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## 2017 State of the City Address in Review

### A Cherished Past, A Golden Future

Our 2017 State of the City Address, held January 23, 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 “A Cherished Past, A Golden Future,” attendees were given an overview of the City’s strong financial position, recent economic development accomplishments, as well as a progress report on critical reinvestment in our community’s infrastructure.

Our ever popular Community Awards Program celebrated the following worthy 2016 recipients:

#### Business of the Year

– **OSU Wexner Medical Center.** OSU’s Wexner Medical Center is one of the newest businesses in UA, with its 104,000 square foot offices at Kingsdale. The facility provides numerous key health services including behavioral health, women’s health, family medical and laboratory services. The significant investment by OSU as well as the numerous jobs that the facility represents for UA mark 2016 as the beginning of a strong relationship between the Wexner Center and the community.



From left: Dan Like, Associate Executive Director, Ambulatory Services; John Ridgway, Wexner Medical Center Associate Director.

#### Community

##### Enrichment – Northwest

**Kiwanis.** The Northwest Kiwanis Club has a long history of service and commitment to UA through participation in numerous volunteer projects. Most recently, the club dedicated



Northwest Kiwanis members (from left): Police Chief Tracy Hahn, Kiwanis President George Kirsh, Craig Smith, UA Aquatics Manager Lee Spitzer.



A sneak peek of the UA High School Vocal Music’s production of “The Wizard of Oz” brought a great energy to the start of the presentation.

several days to the Northwest Kiwanis Park to replace the lumber and hardware on old picnic tables. In past years, the club helped fund the City’s purchase of the park that bears their name, spent days of volunteer time removing invasive honeysuckle from City parks, constructed the shelter house and restroom facilities at Northwest Kiwanis Park, helped fund the construction of the Amelita Mirolo Barn in Sunny 95 Park. The club also routinely sponsors a large recreational soccer program for area kids.

#### Community Safety

##### – Syntero/UA Schools In-Schools Collaboration.

Syntero and UA Schools are involved in a high priority collaborative effort to provide behavioral health support and prevention services and activities in all UA schools. This program provides consultation for students experiencing interpersonal difficulties and provides detailed recommendations to students, parents and school staff to help resolve problems.



Syntero representatives Sarah Shiflet and Sara Harrison accept the Community Safety Award.

**Super Senior – John Easton.** John is a champion of beautification programs in UA. He served on the UA Community Foundation and encouraged the board to offer its support to City beautification efforts, which continues to this day. Additionally, he has organized

residents and directed them through several group sponsorship beautification programs including the neighborhood island at Sandover Rd. and Clarion Ct. Recently, John worked as a sponsor to plan and fund the creation of the new butterfly garden at Westover Park to not only beautify the area, but also educate children about the life of these beautiful creatures.

**Youth – BEARS Group – Hastings MS.** BEARS, or Bringing Empathy, Acceptance, and Respect Schoolwide, is a group formed by students at Hastings Middle School to help students feel safe and engaged at school. The group meets during students' lunch hours and over the summer to plan events and activities including creating staff meeting presentations, visiting elementary schools to discuss the importance of kindness, school-wide team building days and monthly in-class activities. Additionally, the BEARS students have written grant letters to purchase supplies, brought in nationally known speakers on bullying and invited OSU athletes to talk about the importance of teamwork.



## BUILDING BLOCKS

The strong reinvestment trends that have been evident for a number of years continue to reach all time highs. In 2015, we experienced an incredible \$95 million in permitted construction value. The final tally for 2016 jumped by another \$16 million to a grand total of \$111.6 million for the year.

A lot of the commercial reinvestment has been focused along Lane Avenue. As a prominent commercial corridor with direct access to SR 315 and OSU, this area is attractive to developers looking to capitalize on UA's demographics and excellent location.

The potential exists for additional redevelopment within this district, with several sites at differing stages of exploration and/or planning. The seven-story Arlington Gateway Project has received approval, pending the resolution of two variances and a number of conditions that must be met by April 8 in order for the project's approval to be upheld. And Staff recently heard of plans for a new redevelopment at the northwest corner of Lane Avenue and Northwest Boulevard, to include a Heartland Bank.

On February 6, the Board of Zoning and Planning (BZAP) had an informal discussion on a proposed project by J. Liu for a six-story redevelopment at 1640 W. Lane Avenue—the northeast corner of Lane Avenue & Westmont Boulevard, adjacent to The Lane mixed-use project. It includes two ground floor restaurants, with a five-story

Home2 Suites by Hilton hotel with 118 rooms located above. Surface parking and a two-story parking garage are proposed north of the building, providing 160 on-site parking spaces. The proposed development would require the rezoning of five residential properties along Westmont Boulevard to a planned mixed-use designation.

In a report to BZAP, Planning Staff cited a number of items associated with the proposal that would require resolution in order to meet the City's zoning and design standards within the Lane Avenue Mixed-Use Planning District (PMUD). This includes recommended changes to the materials used on the exterior, addressing height allowances, and a need for an expanded landscaping buffer at the rear of the site. The report also highlighted the need for a traffic study and a better understanding of the parking needs that would be generated by a project of this size and nature.

Formal applications are anticipated in advance of additional public hearings in the spring. BZAP will review the merits of the development plan application, and then vote to approve or deny the request. The Board will also make a recommendation to City Council concerning the rezoning component. It is up to City Council to approve or deny the rezoning application.

Look for details on this project at [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net) under the Headlines section of the homepage.

## 2017 Wall of Honor to Induct John Austin Dunkel

The City and the Upper Arlington Historical Society are pleased to announce that John Austin Dunkel has been selected for induction into the Wall of Honor. He



dedicated a substantial part of his working life to the community he loved. A practicing attorney who rose through the ranks to become a senior attorney at Porter Wright Morris & Arther, LLP, Mr. Dunkel was best known locally for his time serving as Mayor and a member of City Council during the 1960s. He took it upon himself to challenge the Ohio State Legislature relative to a decades-old law regarding the governance of Ohio libraries. With the law overturned, his accomplishment set the stage for Upper Arlington to become independent of the Grandview Library and to establish its own library system. A ceremony in Mr. Dunkel's honor will be held Sunday, May 21 beginning at 3 p.m., at 3600 Tremont Road.

## Activity Guide

We make FUN happen! Spring/Summer

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

## CITY STREETS *Updates on Road Improvement Projects*

The 2017 road construction season will be another busy one, as our Engineering Division takes steps to reduce the backlog of necessary work as part of our 10-year Capital Improvement Program. Read on for a summary of what to expect.

## Reed Road Reconstruction Project

Full reconstruction from Henderson Road south to Lane Road.

## W. Fifth Avenue Bike Path and Roadway Improvement Project

Made possible through grant monies and a partnership with Marble Cliff.

