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2016 State of the City Address in Review

View our “Focus on the Future” videos at www.uaoh.net

Our 2016 State of the City Address, held January 25, drew a large crowd eager to enjoy an evening that blended old favorites with new elements. First, our thanks to the UA civic groups and City departments that brought the Community Fair to life, providing excellent networking opportunities for attendees.

With the theme “Focus on the Future,” a series of videos were mixed into the presentation to showcase the work of several departments, and a number of new community engagement tools were unveiled, with members of City Council and City Manager Ted Staton touching on highlights from 2015 and taking a look ahead to the first 100 days of 2016 and beyond.

Our ever popular Community Awards Program celebrated the following worthy 2015 recipients:

Business of the Year – Arlington

Urgent Care – Michael J. Rankin, M.D. From multiple nominations, all mentioned the

excellent care they received for many different ailments. One resident made special note of the kindness shown to a special needs patient.

Community Enrichment – Charles Reinhart.

Charles is a great example of someone who uses his time as a volunteer with Syntero’s Older Adults Program for the betterment of others. He has improved the quality of life for older adults by providing transportation and other services, such as leaf raking, to help them stay independently in their homes.

Community Safety – Jenny Ledman, The Stand Project. The Stand Project is



Members of the UA High School Marching Band and Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Squad set the stage for a fast-paced presentation.

a community action group focused on preventing substance abuse and helping students and families find help. Jenny and her team of volunteers have made great strides helping our community fight back against the dangers of substance abuse, and there is no doubt that The Stand Project will make a lasting, positive difference.

Super Senior – Joseph Anastasi. Joe actively promotes the UA Senior Center, recruiting new members and promoting active participation, and recently assumed the role of Senior Association President. After a career in marketing and design, Joe shares his gifts with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, helping those in need at the open shelter. He paints portraits of the people he serves and sells his work to raise funds. His show “Art & Soul” raised \$35,000 for charity.

Youth – Julianne Ali. Julianne has logged many hours of community service, spending her Tuesdays tutoring elementary children with Tri-Village Mentoring and participating in a group at the High School focused on freshman mentoring and peer tutoring. She



UAOH Photo Contest Winners Announced



The Henry family was declared first place winner of our UAOH Facebook photo contest, thanks to their very creative use of the Epcot Center dome as the “O.” The family was on hand to receive their prize from City Manager Ted Staton and Council Vice President Debbie Johnson.





2015 Community Award recipients (from left): Michael J. Rankin with his daughter Molly Fulton, Charles Reinhart, Joe Anastasi, Julianne Ali, Jenny Ledman.

has been a Red Cross blood drive coordinator and went on a mission trip this fall to the Dominican Republic, teaching English. The list goes on, and on top of it all Julianne plays two high school sports and holds a GPA over 4.0.

Rotary Club of Upper Arlington Volunteerism Award – Ron Arledge and Ned Timmons. The Rotary Club of Upper Arlington participated in recognition of our community's finest, by announcing two recipients of their Volunteerism Award.

While their service to others is varied and extensive, their recognition was in part triggered by volunteer efforts in support of First Community Church. In the giving spirit of this award, a donation of \$500 from Rotary was made to the charity of choice for each gentleman.

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

BUILDING BLOCKS

Project Updates

A lot is happening in UA relative to the business arena. Here's are some highlights of what will be rising from the ground or completed in 2016:

- **OSU Wexner Medical Center** facility on Zollinger Road. Five-story, 104,000 square feet, to house 155 medical professional employees and provide a variety of first-class medical services to the community. Expected completion, summer 2016.
- **OhioHealth** facility at 3363 Tremont Road. Two-story, 26,000 square feet, scheduled to begin this spring.
- **1515 W. Lane Avenue.** Three-story, mixed-use to include a restaurant, retail and eight apartments. Timeline pending.
- **Columbus Aesthetic and Plastic Surgery (CAPS),** 5005 Arlington Centre Blvd. Medical office. Construction has begun, completion date pending.

CAPS on Arlington Centre Blvd.



2015 Department Statistics

The Community Development Department processed 3,200 permits and inspected projects worth more than \$94.7 million in construction value in 2015, the largest year for community reinvestment on record. In comparison, in 2014, the department processed 2,630 permits tied to projects totaling just over \$75 million in construction value.

As a result of all this activity, the year ended with permit revenues of \$862,488 – a long way to recovering the costs for running this department.

2016 Wall of Honor to Induct Three Notable Doctors

The UA Historical Society and the City are pleased to announce that they will induct three accomplished doctors with close ties to The Ohio State University onto the Wall of Honor at the Municipal Services Center:

- **Bertha A. Bouroncle:** A physician, researcher and teacher who was the first to identify hairy cell leukemia and, with two other fellow physicians at OSU, to develop an effective therapy that has helped make this one of the most treatable cancers. She also served as the first female chief resident at the University.
- **Claude Perry:** Dr. Perry served as Professor of Ophthalmology at OSU, as well as for the Ohio State Welfare Department and Ohio School for the Blind. He played a significant role in enactment of the 1934 Fireworks Law, which essentially eliminated instances of child blindness due to fireworks injuries. At the age of 41, he enlisted in the US Army to serve in WWII. He received a Purple Heart after his hospital was bombed in the Battle of the Bulge. The bombing destroyed the glass spheres used to replace eyeballs, and Dr. Perry formulated the idea of using denture acrylic, which turned out to be a superior practice.
- **Norman Rothermich:** Founder of the Division of Rheumatology at OSU, co-founder of the Ohio Rheumatism Society and the Columbus Medical Research Foundation (CMRF). Under his leadership, CMRF pioneered the use of gold treatments for arthritis and partnered with Merck to conduct clinical trials that led to approval of Indocin as a treatment option. He also founded the Arthritis Foundation of Central Ohio.

Plaques posthumously commemorating the three inductees will be dedicated during a Sunday, May 22 ceremony. Watch for more details as the date approaches.

FROM CHAMBERS

Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

2016 – A Year for Community Engagement

City Council recently held a retreat to map out its priorities and provide direction to Staff for the months ahead. With several prominent issues carrying over from 2015 or about to move into the public arena for review and discussion, the Council was in full agreement when it came to plans for expanding community engagement.

Top of the list is the use of community surveying, with the following already in progress or identified for implementation:

- **Northam Park Phase II:** A scientific telephone survey was conducted early February to gather input on plans for a new pool and playground at Northam Park. As soon as the telephone survey ended, Staff launched an online version (now closed), to be used as supplemental data and for consideration as part of an extensive engagement process still in process (see page 7 for details).
- **Solid Waste Survey:** The City is about a year away from a possible change in its trash provider and is considering options for enhancing the services provided while also making sure the program is self-supporting. In mid February, all UA households received an insert in their annual Stormwater and Solid Waste service bill asking them to complete an online Solid Waste survey. If you are yet to complete the survey visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/uatrash (Deadline: April 15).
- **911/Dispatching and Economic Development Survey:** The City's exploration of a proposed consolidation of 911/dispatching services with the City of Columbus should be concluded by late spring. Unrelated but of equal importance, several significant proposed redevelopment projects could be move into the public arena in the near future, such as the property owned by J. Liu on Lane Avenue and Kroger's plans for the former Macy's site at Kingsdale. To help gauge the community's sentiments and understanding of these issues, a telephone survey will be conducted by a professional surveying firm.



