey south into the building heat. *The Drowned World* explores what could happen inside the human mind as our planet slips into a new era and everyone must adapt to survive.

— Caitlyn Erwin
Adult Department

A Sudden Light

By Garth Stein

Garth Stein weaves an intricate family tapestry filled with often tense generational father-son relationships as seen through the eyes of a 14 year-old boy who comes to spend part of the summer in the house where his father spent his formative years. Inhabited by his grandfather and aunt, the house is host to ghostly appearances, some of which are witnessed by those receptive to the visitations, further straining then freeing relationships. Evenly paced, this book delivered depth and twists.

— Hari Ruiz, Adult Department

Pogue's Basics: Essential Tips and Shortcuts (That No One Bothers To Tell You) For Simplifying The Technology In Your Life

By David Pogue

How do you charge your low phone battery in a hurry? Plug your phone into the wall charger and set the phone to airplane mode. This directs all of the incoming electricity to the battery and not to looking for a signal or finding your latest email. This is just one example listed in David Pogue's book that covers tips and tricks for phones, cameras, tablets, computers, the Internet and social networks. Pogue was the author of a weekly tech column for the *New York Times* for 13 years, created the *Missing Manual* computer-book series, and recently launched Yahoo Tech, a consumer technology site for non-technicians.

— Kate Porter, Assistant Director

El Deafo

By Cece Bell

A graphic novel that loosely tells the story of the author's life during her elementary school years as she grappled with hearing loss, having to adjust to and wear a Phonic Ear and getting glasses in addition to all the other insecurities of childhood. Though her specific challenges may have been different, Cece speaks to everyone who ever felt like an outsider growing up. I loved this story and the artwork was brilliant.

— Tracie Steele, Youth Department

Blizzard

By John Rocco

This picture book is based on the experiences of the author during the "Blizzard of '78," when 53 inches of snow fell in the author's town in Rhode Island! As a young boy, John is at first excited about the snow, but as more and more of it piles up, John and his family begin to worry about how they will get out of their home to get food and supplies. The young boy ends up being very resourceful and helps his family and neighbors survive the snowstorm.

— Sue Emrick, Lane Road

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Youth Department Offers Summer Volunteer Program

All three locations of the Upper Arlington Public Library are seeking teen volunteers for this year's "Escape the Ordinary" Summer Library Club. Our Main Library is looking for five high school interns and 50-60 junior volunteers. Our Lane Road and Miller Park Libraries each need two high school interns and 25-30 junior volunteers.

Applications for these positions will be available at all three library locations and on our website. Completed applications can be dropped off at the preferred volunteer location. Teens can earn service hours for their participation.

Interns

Teens entering grades 10-12 or who graduate high school in 2015 are eligible to apply to be an intern. The positions involve a commitment of 8-10 hours per week from May 26 through August 2. 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 will receive recognition, letters of recommendation and service hour credit for their participation.

High school intern applications will be available 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 library club table are encouraged to apply for a Junior Volunteer Position.

Applications for Junior Volunteers will be available Wednesday, April 1 and are due Friday, May 1.

Book Buddies

Back by popular demand and expanded to all three locations this summer, we will be seeking teens to help with our Book Buddies program. Teens entering grades 6-12 are paired with a younger student and act as a reading "coach." Applications for Book Buddies will be available Friday, May 1.

Harriet Brennan, a 2014 intern, had this to say about her experience at the UAPL: "Interning at Upper Arlington Public Library was not only a truly rewarding summer experience, but also an outlet to be involved with my love of reading and learning in a non-curriculum based environment. I have learned valuable organization skills along with a peek into the inner workings of our beloved library. Anyone who is interested in library science, reading, or just a fun summer atmosphere should apply to be a summer intern or volunteer."

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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Short Term Parking Spots at Main Library

Just need to run into the Main Library to pick up a hold, pay a fine or make a copy? We've designated three parking spaces near the entrance as short-term spots. Please limit your park time to 15 minutes when using these specially marked spaces. By using the City's sign shop to create and install the signs, the library was able to have the work done at a very competitive price.