## 2017 Street Reconstruction Program

Overall Cost: Approximately \$3.8 million (three times the expenditure from past years). These projects are comprised of complete road reconstruction, new curb and gutter, driveway apron replacement and storm sewer repairs on sections of the following streets:

- **Avalon Road** (Zollinger to Kenyon)
- **Edgemont Road N** (Wyandotte to Northwest Blvd.)
- **Harlton Court** (Vassar Place to cul de sac)
- **Kenyon Road** (Avalon to Wickliffe)
- **Langham Road** (Redding to Somerford)
- **Mackenzie Drive** (Nugent to Meekison)
- **Melford Road** (Inchcliffe to Zollinger)
- **Middlesex Road** (Woodbridge to Mountview)
- **Milden Road** (Redding to Tremont)
- **Pemberton Drive** (Tremont to Fishingner)
- **Randmore Road** (Ardwick to Mumford)
- **Ridgecliff Road** (Redding to Sciotangy, and Colchester to Tremont)
- **Springhill Drive** (Mountview to Redding)
- **South Mallway** (Arlington Ave. to Waltham)
- **Tremont Road** (North Star to Coventry)
- **Waltham Road** (Arlington Ave. to Bedford)
- **Wilshire Drive** (Andover to Welsford)
- **Wyandotte Road** (Tremont to corporate line, and Stanford to Edgemont Rd. N)

## 2017 Street Maintenance Program (SMP)

Overall Cost: Approximately \$1.7 million.  
Road resurfacing work - routine repairs designed to prolong the useful life of a street: Airendel Court, Airendel Lane, Avalon Road, Brackley Road, Dorchester Road, Edington Road, Greensview Drive, Kentwell Road, Lanercost Road, Lanes End, Lytham Road, Masters Drive, Mountview Road, Northam Road, Nugent Road, Ridgeview Road, Rosebery Drive, Sandover Road, Stanford Road, Tremont Road, Wilshire Road, Woodbridge Road

## Bridge Improvements

- **Abington Road over Evans Run** - bridge replacement
- **Brixton Road over Evans Run** - bridge replacement
- **Kenny Road over Turkey Run** - bridge lining

## Waterline Replacements

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

- Asbury Road
- Reed Road
- Wyandotte Road

## Sustainable Sewer Solution 2017 Project

Sanitary sewer improvements for the areas east of Riverside Drive, between McCoy Road and Fishinger Road.

## Streetlight Replacement

### Replacement of old wooden streetlights with metal poles on McCoy Road and Kioka Avenue

## Traffic Signal Replacement

Replacement of traffic signals on Andover Road at Northam Road.

Residents on the affected streets will be invited to a public meeting before work begins, the SMP excepted (these homes receive a postcard). Full project details can be found at [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net) under **Living in UA | Road Construction Updates**, where you can register for updates on some projects. Additionally, we share project updates via our Facebook and Twitter pages.

## Holiday Refuse Collection Delays

**Solid Waste.....614-583-5370**

- **Memorial Day, Monday, May 29** – delays collection by one day for all zones. Normal service resumes the following week.

## Yard Waste

**Solid Waste.....614-583-5370**

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.....614-921-9335**

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.

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## FROM CHAMBERS

### Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

#### Council Supports Sidewalk Additions Within 2017 CIP

The City's fiscal picture is drastically different today from what it was just five years ago. This trend to the positive has allowed the City to tackle capital projects at an unprecedented rate. As we enter our fourth year of an expanded 10-year Capital Improvement Program, the list of construction projects planned was already impressive, but with a strong fund balance on hand Council has directed our Engineering Division to go one step further.

The result is the addition of the 2017 Sidewalk Connection Project, which aims to promote pedestrian connectivity in areas identified by the Safe Routes to School Travel Plan and to target community requests to fill in gaps in our sidewalk infrastructure. It includes new sidewalk on one side of the street in the following areas:

- **Canterbury Road** from Riverside Drive to Tremont Road
- **Cambridge Boulevard** from Riverside Drive to Tremont Road



#### 2017 Upper Arlington City Council

##### Front row (from left):

John C. Adams; Kip Greenhill (Vice President), Debbie Johnson (President), David DeCapua

**Back row:** Brendan King, Sue Ralph, Carolyn Casper

- **Lane Road** from Riverside Drive to Reed Road
- **Coach Road** from Lane Road north to Fontenay Place and an additional gap further north
- **Middlesex Road** from Woodbridge Road to Windermere Road
- **Tremont Road** from Arlington Avenue to Westover Road

The Engineering Division invites residents to an informational meeting on

this project on Thursday, March 9, 2017 from 6-8 p.m. at 3600 Tremont Road. Staff will have the proposed sidewalk exhibits and be able to answer any questions you may have about this project.

To see what is proposed, visit [www.uaoh.net/sidewalkoptions](http://www.uaoh.net/sidewalkoptions). If you have questions, contact the Engineering Division at 614-583-5360 or send an email to the project's field engineer, Roberta Barkhimer, at [rbarkhimer@uaoh.net](mailto:rbarkhimer@uaoh.net).

#### A Call to Public Service: Everything You Wanted to Know About Serving Upper Arlington 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 10 Tremont Library

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

City Council and School Board seats will be on the November ballot, with an early August filing deadline for interested candidates. Leadership UA is hosting an informational session for residents interested in giving back to their community through public service.

Community leaders will share the ins and outs of running for an elected position and what to expect if selected to serve.

#### Fourth of July Parade Float Builders Workshop 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 18 Municipal Services Center

Each spring in advance of UA's favorite holiday—Fourth of July—the UA Civic Association hosts a float builders workshop for residents and neighborhoods interested in participating in the morning Parade.

#### UACA Seeking Teacher "Golden Apple" Awards

Nomination Deadline March 31

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

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

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

#### Historic Artifact Dedication at Miller Park Library

3 p.m., Sunday, May 7 Miller Park

[info@uahistory.org](mailto:info@uahistory.org)

Save the Date! Stop by Miller Park on Sunday May 7 to help celebrate the dedication of a historic artifact that will be installed at the park. A carriage step from the original Miller family farm (the first property to be purchased for the development of Upper Arlington) has been donated to the Upper Arlington Historical Society and will be installed for permanent display, along with historical information, at Miller Park next to the library. Please join us for this special, family-friendly dedication event that will feature old fashioned refreshments and entertainment. This event is co-hosted by the UA Historical Society, UA Library, and the City of UA. Contact [info@uahistory.org](mailto:info@uahistory.org) for additional information.

## Northam Park Phase II Update

The 2017 pool season will be here before we know it and for many who live near Northam Park, excitement is growing for the new Tremont Pool

There's a lot happening at Northam Park these days, with all elements of Phase II under construction—namely the new Tremont Pool, playground, reading garden by the Library and the park entry/drop-off area.

As this year's outdoor pool season fast approaches, the pool remains on track to open on or close to the Memorial Day Weekend. Please watch for details of a grand opening celebration in the weeks ahead.