2016 Upper Arlington City Council

Front row (from left):

David DeCapua;
Debbie Johnson (President),
Kip Greenhill (Vice
President), Carolyn Casper

Back row: John C. Adams,
Mike Schadek, Brendan King

- **Parks and Facilities Survey:** At a January presentation on the Northam Park Phase II planning efforts, Council agreed with Staff's recommendation to undertake a comprehensive review of our parks and the facilities within them before implementing any major park improvements (Northam Park Phase II excepted). While the details of this review process are yet to be determined, a major component of the community engagement process will include some form of survey, to possibly occur this summer.
- **Community Attitude Survey:** It has been three years since the City last conducted a broad-based community survey, to measure resident satisfaction with services, perceptions of the community's quality of life, and to identify important trends or issues the City should be mindful of as it makes plans for the future. Again, while details of how this survey will be conducted are yet to be determined, it will likely be fielded in the fall of 2016, and the results shared with Council as part of the budgeting process.

New Ways to Engage With the City

A number of new online tools—previewed at the 2016 State of the City Address—will also play an important role in providing residents with easy access to information and the means to share their thoughts along the way. Some highlights include:

- **UA Open Town Hall:** Launching this spring, UA Open Town Hall will provide

an online community forum platform for sharing your thoughts and ideas on a number of topics about the City.

- **UA OPENGOV:** This online tool will allow residents to access data and understand how their tax dollars are spent with the click of a button. This tool will also feature non-financial information, such as real-time summaries of the number and type of building permits issued or the number of fire runs.
- **Public Service Request (PSR):** This app for your Smartphone will allow residents to quickly report potholes or other issues they may see when out in the community. A launch date for PSR is pending.

Watch for details as these new tools come available, and be sure to let us know what you think. If you have questions, please call the City Manager's Office, at 614-583-5040.

Council Office Hours

President of Council, Debbie Johnson, has scheduled regular office hours at the Municipal Services Center, in order to meet with residents to discuss City issues, per the following schedule:

- First Thursday of month, 6-8 p.m.:
March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2
- Third Wednesday of month,
11 a.m.-1 p.m.: March 16, April 20,
May 18, June 15

To be sure a scheduled session is going ahead as planned, check our online meeting and event calendar, at www.uaoh.net.

UA's Centennial Will Be a Year to Remember

With the Centennial logo unveiled at the 2016 State of the City Address, planners are more excited than ever as they prepare for 2018

Planning for Upper Arlington's Centennial Celebration is making great strides, thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers.

Last fall, residents were invited to a brainstorming session relative to a Centennial logo. Thanks to their input and a very generous donation of her graphic skills and time from UA resident Jenny Ledman, we were proud to unveil the logo at the January State of the City Address. With this design comes many options for branding the year, with merchandise, banners and patches for school athletics uniforms.

A Legacy Committee is hard at work identifying a small number of notable projects that will leave a lasting reminder of the Centennial. One such project already in development is a new history book, courtesy of the Upper Arlington Historical Society, that will be more reader friendly and a resource for the entire community.

Spring Community Meeting

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 13

Tremont Library

A goal of the Centennial Task Force is to



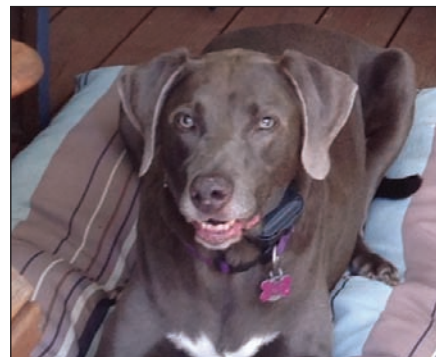
invite the community in twice a year for feedback on its planning efforts. At the upcoming spring event, timed to coincide with the Volunteer UA Expo, the group hopes to solicit ideas relative to a possible "History Walk" within one of our parks, and to consider options for a Centennial Merchandise Program.

Centennial Website

www.UA0H100.org

Newly launched in January, the Centennial's website will soon become your "go to" source for the celebration, including how you can get involved in the planning efforts.

Good Neighbor Reminders for Dog Owners



With Spring just around the corner, we'll soon see more residents making use of our parks in various ways. While dog owners have every right to enjoy the parks with their canine friends, it's important to be respectful of other park users. Here are some simple tips to follow to do your part to ensure everyone can enjoy the great outdoors in harmony with one another:

- When at a UA park, dogs must be on a leash 8 a.m.–8 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time. At all other hours, the dog still must be under your control. If field sports, parties or other group activities are in full swing, steer clear of that portion of the park if your dog is off leash, or simply put the leash back on to prevent any uninvited interruptions from your dog.
- Don't assume all dogs will play well with yours, especially when they are on a leash. Keep your dog clear from others until you have checked with the owner that it's okay to approach.
- As a courtesy to others and for health and safety reasons, pet owners must clean up after their pets. Most of our larger parks are equipped with doggie bag stations (thanks in part to Pet People) but it's always a good idea to bring your own.

To report a leash law violation or other issue in the park, please contact UA Police, at 614-583-5410.

The City has a brochure detailing our laws pertaining to dogs and other animals, as well as useful contact information for lost pets, vet resources and more. It can be found under the Police Division section, at www.uaoh.net.





CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Theodore J. Staton

Northam Park Phase II Planning Progresses

In January of this year, Council was supportive of Staff's recommendations on the best way forward for Northam Park, namely to proceed with reconstruction of the pool, playground and some supporting facilities in the immediate area but to put other improvements on hold to allow for a comprehensive review of all park facilities.

Shortly thereafter, plans for Phase II improvements moved into high gear. A placeholder rendering was developed by consultant, OHM Advisors, that essentially returns the location of the pool and playground to the areas on which they previously sat. It also shows that the area leading immediately into the park from the parking lot is to be looked at relative to appropriate pathways and connectivity to the new facilities, a possible restroom or other park support structures.

The clay tennis courts will remain in place and in play for the foreseeable future, as will all existing sports fields south of the

tennis courts. Additionally, by returning the pool to its previous location, and keeping the playground within its general footprint, potential impacts on existing trees will be greatly reduced.

A Phase II community engagement process has been a priority for the City since that time, in order to gather ideas from the community in advance of actual design work. From late January through the end of February, this included:

- Two public meetings
- Several small group meetings with representatives of park stakeholder entities such as the Schools, Library, UA Swim Team, Northam Tennis and the Field Sports Advisory Committee, as well as park neighbors and other community members who participated in last year's master planning efforts
- A telephone survey of 300 randomly selected households
- An online version of the survey
- A fun workbook for students at Tremont Elementary

Following this round of outreach, initial designs are now being prepared, and we expect to be following up with the community very soon to share the preliminary designs and to announce the next round of public meetings and options for providing us with your feedback.

Reports from the team leading the planning efforts indicate that interest and involvement from residents has been very good during this outreach phase. As a result, we are optimistic that the amenities ultimately included within these new facilities will be reflective of the community's primary wants and needs.