Tax Form Availability

If you're one of the many people who rely on the library as a place to pick up tax forms, you should be aware of some changes in availability. The IRS and the State of Ohio have greatly reduced the number as well as the type of forms we receive. While we have a supply of 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ forms, other federal forms as well as instructions must be downloaded and printed from www.irs.gov/Forms-&-Pubs. Contact the IRS

at (800) 829-3676 for more information on tax forms and publications. Please note that library staff members are unable to assist patrons with most tax questions, so you're encouraged to call a tax preparation professional or the IRS help line at 800-829-1040.

Summer Reading Program

We've made some exciting changes to our annual Summer Reading Program. This year we've dubbed it "Summer Library Club" and have expanded the activities beyond reading. While reading will still be a required component, participants from babies through adults can also partake in other enriching activities like visiting a city park, attending a library program, or watching a Ted talk. Also new this year – we'll kick off the program before school is out! Look for more details in late spring, including librarian visits to all UA elementary schools.

Adult Volunteer Opportunities

We have adult volunteer opportunities available at all three libraries. Possible duties include shelf reading, pulling requests and shelving materials. For information, contact our Community Engagement Specialist Jennifer Faure at jfaure@ualibrary.org or (614) 486-9621 ext. 252. You may also apply online at volunteer.ualibrary.org.

Holiday Closures

All three UA libraries will be closed on Sunday, May 24 and Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

Spring "Library Link" Program Guide

Our spring Library Link program guide is available at all three UA libraries, at the Municipal Building and online at www.ualibrary.org. Check it out for the full schedule of activities for kids, teens and adults.

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



Youth Librarian Tracie Steele led Jingle Bell Storytime on December 15.



Kids used tubes, straws and tape to make marble runs at the Lane Road Library on January 24.



State Representative Stephanie Kunze visited the January 20 Board of Trustees meeting where she congratulated the Library on being named a 5-Star Library by Library Journal.



Steve Gruber from the Main Library's Media Department assisted a patron with her eReader at our Digital Media Q&A on January 4.



Local musicians The Randys performed at the Main Library on January 8 as part of our annual Live at the Library concert series.

The Miller Park Library was home to several family reading forts during a special after-hours program on January 24.



Spring Program Highlights

"We Are Family" Film Series

Our spring film series offers a cinematic glimpse at families and their internal dynamics. We have chosen four powerful movies that portray the diversities of family structure as well as the unique love and strong bond that make family the most powerful influence in shaping us as individuals.

Join us on select Sundays at 2 p.m. for screenings and discussions of *Double Happiness* (March 8), *Smoke Signals* (March 22), *The Kids Are All Right* (April 12), and *On Golden Pond* (April 26).

Linda Taylor is the host of the series and will introduce and discuss each one. She holds an MFA in Film Production from New York University where she wrote, directed and edited five films. She was a Postdoctoral Fellow with the Department of Photography and Cinema at the Ohio State University. She was a Broadcast Producer of the public affairs talk programs Open Line and All Sides with Ann Fisher on WOSU Public Media. She taught Screenwriting and History of Film at the Columbus College of Art and Design and

the Ohio State University, and has presented film programs at the Wexner Center for the Arts, the Columbus Museum of Art and The Ohio State University.

For more information including a description of each film, please consult our Library Link program guide, available in our library buildings or online at www.ualibrary.org.

Read Down Fines

Each quarter we provide patrons an opportunity to reduce their fines. This spring we will offer Read Down Fines on Saturday, March 14 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Patrons of all ages who visit any UA library and read in the designated location for one hour will receive up to \$8 off their existing overdue fines. To be eligible, please be sure to arrive on time with reading material in hand.