### A Quick Look at Tremont Pool

- **Pool Features:** Heated water, 6 lap lanes, 2 diving boards, climbing wall, balance element and zero-depth entry with a separate toddler area.
- **Other Features:** The pool deck includes shade structures, landscaping and trees. A reserveable shelter can also be used by the general public during non-rented times. A concession stand at the southeast corner of the site can serve pool patrons and park users, with restrooms dedicated for park users. Changing areas and restrooms include family facilities.
- **Pool Depths:** The pool has a zero-depth entrance. Depths then range up to five feet in the general pool area and up to 12 feet in the diving and climbing wall area.



### Aquatics Programming Available at UA's Three Pools

Once Tremont Pool opens, a pool pass will give UA residents access to an extensive range of heated aquatic options at our three outdoor facilities. This includes:

- 3 wading pools
- Toddler water play feature
- 2 zero-depth entry pools
- 14 lap lanes offering lengths of 25 meters & 25 yards
- 6 Diving boards: 1/2 meter, 1 meter, 3 meter
- 2 slides
- Vortex whirlpool
- Current channel
- Climbing wall
- Water balance element

- Reserveable shelter
- Shade structures, natural shade, chaise lounge chairs
- Concession stands, family changing rooms, showers, lockers
- State of the art filtration systems, LED lighting

The Parks & Recreation Department's Spring/Summer **Activity Guide** is filled with extensive details of this year's swim season, including schedules for each pool. The **Activity Guide** will be mailed to UA homes March 1, with registration for pool passes and swim lessons beginning Wednesday, March 8.

### Call for Lifeguards and other Seasonal Positions

If your idea of a great summer is lots of pool time, consider a seasonal position with UA's Aquatics team. The Aquatics Division is looking for lifeguards, pool office workers and managers. The City offers competitive wages, lifeguard certification courses and a great work environment.

To learn more about these or other seasonal opportunities such as camp leaders, tennis staff, parks maintenance workers and more, look for the jobs link at [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net)







## CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Theodore J. Staton

### UA to Consolidate 911/Dispatching Services with the Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center

If you've been following some of the issues facing the City in recent years, you will know we have been reviewing our options for 911/dispatching for approximately six years. Changes of any significance to a critical service such as this most certainly merit the time and attention that has been put into this complex issue. When I look at how extensively the dispatching landscape has changed since we started this process, I am confident it has been time well spent.

At the close of 2016 it was brought to my attention that the time was upon us for determining our next steps and beginning along that path. In December I received communication from Police Chief Tracy Hahn and Interim Fire Chief Mark Zambito summarizing their concerns and recommendations. They stated to me in no uncertain terms their belief that this is the most important issue currently facing their respective divisions.

In this letter, challenges of staffing the UA dispatching center under a climate of uncertainty, changes in regulations for dispatching centers, Upper Arlington's inability to directly receive cellular 911 calls and the rapid technological advances that are requiring centers to adapt at an equal pace were cited as factors driving their belief that Upper Arlington should no longer run its own dispatching center.

They further went on to state that of the two best options for consolidation with another agency, they are confident it is in our best interests to partner with the City of Dublin, the lead agency of the Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center (NRECC). The reasons cited included:

- connected with a live dispatcher.
- Dublin is able to provide a dispatching console dedicated to Upper Arlington Police, and the Fire consoles would have additional staffing during peak times to accommodate our needs.
- Dublin has already successfully assumed dispatching operations for the City of Hilliard Police and Norwich Township Fire. Conversations with safety directors at these organizations confirm the level of service provided by Dublin is exceptional and would meet our expectations.
- Many members of staff and interested members of Council were afforded the opportunity to visit the Dublin communications center, seeing first-hand how comparable the human experience would be and the advancements in dispatching technology that would enhance the overall service.
- Dublin can provide the records processing and maintenance requirements associated with dispatching and emergency response, which translates to the UA Police Division requiring fewer in-house resources.

In response to their recommendation, this issue became a top priority during the first part of this year. This included an extensive schedule of community outreach and engagement:

- Presentations and discussions at the January 17, February 6 and 13 Council meetings;
- A January 31 Public Meeting with presentations from our safety chiefs, insight on NRECC from Director Jay Somerville and representatives of NRECC's partners from Hilliard Police and Norwich Township Fire;
- A series of Coffees with the Safety

Chiefs, held January 24, 28, February 2 and 3 at various community locations;

- A Telephone Town Hall on February 8, with more than 300 residents listening in to a radio talk-show style discussion that included live questions from residents;
- Presentations to various civic groups such as the Upper Arlington Rotary, the Citizen Police Academy Alumni group and Northwest Kiwanis;
- An extensive series of social media posts and video updates.

This effort helped many residents learn more about the issue and the factors driving our recommended move to a consolidation with Dublin. And it provided Council with the insight it needed to reach a consensus on the best way forward, with a unanimous vote February 13 on a Motion directing me to consolidate our 911/dispatching services with Dublin.

The work to bring this consolidation to fruition is now proceeding in earnest. We anticipate the transition will take place over the course of 2017, allowing Dublin to hire, train and familiarize dispatchers with our community, and for the many technological changes to be implemented and extensively tested before going live.

We can all be very proud of the exceptional safety services we enjoy in UA and we want to be sure that our Police, Fire and EMS emergency responders have all the tools they need to maintain the high standards that have been set over the years. In order to do that, we are confident this consolidation with Dublin will ensure that our 911/dispatching services stay apace with the changing landscape within which they must operate.

Full details of this issue can be found at [www.uaoh.net/911](http://www.uaoh.net/911), where we will post updates on the progress of the transition.

# NewsBITES

## CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

### Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holiday:

- Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day

### Public Meetings

#### CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 614-583-5030

Check the "Events" link 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 12

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 17-28

#### FIRE DIVISION

614-583-5100

Fire hydrant flushing will occur weekdays from April 17-28, 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 flushed on a given day are provided at the beginning of that day in the following ways:

- Signs reading "Hydrant Flushing Today" are placed at prominent intersections in each area before flushing starts, and removed when completed for the day.
- You can call 614-583-5115 to get information on the areas being flushed that day.

- Residents are notified via email, text or voicemail using the ALERT Franklin County notification system, at the beginning of the program.
- The City's website features a page under the "Headlines" section with daily updates about areas being flushed.
- Daily reminders are shared on the City's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Most residents will notice no difference in their water supply, but a few could experience water discoloration after flushing has taken place in their area. Please refrain from doing laundry on the day hydrants are flushed in your area. Before resuming laundering, partially fill washers until the water runs clear. Run a sample of water into a transparent container to check for settling or discoloration. Once the water is clear, the washer can be spun out to drain the tub for a normal laundry load. Turn on all faucets and allow water to run until it appears clear. Some may experience staining of clothes despite these notices. Clothes should be kept damp or wet to prevent the stains from setting. "Rust-removers" or "rust fighters" are carried among cleaning products at grocery and hardware stores.