To monitor progress of the Northam Park Phase II project and for updates on upcoming opportunities to participate please go to www.uaoh.net/northam.

OSU Graduate Students Seek Your Feedback for Fishinger Road Study



Students enrolled in a Transportation Studio course at The Ohio State University, are developing a proposal aimed at improving the segment of Fishinger Road from Riverside Drive to Tremont Road. They invite residents to complete a brief survey to identify aspects of Fishinger Road that need attention. You can take the survey at <http://goo.gl/forms/d3wEiucbeX> (deadline March 20).

Questions and additional feedback may be emailed to FishingerRoad@gmail.com.

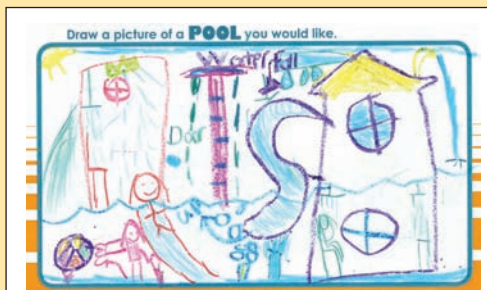
Volunteer UA Expo

10 a.m.–7 p.m., Wednesday, April 13
Tremont Library

Our Volunteer UA community partners have been hard at work planning their annual Expo. The goal of the Expo is to provide an opportunity for residents interested in volunteering to find the right volunteer match – helping them connect with a cause that is meaningful to them and to find something that complements their busy lives, be it a one-time project or committing to a regular schedule of activities.

From one year to the next, we hear extremely satisfying stories of the quality volunteer matches that are formed thanks to the Expo. Be sure to stop in and visit with 30-plus local and regional civic groups and non-profits to learn who they are, what they do and how you can offer your volunteer services.

For additional details, visit www.uaoh.net. You can also follow Volunteer UA on Facebook, where the group provides regular updates on its year-round activities in support of volunteerism.



Our thanks to Bridget (above), Olivia (below) and all the students at Tremont Elementary for sharing their great ideas for the new pool and playground



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CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holiday:

- Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 614-583-5030

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 13

To kick off Daylight Savings Time, clocks "spring forward" at 2 a.m. 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 12-25

FIRE DIVISION

614-583-5100

Fire hydrant flushing will occur weekdays from April 19–29, between the hours of 8 a.m.–6 p.m. 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 tested are provided 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 614-583-5117 to hear a message that is updated daily.

- Residents are notified via email, text or voicemail using the ALERT Franklin County notification system, in advance of flushing in their neighborhood.
- The City's website features a page under the "Headlines" section with details.
- Reminders are shared on the City's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Residents could experience water discoloration up to 48 hours after flushing has taken place. Please 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 and allow water to run until it appears clear. Avoid turning on hot water taps during the flushing period, because the water heater will replenish itself with rusty water.

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.

Stormwater Utility & Solid Waste Bill Reminder

FINANCE

614-583-5280

All UA households were sent their annual Stormwater Utility and Solid Waste Service bills in February. The deadline is March 23. For details and to pay online, look for the link under the Headlines section of our homepage, at www.uaoh.net.

Grass/Weed Control Guidelines

CODE COMPLIANCE

614-583-5070

The 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


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kept free of noxious weeds. Failure to comply 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.

Block Party Permits

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 614-583-5040

Planning for some 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.

Safety Town Registration

POLICE DIVISION

614-583-5150

Sessions: June 20–July 1, July 11–22

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. You can register online beginning March 2 at www.uaoh.net.

Statewide Tornado Drill

9:50 a.m., Wednesday, March 23

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 periodically. For additional information

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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!





In December of last year, volunteers assisted the Friends of Upper Arlington Parks with the removal of buckthorn at Miller Park. The group will be scheduling more cleanup events this spring. For updates, like "Friends of Upper Arlington Parks" on Facebook.

and access to numerous safety tips and resources, visit www.fcemhs.org.

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. The following free online services are available 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 2015 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 previously filed a municipal tax return with RITA, you can sign up electronically.

2015 Income Tax Form Help

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

February 27–April 16

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. To receive assistance please bring with you all necessary tax documentation, including the following:

- W2s from all employers and Form 1099s
- Federal Form 1040, Federal Schedules C, E & F, Federal forms K-1, 2106 and 3903 (if applicable)
- Addresses and dates for each location in which you resided during 2015

Shelter & Amelita Mirolo Barn Rentals

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

It's that time of year – weddings, reunions and more! If you're interested in renting the Amelita Mirolo Barn, you can find this information online at www.uaoh.net under *Living in UA | Amelita Mirolo Barn*. Our rentals are affordable ways to have fun with any group!

Leadership UA Leadership Panel: Civility

6:30–8 p.m., Thursday, March 3

The Metro School, 1929 Kenny Road

www.leadershipua.org

Leadership Upper Arlington's annual Leadership Panel Night is an open and dynamic conversation with outstanding leaders from across Central Ohio. Facilitated by Dr. Brad Mitchell, Battelle for Kids.

Prescription Drug Drop-off

POLICE DIVISION

614-583-5150

The City has a drop-box for old and unused prescription drugs, available at the Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road. Visit the Police Division section, at www.uaoh.net, for details of acceptable items.

Finance Award

FINANCE

614-583-5280

The City's Finance & Administrative Services Department is the recipient of an Award for Outstanding Achievement from the Government Finance Officer's Association for its 2014 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). This report provides a reader-friendly summary of the City's financial activities and standing from the previous year. Watch for your 2015 edition this coming summer.

Sandwich Stroll

10:30 a.m.–Noon, Tuesday, May 3

Sunny 95 Park

UA seniors are invited to enjoy the great outdoors, some exercise, camaraderie and more at this year's Sandwich Stroll. Look for details in the Spring/Summer edition of the Activity Guide, or call the Senior Center, at 614-583-5320.



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



District Leaders Underscore Commitments at Second State of the Schools

UA Schools leaders drove home a theme of honoring commitments to the community during the second annual State of the Schools event on February 3.

Upper Arlington Board of Education President Matt McClellan welcomed the hundreds of community members who turned out to hear district updates and to see performances and displays from students and staff.

Both Superintendent Paul Imhoff and Treasurer/CFO Andrew Geistfeld spoke about the implementation of the district's strategic plan.

"We consider it an honor and a privilege to serve Upper Arlington," said Imhoff, "and we take our commitments very seriously."

Geistfeld echoed that sentiment as he provided updates on several financial goals.

"We made a major commitment during the last levy request in 2013 that we would stretch those funds and not return to the ballot for four years," Geistfeld said. "I want you to know we are right on track with that promise."

Also on track is the Efficiency Project commitment to improve the district's bottom line by \$4.5 million by 2017 without having a negative impact on the student experience. The district is 93 percent of the way toward meeting that goal, Geistfeld reported.

"Our hope is to exceed our goal and continue seeking out efficiency measures because we want to maximize funds for the student experience."

Geistfeld and Imhoff also discussed the district's facilities master planning process, explaining that the initiative stems from a recommendation by the community volunteers on the Productivity and Efficiency Work Team.