Youth Poetry Contest

The library's Teen Advisory Board is hosting a poetry contest for students in grades kindergarten through 12. To participate, write your own poem and submit a copy to

any of the library's Youth Departments between March 30 and April 3. Poems are open to creativity but are limited to 500 words. One poem from each age group (grades K-4; 5-8 and 9-12) will be chosen anonymously by the Teen Advisory Board, and each winner will receive a \$10 gift certificate and will be featured on our website. Contact our youth department for more details.

Mysteries of Art History: Where is the Nazi Plunder?

2014's bestselling book *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr (visiting the UA Library this October) and recent real-world headlines have brought the issue of the Nazi plunder of European art renewed public attention. Ann Shifflet, instructor at the Columbus College of Art and Design, will visit the Main Library on Friday, April 17 at 1 p.m. to present a look at artworks confiscated, destroyed and stolen by the Third Reich. Learn about the Degenerate Art Exhibition of 1937 and why the Nazis disliked certain artworks. Investigate the pieces stolen by the Nazis during WWII, some of which were destroyed and some hidden. New events have illuminated the whereabouts of some paintings and there are many that have yet to be recovered.

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In general, meetings of the Upper Arlington Public Library Board of Trustees begin at 5 p.m. 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 by visiting www.ualibrary.org and clicking the "Explore Newsletters" button.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, March 17
- Tuesday, April 21
- Tuesday, May 19

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Concourse Gallery

M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 3600 Tremont Road
Cultural Arts Division, 583-5310

Middle Schools

March 5-27

Works by students from Hastings, Jones, St. Agatha, St. Andrew and Wellington.

High Schools

April 2-24

Students from the UA High School and Wellington showcase their artworks.

Beyond Photography

May 1-June 26

Reception 5-7 p.m., Thursday, May 14
Local artists stretch the boundaries of photography.

UAHS Band Concert

Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.

UA High School Auditorium
487-5200 | uaschools.org

All City Orchestra Concert

Tuesday, March 17, 7:00 p.m.

UA High School Auditorium
487-5200 | uaschools.org

Easter Egg Candy Hunt

10 a.m., Saturday, April 4

Thompson Park | www.uaoh.net

Enjoy this free event from Parks & Recreation and the Civic Association.

Leadership UA Community Night: A Call to Public Service

7 p.m., Thursday, April 9

3600 Tremont Road | www.leadershipua.org
Learn what it takes to become appointed or elected to public office.

Volunteer UA Expo

10 a.m.-7 p.m., Thursday, April 16

UA Public Library, Tremont Branch
583-5326 | www.uaoh.net
Connecting volunteers with area non profits.

Spring Play Performance

Thursday, April 23, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 25, 7:30 p.m.

UA High School Auditorium
487-5200 | uaschools.org

The Walk

Saturday, April 25, Sunday, April 26

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

Sandwich Stroll

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 5

Sunny 95 Park
UA Commission on Aging | 583-5326

UAHS Band Concert

Tuesday, May 5, 7:30 p.m.

UA High School Auditorium
487-5200 | uaschools.org

Raise the Roof

7-11 p.m., Friday, May 1

Amelita Mirolo Barn, Sunny 95 Park
uacommunityfoundation.com | 451-0700

UA Night of Jazz

Friday, May 15, 7:30 p.m.

UA High School Auditorium
487-5200 | uaschools.org

Spring Fling

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, May 16

Sunny 95 Park
UA Parks & Rec | www.uaoh.net
Spring Fling features many favorite activities, such as inflatable games, the Fishing Derby, music and more.

2015 Wall of Honor

3 p.m., Sunday, May 17

3600 Tremont Road
UA Historical Society | www.uaoh.net

Godspell

May 22-24, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

UAHS Auditorium
487-5200 | www.uaschools.org
Enjoy the High School Theater Program's spring play.

Memorial Day Run

9 a.m., Monday, May 25

Reed Road Shelter
UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

UAHS Spring Orchestra Concert

Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 p.m.

UA High School Auditorium
487-5200 | uaschools.org