### 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 Friday, March 24. For details and to pay online, look for the link under the Headlines section of our homepage, at [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net).

### Grass/Weed Control Guidelines

#### CODE COMPLIANCE

614-583-5070

The care and maintenance of property and landscaping benefits the entire community.



**Are you in the e-Know?**  
Register to receive the City's monthly e-newsletter and you will be!

Just look for the "eNews Updates" link on our homepage, at [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net)

City code specifies that grass must not exceed 10 inches in height and should be 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](http://www.uaoh.net) or stop by the City Manager's Office, 3600 Tremont Road.

### Safety Town Registration

#### POLICE DIVISION

614-583-5150

#### Sessions: June 19-30, July 10-21

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

### Filing Income Taxes

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

### Are You Following Us Yet?

[facebook.com/CityofUA](https://www.facebook.com/CityofUA) | [twitter.com/@CityofUA](https://twitter.com/CityofUA)



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 January, Dr. Michael Dick of the Medical Advisory Board (pictured far right) presented a Medical Director's Award to Firefighters Matt Jividen, Rob Cochran, Brian Lyday, Tom Holbein, Bob Nichols, Lance Evans and Captain Mark Johnson. This was in recognition of their actions last November, responding to a medical emergency. The patient—Dr. Warren Lo (pictured here with his wife at left) suffered a head injury from a fall and had subsequently gone into heart failure. Their quick and professional actions saved his life and contributed to him resuming a normal life with no deficits following this incident.

- **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 2016 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.

## 2016 Income Tax Form Help

RITA's Worthington Office

760 Lakeview Plaza Blvd, #400

- **Regular Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Starting March 4:** Saturdays, 8 a.m.-Noon
- **Monday, April 10–Wednesday, April 12:** 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Thursday, April 13–Tuesday, April 18:** 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

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:

- 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 2016.

## Statewide Tornado Drill

9:50 a.m., Wednesday, March 22

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

As part of Ohio's Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week, Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security will participate in the annual statewide tornado drill. This is a timely reminder of how

important it is to have an emergency plan—both at home and at work—and to practice it.

## Prescription Drug Take Back Day

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, April 29

Municipal Services Center Parking Lot

POLICE DIVISION

614-583-5150

In addition to hosting the year-round drop-off unit for old and unused prescription drugs, the City's Police Division also participates in the spring and fall Drug Take Back Days coordinated by the Drug Enforcement Agency. Drop-off old and unused prescription drugs drive-thru style. For the rest of the year, visit the Police Division section of our website, at [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net), for details of accepted items.

## Finance Award

FINANCE

614-583-5280

The City's Finance Department is the recipient of a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officer's Association for its 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

## ALERT Franklin County

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



Have you registered for ALERT Franklin County? If the answer is no, you could be missing out on important severe weather alerts from the County, as well as useful updates from the City.

Save  
the Date



Please join us for the sixth annual  
**Raise the Roof**  
to benefit  
The Upper Arlington Community Foundation

Friday, May 12, 2017  
7:00 to 11:00 p.m.  
Tickets are \$75 per person

The Amelita Mirolo Barn  
4395 Carriage Hill Lane  
Upper Arlington, Ohio 43220

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

# Schools*i*NSIGHT

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS



## Third-Annual State of Schools Highlights Innovations That Are Transforming the Student Experience

Upper Arlington Schools students, parents and staff celebrated the district as a leader in education in central Ohio and beyond at the third-annual State of the Schools.

After a performance by the Windermere Ukulele Orchestra to open the evening, Board of Education President Robin Comfort welcomed the hundreds of community members who gathered at Upper Arlington High School on January 30. She introduced Superintendent Paul Imhoff to share updates on the goals in the district's strategic plan.

"The most important thing happening in our district yesterday, today and tomorrow is what happens in our classrooms each and every day," Imhoff said.

Transforming the classroom experience for students of today and the future is the goal of a new program at the high school, the Research & Design Lab.

"Our district has a history of being a state and a national leader in education," Imhoff said. "We also have a history of being a center of innovation."

The lab, Instructional Leader Laura Moore said in a video shown during Imhoff's presentation, is "a conceptual space" to promote the development of innovative ideas in education through a collaborative effort of staff, students and community members.

This program was made possible through an anonymous \$100,000 donation to the Upper Arlington Education Foundation.

"This is a very special community, and one of the things that is special about it is the amazing work the Upper Arlington Education Foundation does for our schools," Imhoff said. "What we do would not be possible without them."

Moving from the district's performance goal to the personalization goal, Imhoff shared video testimonials from students and teachers about the district-wide one-to-one technology program, the first for K-12 in



Members of the Windermere Elementary Ukulele Orchestra kicked off the evening with a performance in the High School's Learning Center.

Central Ohio.

"It's great to be first because we believe that's what's best for our students," he said. "But it's not about the technology. It's a tool in the hands of amazing students and amazing teachers that really allows for more personalization of learning."

The program, which was implemented at the secondary level in December 2015 and at the elementary level at the start of the current school year, is already changing the classroom experience for students in incredible ways, secondary and elementary teachers shared in the video.

The implementation of the program was funded through a reallocation of resources.

On the district's efficiency goal, Imhoff described the two-year, three-phase facilities master planning process as "a historic effort meant to engage every possible member of our community."

Since the process was launched at the inaugural State of the Schools in 2015, hundreds of community volunteers on building teams and thousands of residents have shared their thoughts on the best path

forward for the district's aging schools.

During the final phase of the process this spring, Imhoff said, "We need more people to get involved to fulfill the Board of Education's charge to us of making sure every voice matters."

Also on the efficiency goal, Treasurer/CFO Andrew Geistfeld noted examples of how the district has honored its commitments to the community — including that the district not return to the ballot for operating funding for four years.

"I'm proud to say, through the financial decisions of the board, that we're right where we thought we'd be four years ago," Geistfeld said. "And we've kept that promise of not coming back to you, the community, for four years."

The district has also exceeded its commitment to improve its bottom line by \$4.5 million by the summer of 2017, he said. As of October 2016, \$4.7 million in efficiency measures have been enacted without having a negative impact on the student experience.

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## SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff

### We Still Need to Hear Your Voice in Final Phase of Master Planning

Now that the Board of Education has approved a master plan for our aging schools, we have reached a major milestone in our two-year, three-phase facilities master planning process. But we still have several months to go, and we hope every Upper Arlington resident will get involved in this very important final phase.

The master plan outlines the preferred way to address the growing needs at each school over time: rebuild the high school, renovate or rebuild the five elementary schools and repair the two middle schools as well as Burbank Early Childhood School.