The facilities master planning process was announced at the 2015 State of the Schools event and is now in the second of three phases.

During the first phase, volunteer building teams were established at each school - with a total of nearly 300 members. The building teams and community members reviewed the results of two independent assessments of school facilities that were used to estimate the cost of repairing and maintaining the buildings over the next 15 years. The estimate - \$188 million - does not include the need for additional space in many schools due to rising enrollment.

Imhoff explained that building team volunteers are now researching other options to see whether renovating or even rebuilding some of the facilities might be a better investment both financially and educationally.

"There is no zero-cost option when it comes to schools, but we are working with the community to create a wise long-term plan," Imhoff said.

He encouraged everyone in attendance to get involved in the process. "Your voice matters, and it will directly impact the final plans."

After discussing the efficiency-related initiatives in the strategic plan, Imhoff turned his attention to the district's academic goals.

"As an educator, what really excites me are the commitments that are directly impacting our students in the classroom today."

Under the performance goal in the strategic plan, teachers have been working together to ensure a guaranteed and viable

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Treasurer Andrew Geistfeld addresses the savings made during the Efficiency Project.



The combined Jones/Hastings middle schools Honor Choir opens the event with three popular songs: "Hello, Goodbye," "California Dreamin'" and "True Colors."



Musicians and singers from Wickliffe have fun with "Octopus's Garden."

State of the Schools 2016

Thank you to all of the Upper Arlington families and community members who attended the second annual State of the Schools event on February 3. Bookending the presentations of the evening were performances by the Hastings and Jones middle schools combined Honor Choir and musicians from Wickliffe Progressive School. The evening also featured a learning fair with performances from other schools and exhibits by students and teachers about exciting classroom projects and service-learning opportunities.



Barrington's Taiko drummers end the event with a pulsating performance.



The cast of "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" offers a short performance from the UAHS musical.



UAHS students share information about the Community School.



ABOVE: A remote-control robot from the Jones/Hastings Technology & Engineering students was a fair favorite.

LEFT: Tremont students practice their coding skills.

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SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



UAHS Students Receive Top Honors in Art Contest

Seven UA High School students have been recognized among the top student artists in the region through the 2016 Central Ohio Regional Scholastic Art Awards. From thousands of entries, these students received five honorable mentions, one Silver Key and three Gold Keys in the categories

of Film & Animation, Photography, Drawing & Illustration, Digital Art and Ceramics & Glass.

For her photograph, "Tracks," junior Caroline Chidester not only earned a Gold Key award but also was named one of five nominees for the American Visions award, the region's best-in-show honor. Joining Chidester in receiving Gold Key awards

were senior Chloe Magyari for her Ceramics & Glass entry, "Bonedry Basket," and senior Jack Campise for his Film & Animation entry, "Changing Cars." Campise received a honorable mention for a second entry, "See You Soon."

All three of Upper Arlington's Gold Key recipients advance to the national level for medal consideration and the opportunity to show their work in New York this year.

- Ian Hamilton, Navy College, swim
- Ann Heuerman, University of Wisconsin, track/cross country
- Cole Kaparos, University of Dayton, football
- Daniel Logan, University of Denver, lacrosse
- Blair Mignery, Marian University, lacrosse
- Megan Morgan, San Diego State University, lacrosse
- Vincent Murdocco, University of Dayton, football
- Cole Pirwitz, College of the Holy Cross, football
- Elizabeth Royer, Oberlin College, field hockey
- Tyrece Speaight, Miami University, football
- Onno Steger, Western Carolina University, basketball

2015-16 KEY SCHOOL DATES

Student Early Dismissal - Staff Professional Development

Wednesday, March 2

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

End of Third Grading Period

Friday, March 18

Spring Break

Monday, March 21–Friday, March 25

Staff Professional Day

Monday, March 28

No school for students

Beginning of Fourth Grading Period

Tuesday, March 29

Student Early Dismissal - Staff Professional Development

Wednesday, April 6

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

Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, April 20

Last Day for Students, End of Fourth Grading Period and Second Semester

Friday, May 27

UAHS Commencement

Sunday, May 29

2 p.m., the Jerome Schottenstein Center

Staff Professional Day

Tuesday, May 31

14 UAHS Athletes Commit to Colleges

Fourteen UA High School student-athletes signed to play college athletics on National Signing Day, February 3, in a ceremony in the Little Theatre at the high school.

The signees are:

- Benjamin Baker, High Point University, lacrosse
- William Collis, The College of Wooster, soccer
- Kortney Eisenman, University of Georgia, basketball

Kindergarten Enrollment Begins in March

The Upper Arlington Schools staff is excited to welcome the Golden Bears Class of 2029! Children who will be five years old on or before September 30, 2016, are eligible for kindergarten during the 2016-2017 school year.

Families interested in enrolling their child or children may do so beginning March 1 through an online registration form that will be available at our website, www.uaschools.org. Please complete these forms before March 11 to expedite processing.

After the online registration forms





are completed, families must finalize their student's registration at the school building and schedule a screening appointment. For more information, please visit www.uaschools.org/enrollment.

Summer Enrollment Open for Burbank



BURBANK
EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

Burbank Early Childhood School's summer program is accepting registration for three summer sessions for children age 2 ½ to kindergarten.

The tuition-funded program serves about 200 students each year for part-day and full-day preschool as well as extended-day kindergarten.

For a tour, please call 614-487-5155.

THE UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Highlights of the Upper Arlington Board of Education



2016 Upper Arlington Board of Education

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

Front row: Stacey Royer, Carol Mohr, Vice President Robin Comfort

During its organizational meeting on January 11, the Upper Arlington Board of Education unanimously selected Matt McClellan to serve as its president during 2016. Robin Comfort was sworn in for a new term and unanimously selected to serve as vice president of the board. Nancy Drees and Stacey Royer were also sworn in for new terms.

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:

- Monday, March 14, 5 p.m. — UAHS, 1650 Ridgeview Road
- Monday, April 18, 6 p.m. — District Office
- Tuesday, May 10, 6 p.m. — Council Chamber
- Tuesday, June 14, 6 p.m. — Council Chamber
- Tuesday, June 28, 7:30 a.m. — District Office
- Wednesday, July 20, 8 a.m. — District Office

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

Interior Work Begins on Tremont Addition

Work on the interior of the first-phase addition to Tremont Elementary School has begun after the structure was enclosed in January.

With exterior brick and roof work nearing completion, crews have begun installing drywall in the addition, which includes five classrooms and a media center.

Recent work included the installation of a cupola to match the larger one on the existing school building.

The first phase of construction is expected to be completed in May, after which work the second phase will begin. That phase will include a new gymnasium

and interior renovations to create a new cafeteria space, main office with a secure entrance, and music and art classroom space.

The addition, necessitated by rising student enrollment, will be funded by the permanent improvement levy put in place by the community and the Board of Education in 2007.

For more information and a video about the project, please visit www.uaschools.org/tremontconstruction.