The master plan represents more than just the steps needed in the next 10 to 15 years to ensure our buildings can support our students' educational needs for decades to come. It is the result of an amazing collaborative effort by hundreds of community members and staff during the past two years. Together, these volunteers analyzed assessments of our schools' physical and educational needs; they investigated options for repairing, renovating or rebuilding the schools; and they encouraged thousands of other residents to share their thoughts on that work.

Now in the final phase of this planning process, the decisions phase, the collaborative effort is continuing. The Financial Advisory Board, a new team of community volunteers with significant experience in financial management and the management of considerable facilities and construction work, is reviewing the scope of the master plan, options for funding and phasing the master plan as well as the district's needs for a future operating levy.

We will share the team's initial findings on all of these issues in early March

and spend March and April collecting as much community feedback as possible. We need to hear your voice. I hope you will take the time to attend a building team meeting, one of our community meetings or participate in an online survey.

In late April, the Financial Advisory Board will come back together to review all these points of community feedback and then draft a final briefing paper for Treasurer Andrew Geistfeld. After reviewing the team's work, Andy will make a recommendation to the Board of Education on the funding, phasing and scope of the master plan and the district's operating levy needs. The board is expected to take action soon after, and UA residents will likely see a combined operating levy and bond issue on the ballot in November 2017.

We'll be reaching out to the community

through the local newspaper, mailers, Facebook, Twitter and our website about the upcoming feedback opportunities. In the meantime, another great way to get involved is to attend or host a coffee chat. These informal meetings take place in an Upper Arlington home and usually involve a group of 10 to 20 neighbors and friends. Chris Potts, the district's chief operating officer, and I share a brief update on our schools and the planning process before taking questions and collecting ideas and feedback from the group.

Please take the time to get involved in this historic, collaborative effort in our community. To learn more, please visit [www.uaschools.org/facilities](http://www.uaschools.org/facilities). To ask a question or host a coffee chat, please email me at [superintendent@uaschools.org](mailto:superintendent@uaschools.org) or call 614-487-5030.

BURBANK	REPAIR+	\$7,293,000
BARRINGTON	RENOVATE+	\$31,024,000
GREENSVIEW	REBUILD	\$22,636,000
TREMONT	RENOVATE+ A	\$14,906,000
WICKLIFFE	REBUILD	\$23,848,000
WINDERMERE	REBUILD	\$22,181,000
HASTINGS	REPAIR+	\$27,677,000
JONES	REPAIR+	\$18,208,000
UAHS	REBUILD	\$137,037,000 - \$142,111,000
TOTAL: \$304,810,000 - \$309,884,000		

The master plan is a long-range plan that will be phased and implemented over time.

# BITES From the Apple

SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



## 13 UAHS Students Receive Regional Art Awards

Thirteen Upper Arlington High School students have been recognized among the top student artists in the region through the 2017 Central Ohio Regional Scholastic Art Awards. From thousands of entries, these students received two Gold Key awards, four Silver Key awards and 17 honorable mentions in eight categories.

Receiving Gold Key awards were seniors Sarah Martin for her photograph "My Sister Molly" and Amanda Dean for her sculpture "Contrast." Martin also received two honorable mentions in Photography and one in Film & Animation. Dean received one honorable mention in Ceramics & Glass.

Receiving Silver Key awards were

senior Alex Falk in Painting for "A Winner's Reward," junior Lily Nelson in Drawing and Illustration for "Spaceman," senior Mary Lee Fenner in Digital Art for "Luminous Flowers," and senior Lizzy Morris in Ceramics & Glass for "Seaweed." Fenner also received an honorable mention in Art Portfolio, and senior Caroline Chidester received two honorable mentions in that category.

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

## Kindergarten Enrollment Beginning in March

The Upper Arlington Schools staff is excited to welcome the Golden Bears Class of 2030!



Children who will be five years old on or before September 30, 2017 are eligible for kindergarten during the 2017-2018 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 on our website, [www.uaschools.org](http://www.uaschools.org).

After the online registration forms are completed, families will make an appointment at the Graf Center, 2020 Builders Place in Columbus, to finalize their student's enrollment.

Please finalize your child's registration before March 10 to expedite processing.

## New Tremont Elementary Gym Opening in March

With a new, larger gymnasium nearing completion, students and staff at Tremont Elementary will soon be able to stretch out a little bit more.

"Work continues to progress nicely," Chief Operating Officer Chris Potts said. "We hope to occupy the new gym and orchestra space sometime in March."

The new gymnasium on the southeast corner of the school is approximately 6,500 square feet—3,400 more than the current space.

"We're really excited about the new gym because it will accommodate all PE classes in the school day," Principal Jim Buffer said.

The district launched the three-phase project in October 2015 to add and renovate spaces to meet the needs of the quickly growing school. Tremont's enrollment has grown by approximately 70 students since 2010, and it is projected to continue to grow by an additional 150 students, bringing it to 745 by 2025-2026.

During the first phase, the project added five classrooms and a media center on the northeast corner of school. That addition opened to students and staff at the start of the 2016-2017 school year.



Once students and staff move into the new gymnasium, work will begin on the final phase of the project.

During the final phase of work, crews will renovate the old gymnasium into a new, larger cafeteria; the old cafeteria into a new office space with a secure entry; the old auditorium into two music rooms; and the old office into a staff work space.

"When this entire project is completed by the start of the 2017-2018 school year, we will be able to better and more safely serve our students," Buffer said.

The \$6.8 million project is funded by the permanent improvement levy put in place by the community and the Board of Education in 2007. In recent years, these funds have been used to address similar needs at Barrington and Greensview elementary schools.

## UAHS Receives Award for Academic Progress



Upper Arlington High School is the recipient of a 2016 SOAR Award for High Progress from Battelle for Kids.

UAHS is one of 15 schools in the state of Ohio to receive this award for 2016.

The SOAR Awards for High Progress are awarded annually to Ohio schools and districts participating in Battelle for Kids' SOAR school improvement collaborative for



their academic progress in multiple grade levels and subjects.

In the fall of 2016, Hastings and Jones middle schools as well as the Upper Arlington City School District each received a 2015 SOAR Award for High Progress.

### Windermere Library Receives Patterson grant

The Windermere Elementary Library has been awarded a \$4,000 James Patterson "Save School Libraries" grant that the school will use to support its one-to-one technology initiative.

Simple robotics such as Sphero and digital learning materials will be purchased with the grant, which stems from the best-selling author's efforts to support school libraries for generations to come.

With these new learning tools, "We hope to provide K-5 students a foundation in computer science and help further develop problem-solving skills," Windermere Media Specialist Shannon Hemmelgarn said.

### Painting Pays Tribute to Work for South Sudan



Former students, staff members, community members and stakeholders gathered at Upper Arlington High School for the unveiling of a painting representing the partnership between the school and the Buckeye Medical Clinic of South Sudan.

Bol Aweng, a "lost boy of South Sudan," spoke of the significant impact UAHS students have had on his native village of Piol.