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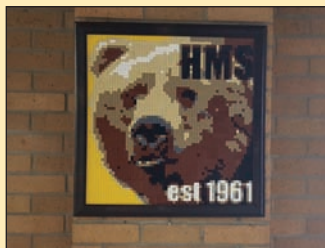
Windermere Elementary students traveled to South America during a rousing assembly to kick off their Global Education studies about the continent.



Congratulations to seventh-grade student Will Holsinger of Hastings Middle School, who won the district spelling bee.



Students at Hastings Middle School played with Lego bricks during a "Frozen Friday" cultural-arts presentation organized by the PTO. Lego artist Wayne Peltz guided students in making a Bear logo (right) to hang in the school.



Wickliffe Progressive School hosted a STEM Science Saturday with the help of Ohio State STEM Scholars, who led activities for students in grades three to five. The activities included making silly putty and bouncy balls.



UAHS hockey players recently wrapped up another successful Pucks for Possibilities philanthropy that benefits ice hockey in the community. The fundraiser involves an equipment drive and a raffle, which this year raised almost \$14,000.



Eighteen UAHS students in grade 12 are candidates to receive an International Baccalaureate diploma in May.

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Service learning

From the youngest to the oldest, students throughout the district engaged in service learning opportunities before winter break in December. The youngest learners in the district, at Burbank Early Childhood School, collected nonperishables for Mid-Ohio Foodbank. Greensview Elementary students collected soda tabs as part of a service project for the Ronald McDonald House. And students at Barrington Elementary collected games for donation.



Hour of Code

Students at Upper Arlington High School, Tremont Elementary and Windermere Elementary practiced their coding skills during separate Hour of Code events at their schools. Hour of Code is a global movement that provides a one-hour introduction to computer science for people as young as age 4. The goal is to encourage kids to learn that computer science is a fun, creative outlet.





SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff

Facilities Master Planning Process Next Steps

Upper Arlington is known as a community that values and supports education, and nowhere is that more evident than in our facilities master planning process. All of our community engagement sessions have been packed, and at last count, our volunteer building teams had well over 300 members. We are incredibly grateful for this level of support, because the process will be successful only if it represents the desires of our community.

During our most recent community engagement session at the end of February, community members provided feedback on a wide range of options for all nine of our aging school buildings. These options ranged from simply repairing the existing facilities to renovating them or even replacing them.

The community feedback will be used to narrow and refine the options for each

building. Once that is complete, a team from Turner Construction will provide cost estimates for each option so that our building teams and community can begin an earnest discussion about the best path forward.

I hope you can join us for our next community engagement session. We'll have an evening option at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at Upper Arlington High School, 1650 Ridgeview Rd. A morning option will follow at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 20, at Mountview Christian Church, 2140 Fishinger Rd. We want your thoughts as we work together to create a wise long-term plan for our schools. Your voice matters!

As always, if you have any questions or ideas, please reach out at superintendent@uaschools.org.

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curriculum stretching across all buildings and all grade levels. The district has also completed a student services review that includes special education, regular education and gifted services. The district will begin sharing those results and integrating the outcomes into the strategic plan this spring, Imhoff said.

In the area of personalization, UA Schools has implemented a one-to-one technology program for students in grades six through 12. The program will extend to elementary students during the 2016-2017 school year and is funded largely through the reallocation of current resources such as the funds previously earmarked for paper textbooks and computers in classrooms and labs.

"We are committed to personalizing learning for each student, and technology is an essential tool we absolutely need in order to achieve this goal," Imhoff said.

In the area of accountability, Imhoff discussed the Upper Arlington Quality Profile, a document meant to hold the schools to an even higher standard than the state report card.

"We know that Upper Arlington residents have high expectations and want our schools to educate the whole child. The state report card relies heavily on standardized tests, and those should be only one data point in a child's education."

The first Upper Arlington Quality Profile was released in September 2015 and can be found online at www.uaschools.org/qualityprofile. Look for the next report in September 2016.

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

One of our major commitments to the community is providing clear and transparent communication on the state of district finances. This spring we will release our first annual financial update, a report that will detail the sources of our funding, how that money is used and many other topics that might affect district finances. As with all district publications, we'll ask for community feedback so we can continue to refine the report each year.

Along with our internal report, we also rely on external, third-party reviews of our finances. Each year the state auditor's office sends a team to audit our district, delving into financial records and reviewing our practices. I'm proud to say that we earned a clean audit opinion and the Auditor of State award again this year.

We also continue to be one of a handful of Ohio school districts that has the highest bond rating — AAA — from Standard & Poor's. Two of the key factors in achieving this rating are our financial planning and our strong community support. The rating allows the district to obtain lower interest rates when issuing debt, decreasing the costs for our community.

If you would like to learn more about our district's finances, please visit www.uaschools.org/treasurer or send a question to treasurer@uaschools.org.



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Library iNSIGHT

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Choose Privacy Week Begins May 1

How much do advertisers and social media companies really know about you? You might be surprised. Max Schrems, who is protected under tough European privacy laws, was able to request everything Facebook had on him. The result? He received over 1,000 pages of information - enough for five biographies. Perhaps more shocking, this document included information he'd deleted from Facebook.

Axiom, a company that isn't exactly a household name, is in the data broker industry. They bragged in a 2013 annual report that they have 3,000 data segments for nearly every US consumer. In 2016, that number is likely higher. These data segments could include age, race, ethnicity, marital status, vacation habits, net worth, vehicle ownership, credit card use and many, many more.

It may seem obvious how social media companies know a lot about people, since oversharing is a common problem for the modern Internet user, but what about companies like Axiom that you've never heard of? It turns out that many advertisers, data brokers and social media companies are tracking your movements online. All of these organizations are interested in which web-



sites you visit, what you search for in Google and other search engines, and in connecting your offline life with your online life - all to create more targeted advertisements.

There are many troubling effects to this kind of information gathering: different people have been charged different prices for the same services, lists of people with particular medical conditions have been bought and sold, and certain people can receive ads for high-paying jobs that others will never see. Law enforcement agencies and the NSA now have unprecedented access to the activities of average citizens, sometimes where no warrant has been issued, and this access has already nullified one important trade agreement between the US and the European Union.

Every year the American Library Association sponsors Choose Privacy Week to raise awareness about online tracking. This year, the UA Library will host three events for Choose Privacy Week:

- **Sunday, May 1 at 1 p.m.: Who is Watching You?** An overview of online tracking.
- **Wednesday, May 4 at 7 p.m.: Forgot your Password?** Improve your security with password managers.
- **Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Cryptoparty!** Bring in your functional laptop or smartphone and let's work together to install privacy technology. All are welcome, especially those who aren't tech-savvy.

To learn more about online privacy issues, check out:

- *Dragnet Nation* by Julia Angwin: <http://bit.ly/1Rp7SpT>
- This 2014 FTC report on data brokers: <http://1.usa.gov/1AwePQE>
- This *Wall Street Journal* article on the Safe Harbor Agreement: <http://on.wsj.com/1QVYt6I>
- An article in *Adweek* on the Carnegie Mellon advertising study: <http://bit.ly/1HMSVvs>

Vinyl Records are Back

Thanks to funding from the Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library, our patrons will have access to a small collection of circulating long playing (LP) vinyl records beginning in March.

Vinyl records have seen a renewed popularity in recent years. Despite the fact that there has been a steady decrease in CD sales due to the public's preference for digital formats, sales of records have been increasing. In 2014 there was a 30% increase in sales of vinyl in U.S. (\$9.2 million vs \$6.1 million in 2013). In addition, more and more artists are releasing their music on vinyl, sometimes only digitally or in vinyl format.

Our vinyl collection will consist of current popular material with an emphasis on classic rock, indie rock, and jazz.

Patrons may borrow up to five records at a time and may keep the items for two weeks. When returning these items, please bring them to the circulation desk of the Main Library rather than use the book drops. This will help keep them in good condition for all vinyl fans.





FROM THE DIRECTOR

Chris Taylor

Public Input was Instrumental to Strategic Plan

The Board of the Upper Arlington Public Library has wrapped up the planning process for our 2016-2018 Strategic Plan. Working with a consultant from the State Library of Ohio, we invited residents to assist us by attending a focus group and by filling out a paper or online survey. Input gathered from the public was used to re-evaluate our current mission, vision, values and areas of strategic focus.

A total of 10 focus groups were held over three weeks in September 2015. Groups met at the Main and Lane Road Libraries as well as at the Senior Center. The consultant invited participants to share how the Library fits into their lives, what they like best

and what could be improved. Participants were asked for specific feedback about the Library's collections, technology, programs and physical spaces. They were then asked how the Library could support the greater community. Library administration summarized the responses into trends, which were then used to create survey questions to test the concepts and ideas that came up in the focus groups.

Our public survey was available for all residents to respond to for one month between October 27 and November 26, 2015. Respondents were first asked about their overall satisfaction with the Upper Arlington Public Library and its collections,

facilities, customer service technology, current services and current programs. Five hundred and eleven people took the survey and I'm pleased to report that the Library received an average general satisfaction rating of 4.68 out of 5. Specific areas were rated between 4.24 and 4.74 out of 5. Respondents were also asked to give us their opinions about a number of new things the Library could pursue based on the trends from the focus groups. Areas explored included convenience services, technology training, space issues, programming ideas and new collections. They were also asked where they thought the Library could reduce spending in order to reallocate funding to new ideas.

I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to participate in the focus groups and the survey. We received many interesting comments and insight from the public. The Board of Trustees approved the plan at its February meeting. See page 21 for a look at what we'll be focusing on over the next three years.

Youth Department Offers Summer Volunteer Program

All three locations of the Upper Arlington Public Library are seeking teen volunteers for this year's "On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!" Summer Library Club. Our Main Library is seeking 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.

Interns

Teens entering grades 10-12 or who graduate high school in 2016 are eligible to be an intern. The positions involve a commitment of 8-10 hours per week from May 23-July 31. 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 Friday, April 1 and are due Sunday, 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 Friday, April 1 and are due Sunday, May 1.

Book Buddies

Back by popular demand, all three locations of the Upper Arlington Public Library are also seeking teens to help with our Book Buddies Program. Teens entering grades 6-12 are paired with a younger student and act as their reading "coach."



Applications for Book Buddies will be available Sunday, May 1.

Applications for each of these positions will be available on the dates noted above at all three of our locations and on our website at www.ualibrary.org. Completed applications can be dropped off at the preferred volunteer location.

Your Photos Could Be in the New UA History Book

Photo Contest

Get your cameras ready! We're looking for some gorgeous color images for UA's upcoming centennial history book. The book will be published in the fall of 2017, and we'd like to include select photos of iconic Upper Arlington scenes such as streetscapes, our 4th of July celebration, the Mallway, shopping centers, schools, historic locations, and government buildings. The book will celebrate our community and its rich history, so we're excited to see what you come up with!

You will receive printed credit for any images chosen for publication, and all photos must be original and taken within the past two years. Submissions should be sent to the Upper Arlington Historical Society by Sunday, July 10, 2016. Please visit www.uahistory.org for additional details.

Historical Photo Scanning Days

In addition to the photo contest for current images, we will host two scanning days for historical Upper Arlington photos. If you



Your photos of local sites such as Jones Middle School could appear in the next UA history book.

have older images that show our community as it once was, we'd love to scan them for possible inclusion in the UA history book and the UA Archives.

Plan to bring your historical photos to the UAPL on Thursday, March 31 or Wednesday, May 4, and watch the Library's website at www.ualibrary.org for more details as we get closer to those dates.

New Partnerships Coming in 2016

Partnering with area organizations has long been a great method for the Upper Arlington Public Library to serve the community in new and exciting ways. From working with schools to get library cards into the hands of students to hosting book clubs at local businesses, we are always on the lookout for collaborations that will help patrons. Our newest partnerships continue this commitment.

Library staff members will assist onsite at the Ohioana Library Association's Book Festival on April 23. In addition, featured authors from the festival will visit the Main Library on April 21 for a panel discussion that is open to the public. Our staff also regularly provides Ohioana with reviews of books written by authors from Ohio.

We continue to work closely with local organizations to present programs that are of interest to our older population.

We recently wrapped up a series on wellness for seniors presented in cooperation with the Upper Arlington Commission on Aging. We'll offer a Senior Services Workshop and Expo with help from the Tri-Village Chamber Partnership's Older Adult Resources Group on May 11 at the Main Library.

Our reference department staff is assisting the Upper Arlington Historical Society with collecting photos for a new edition of a book about our city's history. We will host two public events this spring with the purpose of scanning old photos of Upper Arlington for possible inclusion in the book.

These are just a few of our latest joint projects. Other developing partnerships we hope to announce soon include collaborations with The Stand Project, Upper Arlington Rotary, and local garden clubs.

Create and Share Your eBook with Help from SELF-e



The Upper Arlington Library has just made it easy for you to self-publish your own eBooks.

SELF-e is a new service available to libraries that allows you to produce professional quality eBooks and distribute them to patrons locally and beyond through your public library. You submit your book through a simple online form and choose if you want to share it with UAPL patrons only or share with participating libraries throughout Ohio. There is no cost to use this service and books published are royalty free.

You may also choose to submit your eBook for possible inclusion in the Library Journal SELF-e public library eBook discovery service. This will feature some of the best eBooks by self-published authors in a variety of genres, as chosen by Library Journal. Books that are selected at this level will be made available nationally.

Works from authors who opt into the state module will be made available at participating libraries across the state, even if the eBooks are not selected by Library Journal.

SELF-e is a great way to a way to disseminate your work to the public and build a base of readers locally, statewide or even nationally. All that is required is an engaging story and your eBook file. For more information and to submit your work, please visit us at <http://publishme.ualibrary.org>.

You're also invited to learn more at a live presentation by our Media Services staff on Wednesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. at the Main Library.