Through the Strides for South Sudan service-learning program, students at UAHS have raised more than \$56,000 since 2009 for the clinic, which serves women and children.

The painting by Aweng can be seen outside the attendance office.

## THE UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Highlights of the Upper Arlington Board of Education



#### 2017 Upper Arlington Board of Education

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

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

During its organizational meeting on January 10, the Upper Arlington Board of Education unanimously selected Robin Comfort to serve as its president during 2017. Carol Mohr 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 take place in the Council Chamber of the City's Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road. In general, the 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](http://uaschools.org) for the most up-to-date information.

#### Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, March 7, 6 p.m. — Council Chamber
- Thursday, April 20, 6 p.m. — Council Chamber
- Tuesday, May 9, 6 p.m. — Council Chamber
- Tuesday, June 6, 6 p.m. — Council Chamber
- Wednesday, June 28, 8 a.m. — District Office, 1950 N. Mallway Drive
- Tuesday, August 8, 6 p.m. — City Chamber

For additional meeting dates, please visit [www.uaschools.org/board](http://www.uaschools.org/board).

### BECS Summer Enrollment Open – and Space is Limited!



**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.

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# SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Members of the Upper Arlington High School Marching Band, led by director George Edge, closed the presentations by marching into the Learning Center.

## State of the Schools

The third-annual State of the Schools featured performances and displays from every school. The displays highlighted service-learning projects, one-to-one technology innovations, the arts and more. Thanks to all the students, staff and community members who participated and attended this event on Monday, January 30. For a video of highlights from the Learning Fair, please visit our website, [www.uaschools.org](http://www.uaschools.org).



Windermere's TEAM KIVA shares their service-learning work.



Media Specialist Jill Merkle highlights Greensview Elementary's new MakerSpace.



Students from Tremont Elementary showcase some of the Lego Design Challenge creations.



The Upper Arlington Education Foundation showcased grants, including the Dash & Dot robots from Barrington Elementary. The robots are controlled by students on their iPads.



The UAHS Industrial Arts table was a hit with the younger crowd.



The cast of "The Wizard of Oz" offers a preview of the UAHS production of the beloved musical. Performances were in late February.



# SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



More than a dozen Upper Arlington High School student-athletes committed to play at the college level at the February signing ceremony.



Twelve seniors at Upper Arlington High School are candidates for an International Baccalaureate diploma in May.



Barrington Elementary launched a school-wide service-learning project on homelessness in February by forming small "Pack Groups" of students across grade levels and classes.



Wickliffe Progressive School students continued their service-learning partnership with Heart to Heart by donating more than 600 toys and books for the families served by the food pantry.



The 10th-annual Poetry Out Loud competition at UAHS was filled with great performances. From left are second runner-up Adam Venrick, first runner-up Lia Repucci, and winner Magnus Saebo.



Greensview Elementary participated a school-wide Hour of Code, which taught students basic coding skills through fun exercises on their devices.



Hastings Middle School took the top two places in the district-wide middle school spelling bee with winner, Max Son, left, and runner-up Adham Elbarbari.

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On behalf of her late husband, Carol Arkin (center) accepts the inaugural Dr. Robert Arkin Service and Leadership Award from Superintendent Paul Imhoff and Board of Education President Robin Comfort.

Before concluding his portion of the program, Imhoff and Comfort presented the inaugural Dr. Robert Arkin Service and Leadership Award to the Arkin family in memory of the former board member, who served for 12 years. The award will be presented annually to community members who exemplify service and leadership for UA Schools.

"Upper Arlington is a better place, both our community and our schools, because of Bob," Imhoff said. "This is an award that will go on forever in his memory."

Imhoff ended with a call to the community to become involved in the schools during this "historic" year for the district.

"We need everyone to step up, and we need everyone to be a part of our school district so we can be at our best," he said.

To view the videos shown at the 2017 State of the Schools and a video of the full presentation, please visit [www.uaschools.org](http://www.uaschools.org).

## Treasurer's Notes

### Andrew L. Geistfeld

Since the facilities master planning process for Upper Arlington's schools began more than two years ago, we have had hundreds of community volunteers take part in our Facilities Task Force and our building teams and thousands attend coffee chats or take part in community meetings and surveys.

As we enter the final phase of the process, a new team of volunteers has joined us in our journey. This group, called the Financial Advisory Board, is charged with reviewing the district's needs for an operating levy as well as the funding, phasing and scope of the master plan.

The members of the Financial Advisory Board are:

- **Bill Brennan**, executive vice president and chief financial officer, The Pizzuti Companies



- **Kris Devine**, deputy chief financial officer, The Ohio State University
- **Ryan Gilmore**, chief financial officer, Overmyer Hall Associates
- **Lisa Ingram**, president and chief executive officer, White Castle Management Company
- **Brian Jepson**, president, OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital
- **Andy Livingston**, executive vice president, Huntington National Bank
- **Mike Schoedinger**, president, Schoedinger Funeral Homes

## 2016-17 KEY SCHOOL DATES

### Early Dismissal (K-12)

Wednesday, March 1

- Morning kindergarten ends at 10:05 a.m.; afternoon kindergarten begins at 11:05 a.m.; no LIFT classes
- Dismissal at 1 p.m. for elementary students; 1:30 p.m. for secondary students

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

Friday, March 10

**Spring Break** Monday, March 13–Friday, March 17

**Staff Professional Day**

Monday, March 20

No school for students

### Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, April 12

Grades K-5: school all day

**No School for Students & Staff**

Friday, April 14

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

Friday, May 26

- Morning kindergarten ends at 10:05 a.m.; afternoon kindergarten begins at 11:05 a.m.
- No LIFT classes
- Dismissal at 1 p.m. for elementary students; 1:30 p.m. for secondary students

### UAHS Commencement

Sunday, May 28

1 p.m., the Jerome Schottenstein Center

**Staff Professional Day**

Tuesday, May 30

- **Elizabeth Seely**, executive director, Ohio State University Hospital East
- **Bill Shkurti**, retired chief financial officer, The Ohio State University
- **Richard Stillman**, retired investment banker

These volunteers have embraced their charge and will be sharing their initial findings with the community in March and April. Be sure to share your feedback on those findings through one of our community meetings, coffee chats or surveys. Watch your mailbox or visit [www.uaschools.org/facilities](http://www.uaschools.org/facilities) for more information. If you have any questions, please contact me at 614-487-5000 or [treasurer@uaschools.org](mailto:treasurer@uaschools.org).



# Library **iNSIGHT**

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## Healthy Garden, Healthy You Series

Both beginning and experienced gardeners will enjoy our series of programs aimed at promoting a “Healthy Garden, Healthy You!” Five experts will visit the Main Library between March and May to give tips on areas of gardening ranging from composting to pruning to photography. Registration for all programs opens on February 15 through our online program calendar at [www.ualibrary.org](http://www.ualibrary.org).