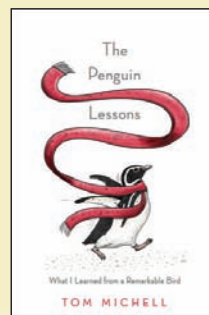
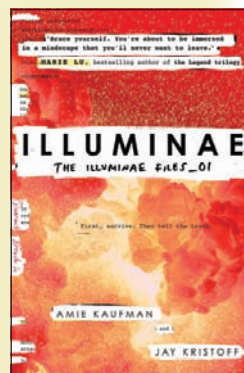
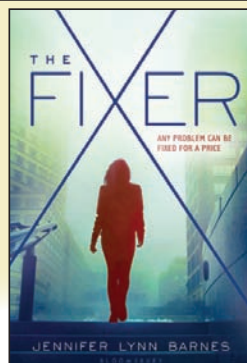
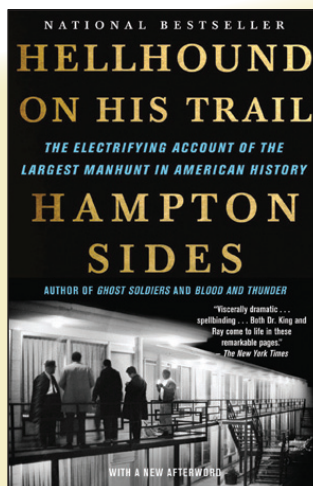
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

Station Eleven

By Emily St. John

This was the best book I read last year. It takes place in the aftermath of a deadly flu pandemic that levels society as we know it. Although the topic is science fiction, the story focuses on the characters and their thought processes, and relationships. This book is the featured title in our April Book Circle programs at the Lane Road and Main Libraries.

— Pam Cole, Lane Road Library



Illuminae

By Amie Kaufman

I listened to this first in a series and it was riveting. Told in snippets of hacked video diaries, ships' logs, emails and other documents, the book centers around Kady and Ezra, two teens on an out-of-the way illegal mining planet. The two had been dating but had broken up the day their world is invaded. As part of a small group of three vessels trying to stay ahead of the encroaching enemy ship, Kady and Ezra find they must join forces to survive the dangers which include the hostile pursuers, a devastating zombie-like plague that breaks out on board and the failing artificial intelligence that controls every system on board. I can't wait to see where this one goes. Teen dystopian sci-fi at its best.

—Tracie Steele, Youth Services

Doctor Sleep

By Stephen King

Now middle-aged, Dan Torrance of *The Shining*, one of Stephen King's most well-known novels, is still dealing with the shining. The incidents years ago at the Overlook Hotel have left their mark on Dan, who has been drifting ever since. Until, that is, he settles in a New Hampshire town and meets Abra Stone, whose shining is like no others. Settle in for a fast-paced and haunting read.

—Hari Ruiz, Adult Services

The Fixer

By Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Tess Kendrick's world is turned upside down when she starts classes at Washington D.C.'s high school for the children of politicians and world leaders. Being the new girl is bad enough, but as the sister of D.C.'s fixer, Tess finds herself mixed up in a conspiracy involving the families of her classmates, unintentionally diving headfirst into the dark-side of politics. A great, suspenseful young adult book, perfect for fans of *Scandal* and *Pretty Little Liars*.

—Annamarie Carlson, Circulation

Hellhound on His Trail

By Hampton Sides

Who knew that yoga — or some form of it — played a role in the assassination of Martin Luther King? *Hellhound on His Trail* tells of this and a variety of other influences that turned common thief James Earl Ray into a racist killer. Sides describes how even though King and Ray took very different life paths, both men eventually end up in Memphis on the fateful day of April 4, 1968 that King was murdered. Concluding with fascinating detective work leading to the international chase for James Earl Ray, this fresh take on an historical event is hard to put down!

—Scott Potter, Adult Services

The Penguin Lessons: What I Learned From a Remarkable Bird

By Tom Mitchell

While teaching in South America, the author saved a penguin that was the victim of an oil spill. After his misadventures trying to clean the bird, he tried to return the penguin to the sea. The penguin would have none of it and followed the author back home. Without the benefit of the Internet, the author stumbles upon how to care for his new companion, Juan Salvador. Animal lovers will enjoy this delightful read!

—Kris Stahler, Miller Park Library

**Want more book recommendations?
Just ask our adult or youth librarians!**

Upper Arlington Public Library 2016-2018 Strategic Plan

At its February 2016 meeting, the Library's Board of Trustees approved the 2016-2018 Strategic Plan. Here are the areas we'll be focused on, ranging from technology to collections to physical spaces.

MISSION STATEMENT: *The threefold mission of the Upper Arlington Public Library is to help the community explore current topics, UA heritage, and world issues; to provide a central place for citizens of UA to gather and share ideas; and encourage its residents to grow through a lifetime of learning.*

Strengthen patrons' knowledge of culture and technology through innovative programs.

- Increase program attendance and patron satisfaction through:
 - Increasing the number of music programs.
 - Increasing the number of technology programs.
- Identify new services to help adults master technological skills.

Create a distinctive and diverse collection.

- Enhance our already strong music collection by introducing additional formats.
- Expand our UA Archives collection.
- Identify other unique collections to make best in the metro area.

Position ourselves as the premier community partner.

- Enhance our partnerships with local schools to be one of the best in the state.
- Increase joint programming and services with other partners.

Optimize the Library's staff, space and other resources to support patron needs.

- Realign Library space to accommodate patrons' classic, creative, and collaborative uses.

Strengthen financial and operational outcomes.

- Develop additional revenue streams through private fund raising as specified in the fundraising plan.

Demonstrate transparency to the community.

- Implement the State of Ohio's open checkbook.
- Prepare and distribute a comprehensive outcome oriented annual scorecard that is a national leader among libraries.

VISION STATEMENT: *The Place for Integrated Learning.*

NewsBITES

LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Summer Library Club Begins May 23

The UA Schools' summer break begins early this year, so we're starting Summer Library Club early, too! This year's theme, ***On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!***, will highlight books, programs and activities that promote health, exercise and well-being. We'll offer a variety of activities throughout the 10-week program, and readers can sign up, log hours, and participate online May 23-July 31 at www.summerlibraryclub.org, or in person at any UAPL location. More details will be available in the summer *Library Insight*.

Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Upper Arlington Library will hold its Spring Book Sale May 15-28 in the atrium of the Main Library. You'll find a large selection of used books, DVDs, CDs, records, magazines and more. Most books are priced from 25¢ to \$2. A special members-only presale will be held Sunday, May 15 from Noon-1 p.m. Memberships will be sold at the door for those who would like

to take advantage of this benefit but are not yet members. On the final day of the sale, Saturday, May 28, Friends members can fill a paper grocery bag with books for just \$5. Nonmember price is \$10 per bag. All proceeds benefit the UA Library, so find a bargain and help your library.

We're Looking for Storytellers

The Main Library will present a program for adults called "The Storytellers" on Tuesday, April 26 at 7 p.m. We're seeking several good public speakers with an interesting story to tell. If you or someone you know would be a good addition to the lineup, please contact Community Engagement Specialist Jennifer Faure at jfaure@ualibrary.org.

Listen Columbus

In Fall 2016, we will launch ***Listen Columbus*** — a digital collection of music from Central Ohio musicians. UAPL cardholders will discover new local musicians and can stream or download their music. We're the first

public library in Ohio to create this type of collection, made possible thanks to grants from the State Library of Ohio and the Friends of the UA Library. Follow ***Listen Columbus*** on Facebook and Twitter to get all the updates on this exciting new service. Right now we are accepting applications from local musicians in all genres. To be considered, visit www.listencolumbus.org.