### Composting

**1 p.m., Wednesday, March 1**

Think you don’t have time or space for composting? You do! Learn how simple composting can be from Lisa Metcalf, City of Upper Arlington Horticulturist.

### Container Gardening

**1 p.m., Wednesday, March 15**

Learn how you can grow flowers or vegetables on your patio or front doorstep. OSU Master Gardener Tisa Watts provides tips on choosing the right container and the correct variety of plants.

### Pruning Your Shrubs and Trees the Right Way

**1 p.m., Wednesday, March 22**

Nancy Heber, emeritus horticulture instructor for National Garden Clubs, gives a demo with live branches to show the correct way to prune your plants. Bring a small cut branch to class if you have a question about a particular plant.

### Planting a Garden to Attract Bees and Butterflies

**1 p.m., Wednesday, April 5**

As pollinators, bees are a garden must. Butterflies provide whimsical delight. Nancy Heber, emeritus horticulture instructor for National Garden Clubs, teaches you what plants to grow to encourage these insects to call your garden home.



### Herb Gardening

**1 p.m., Wednesday, April 19**

Discover how you can grow several different culinary herbs in small spaces, and produce an abundance of herbs to dry, cook with, or share with friends. Lori Overmyer, Franklin County Master Gardener Volunteer, presents.

### Bonsai Basics

**1 p.m., Wednesday, April 26**

Bonsai—the Japanese art of miniature tree culture—is a fascinating blend of horticulture and design. This introductory session combines history, botanical principles and artistic elements to help you understand and appreciate the artistry of bonsai. Presenter Mark Passerello has been growing bonsai for nearly 30 years.

### Garden Photography

**1 p.m., Wednesday, May 3**

Learn how to make the best use of nature’s elements to enhance the image you want to take. A handout will help you remember all the easy techniques that produce a prize winning photograph. Presenter Nancy Heber is a prize winning photographer whose work has been exhibited in various galleries.

## Recommended Gardening Books

- ***50 High-Impact, Low-Care Garden Plants*** by Tracy DiSabato-Aust
- ***All New Square Foot Gardening: The Revolutionary Way to Grow More in Less Space*** by Mel Bartholomew
- ***Grow For Flavor: Tips and Tricks to Supercharge the Flavor of Homegrown Harvests*** by James Wong
- ***Herb Gardening for the Midwest*** by Debra Knapke
- ***Midwestern Native Shrubs and Trees: Gardening Alternatives to Nonnative Species*** by Charlotte Adelman
- ***Native Plants of the Midwest: A Comprehensive Guide to the Best 500 Species for the Garden*** by Alan Branhagen
- ***Planting the Dry Shade Garden: The Best Plants for the Toughest Spot in Your Garden*** by Graham Rice
- ***Powerful Perennials: Enduring Flower Gardens That Thrive in Any Climate*** by Nedra Secrist
- ***Pollinator Friendly Gardening: Gardening for Bees, Butterflies, and Other Pollinators*** by Rhonda Fleming Hayes
- ***Right Rose, Right Place*** by Peter Schneider
- ***Waterwise Plants for Sustainable Gardens: 200 Drought-Tolerant Choices for all Climates*** by Scott Ogden
- ***The Well-Tended Perennial Garden: The Essential Guide to Planting and Pruning Techniques***, Third Edition by Tracy DiSabato-Aust



## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Chris Taylor

### Donations Will Help Create Much-Needed Group Study Space

Since our beginning nearly 50 years ago, residents from all walks of life have relied on the Upper Arlington Public Library as a place to explore, gather and grow. From providing popular software to delivering to the homebound to offering the newest media formats, we've always recognized the importance of adapting to meet the changing needs of the community. Today we are frequently asked to provide more group work and study space. Therefore, the focus of our fundraising this year is on obtaining private donations for the creation of areas where students, families, professionals and community organizations can work together.

As responsible stewards of the public's dollars, we continue to watch our operating expenses and cut costs whenever we can. Thanks to the passage of our operating levy last fall, we're able to provide essential services to our community, but we must rely on private donations for larger projects.

I'd like to extend sincere thanks to all those who made a donation during Library Lovers' Month. Your generosity has started us on the path to achieving our goal of providing an even better customer experience.

We ask all Upper Arlington residents and library users to consider adding their support to the cause. Late this spring we will kick off a campaign in celebration of our 50th year as an independent library system. A group of library staff is already planning special displays and activities commemorating this milestone. Included in the celebration will be several opportunities to help our fundraising efforts: event tickets and sponsorships, naming rights and plaque placements, and direct donations. Look for more information in Library Insight and on our website later this year.

## Michael Troper Joins Library Staff as Fiscal Officer



At the January 17 Board of Trustees meeting, Michael Troper was sworn in as the Library's new fiscal officer. In his new role, Michael will be responsible for the management of the Library's finances, including budgeting, accounts payable and receivable, and reporting.

Michael has budget, financial and grants management experience in the government and nonprofit arenas, most recently serving as Chief Financial Officer for St. Stephen's Community House. He previously held positions at institutions such as Marion Technical College, The University of Toledo and the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission.

He holds an MBA in Finance from the Ohio State University, and a BA in Math and Russian from Bucknell University.

## Enter our Youth Poetry Contest

Are you a poet but don't know it? Find out by entering the Youth Poetry Contest sponsored by our Teen Advisory Board.

The contest is open to poets in grades K-12. The subject of the poem is up to the writer, but each entry is limited to 500 words. Please include your name, grade, phone number and email address on your poem when entering. Poems will be accepted from March 27-31.

Entries will be divided into three age groups: K-4 years, 5-8 years and 9-12 years. One poem from each age group will be chosen anonymously by members of the Teen Advisory Board, and each winner will receive a gold medal and the winning poems will be featured on our website.

We can't wait to read your poems!





## Get Job Search Help from The Résumé Coach



This spring the Lane Road Library is offering three programs aimed at helping adults conduct a successful job search. Sharon Hamersley, also known as The Résumé Coach, will lead sessions on résumé development, LinkedIn, and job searching. "A lot has changed for those who are looking for a new job but haven't been in the market for a while," said Sharon. "Having 21st Century strategies at your disposal is so important."

### Résumés for the 21st Century

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 7

Registration opens February 21

Get tips for making a current and effective document that will get employers' attention.

### Boost Your Career with LinkedIn

6:30 p.m., Monday, April 3

Registration opens March 20

LinkedIn is a business- and employment-oriented social network that can be a valuable tool for a job seeker. Learn how to develop an effective LinkedIn profile and build your network.

### Job Searching in the 21st Century

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 9

Registration opens April 25

Struggling with your job search? Identify common errors in job search strategy and discover how to develop tactics that work in the modern marketplace.