Teen Poetry Contest

The Library's Teen Advisory Board is hosting a poetry contest! Students in grades K-12 can write an original poem and submit a copy to any UA Library's Youth Department between March 28-April 1. 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. Each winner will receive a blue ribbon and will be featured on our website. Please include your name, grade, phone number and email address on your poem when entering.

Upcoming Holiday Closings

All three UA libraries will be closed on Sunday, May 29 and Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

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



The Rock and Roll Book Club — Chuck Johnson, Mark Dantzer, Pat Buzzard and Ryan Smith — held their first ever live podcast recording in the Main Library's Friends Theater.



This winter the Main Library hosted a display of pieces from the Art Quilt Alliance.

Young patrons at the Miller Park Library design their own LEGO Minifigures at the LEGO Afternoon program.



Ashley Ellrod, Upper Arlington City Clerk, swears in Kyle McKee, Sue Ralph and Peter Hahn as new members of the Library's Board of Trustees.



Library Director Chris Taylor visited the Upper Arlington Senior Center to give info on the Central Library Consortium and downloading the Library's eBooks.



Lauren Etzkorn from The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium introduces families to a kinkajou during a program at the Lane Road Library.

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Spring Program Highlights

Women of Movies Film Series

Film educator and scholar Linda Taylor returns to the Main Library this spring to present a series of films by and about women. All films will be shown on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. We begin on March 6 with *Beyond Silence* in which a young woman with deaf parents becomes their interpreter. Her desire to become a musician is an interest they cannot share. We continue on March 20 with *Grace of My Heart*. An aspiring singer becomes a successful songwriter in the Brill Building "girl group" era. On April 3, we show *Guinevere*, which tells the story of a woman from an affluent family who rebels and becomes involved with an older photographer. Finally, on April 17 we conclude with *Frida*, a biopic about Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, directed by Julie Taymor in the style of Kahlo's paintings.

Senior Services Workshop and Expo

The Main Library and the Tri-Village Chamber Partnership's Older Adult Resources Group

are collaborating to present the Senior Services Workshop and Expo on May 11. This is the second year for the event, which features programs and exhibits to benefit the older community. Representatives from agencies and businesses that serve the needs of seniors in the community will be in the atrium from 3-7 p.m. to meet with visitors. Have you accumulated more possessions than you need at this point in your life? Experienced professionals will present "De-Clutter and Downsize: Finding Solutions to Sort Your Stuff" at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Theater. And if you're thinking of downsizing, upsizing or otherwise changing your living arrangement, don't miss "Home Sweet Home" at 6:30 p.m. in the Friends Theater. Local real estate experts will share the unique options available to you in Central Ohio.

Older Adult Resource Help Desk

Another great option for seniors this spring is the chance to speak with a professional about issues facing older adults. Do you have questions about Medicare plans? Are

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you wondering what resources are available in Upper Arlington to help you or a family member age in place? Meet with a representative from the Upper Arlington Commission on Aging, Syntero or STAY UA and get answers. Reps from the organizations will be in the Main Library's Meeting Room A on the 2nd Tuesdays of March, April and May from 3-5 p.m.; and on the 4th Tuesdays of March, April and May from 6-8 p.m.

Fairy House Building

Gather the family and head to Miller Park Library on Saturday, May 21 at 11 a.m. for Fairy House Building. Use your imagination to build a house outside in Miller Park. We'll provide natural materials such as leaves, rocks, and sticks, and you may bring materials from home, too. Registration at www.ualibrary.org is required with at least one adult accompanying each group. Meet in the children's area of Miller Park Library at 11 a.m. and we'll venture out into the park together after a brief orientation.

Gardening Programs

Have a green thumb or just wish you did? Lane Road Library will present two gardening programs this spring that you won't want to miss. Master gardener Lori Overmyer visits on Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m. to teach you how to start growing herbs at home and how to prepare recipes around your own garden. On Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m., master gardener Joanne Dole will present a look at backyard conservation. She'll give advice on how to turn your yard into an eco-friendly environment. Registration at www.ualibrary.org is required for these programs.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Seated: Vice President John Yesso; President Sarah Mueller
Standing L-R: Secretary Gloria Heydlauff, Kyle McKee, Sue Ralph, Bill Shkurti, Peter Hahn

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 15 at 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 19 at 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 17 at 5 p.m.



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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 3-30

High Schools

April 6-28

Yasue Sakaoka Retrospective, 1980-2015

May 4- June 24

Reception: 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, May 10

Leadership UA Panel: Civility

6:30-8 p.m., Wed, March 3

The Metro School, 1929 Kenny Road

www.leadershipua.org

The Music Man

7:30 p.m., Sat, March 5, 12

2:30 p.m., Sun, March 6, 13

Hastings Middle School Auditorium

614-487-5100 | uaschools.org

All City Orchestra Concert

7 p.m., Tue, March 15

UA High School Auditorium

614-487-2052 | uaschools.org

The Stand Project: Street Smart

7 p.m., Wed, March 16

UA High School Auditorium

www.thestandprojectua.org

Parents learn what types of drugs are in circulation and how to identify the signs of substance abuse in adolescents.

Easter Egg Candy Hunt

10 a.m., Sat, March 26

Thompson Park | www.uaoh.net

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

Tri-Village Chamber Partnership (TCVP) Annual Event

5:30-8 p.m., Thu, March 31

Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center

614-486-0196 | www.uachamber.org

April Fool's Breakfast

8-11 a.m., Sat, April 2

Tremont Center | 614-228-5547

Free pancake breakfast.

Volunteer UA Expo

10 a.m.-7 p.m., Wed, April 13

UA Public Library, Tremont Branch

583-5326 | www.uaoh.net

Connecting volunteers with area non profits.

UA Centennial Community Meeting

6:30 p.m., Wed, April 13

UA Public Library, Tremont Branch

583-5027 | www.ua100.org

Help Centennial celebration planners with advance planning for 2018.

Twelve Angry Jurors

7:30 p.m., Fri, April 22-Sun, April 24

UA High School Auditorium

614-487-5240 | uaschools.org

The Stand Project: Practical Parenting

10 a.m., Tue, April 26

Tremont Library

www.thestandprojectua.org

This session is for parents of high school students

The Walk

Sat, May 14, Sun, May 15

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

Sandwich Stroll

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

Sunny 95 Park

UA Commission on Aging | 583-5326

Raise the Roof

7-11 p.m., Friday, May 6

Amelita Mirolo Barn, Sunny 95 Park

uacommunityfoundation.com

Farmers' Market

3-6 p.m., Wed, starting May 11

1945 Ridgeview Road

UA Parks & Rec | www.uaoh.net

Spring Fling

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Sat, May 21

Sunny 95 Park

UA Parks & Rec | www.uaoh.net

2016 Wall of Honor

3 p.m., Sun, May 22

3600 Tremont Road

UA Historical Society | www.uahistory.org

Memorial Day Run

9 a.m., Mon, May 30

Reed Road Shelter

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org