## Youth Department Offers Summer Volunteer Program

All three UA Libraries are seeking teen volunteers for this year's "Build A Better World" Summer Library Club. Volunteering is a great way to gain experience, meet friends, earn service credit, and get a glimpse at the behind-the-scenes world of the Library. Several previous interns and volunteers have enjoyed the experience so much

that they returned the following year. Our Main Library is seeking up to five high school interns and 50-60 junior volunteers. Our Lane Road Library is seeking up to two high school interns along with 25-30 volunteers, and our Miller Park Library is seeking 25-30 junior volunteers.



### Interns

Teens entering grades 10-12 or who graduate high school in 2017 are eligible to be an intern. The positions involve a commitment of 8-10 hours per week from the end of school to July 30, 2017. 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 are available Saturday, April 1 and are due Monday, May 1.

### Junior Volunteers

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

Applications for Junior Volunteers will be available Saturday, April 1 and are due Monday, May 1.

### Book Buddies

Back by popular demand, all three locations of the Upper Arlington Public Library will also be seeking teens to help with our Book Buddies Program. Teens entering grades 6-12 are paired with a younger student and act as their "coach." Applications for Book Buddies will be available Monday, May 1 and due back on May 31, 2017.

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

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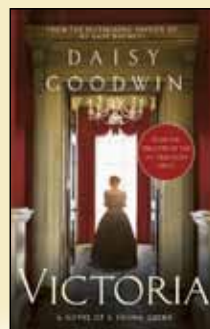
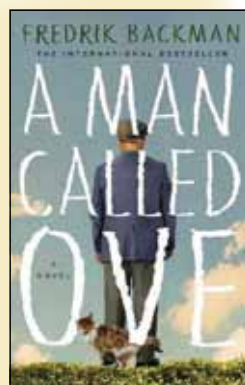
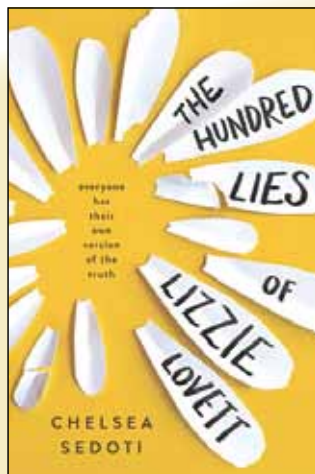
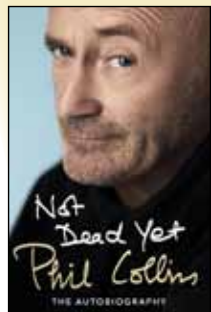
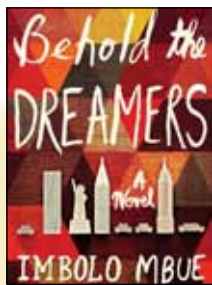
## OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

### Behold the Dreamers

**By Imbolo Mbue**

This was my favorite book of 2016. The story centers on Jende and Neni, a couple from Cameroon, who immigrate to New York City in search of a better life for themselves and their young son in 2007. They land jobs working for a Lehman Brothers executive and his family. With the financial collapse of 2008, the family they work for can no longer employ them, and their quest to keep working and become citizens is in jeopardy. Each character has to make decisions, even ones they never thought they'd be making. This is the author's first novel and I enjoyed the depth of character development and the hope throughout the book, even when times are very tough.

— Pam Cole, Lane Road Library



### Not Dead Yet

**By Phil Collins**

Phil Collins went from child actor to gig drummer to member of the progressive band Genesis and solo superstar. He is one of only three recording artists who have sold over 100 million records both as solo artists and as a band. But this massive success came at a price: three broken families, and ultimately a serious drinking problem that nearly killed him. *Not Dead Yet* is full of stories about life on the road, his relationships with Peter Gabriel and Eric Clapton, and his struggle with sobriety at age 55. Whether you're interested in rock history and memoirs, or you just want to know the meaning of Sussudio, check out this book.

—Christine Minx,  
Marketing and Community Relations

### Victoria

**By Daisy Goodwin**

Princess Victoria led a sheltered existence and was ill-equipped to become the Queen of England at 18 years old. The gap in her education meant that she leaned heavily on the charming Prime Minister Lord Melbourne for guidance. She found Lord Melbourne so appealing she wondered if the relationship might lead to something more. Meanwhile, other suitors were hoping to gain her attention including her own cousin, Prince Albert. Fans of historical fiction should enjoy this absorbing read!

—Kris Stahler, Miller Park Library

### The Dry

**By Jane Harper**

A financial investigator with Australia's Federal Police returns to his hometown for the funeral of his childhood best friend, who is suspected of murdering his entire family. Old secrets and grudges soon resurface, building to a final, explosive confrontation.

—Caitlin O'Sullivan,  
Adult Services

### The Hundred Lies of Lizzie Lovett

**By Chelsea Sedoti**

This is an easy-to-read YA book about the main character's obsession with finding out what happened to Lizzie Lovett, a young woman who went missing

while on a camping trip with her boyfriend. Hawthorne quickly settles on a theory involving Lizzie having turned into a werewolf. As the mystery unfolds, Hawthorne's relationships with her brother, Lizzie's boyfriend, and a group of hippies that are camped out in Hawthorne's backyard create a sweet and fascinating story. I found myself identifying with so many of Hawthorne's angst-filled moments. That character's sense of humor and certainty that her theory is the truth, make her a fun character to read.

—Kate Albers, Miller Park Library

### A Man Called Ove

**By Fredrik Backman**

This is the most heartwarming novel that I've read in a long while. Ove is a grumpy curmudgeon that is set in his ways and has not adapted to the ways of the modern world. A young family moves into the house next door who appears unbothered by Ove's terse, rigid, and unfriendly ways. As they continue to push his boundaries, a wonderful relationship develops. This is a story that will make you smile.

—Jennifer Faure,  
Marketing and Community Relations

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



# NewsBITES

## LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

### Tax Season at the Library

It's tax time once again. Your librarians are happy to direct you to tax information and locate specific forms, but please note that Library employees cannot give tax advice or answer specific tax questions. The Main, Lane Road and Miller Park Libraries receive a very limited number of the most-used tax forms for distribution to the public. These are displayed as they arrive. Staff are able to assist you in locating additional forms, and you may use the library's public computers to print tax forms and instructions at a cost of 10¢ per sheet. Tax returns must be filed with the IRS by Tuesday, April 18.

### Passports in Demand

Don't wait to get your passport for spring and summer travel! Demand has increased and we are booking appointments two weeks out. Processing time has increased to six weeks. Get more information and book an appointment at <http://passportservices.ualibrary.org>.

### We're Looking for Adult Volunteers

Volunteering at one of our three locations allows residents to actively participate in and make a meaningful contribution to the operations of their Library. Our volunteers work with employees to strengthen customer service, present interesting programs, and enhance our relationship with the community. To learn more about the opportunities available and to apply, please visit <http://volunteer.ualibrary.org> or call our volunteer coordinator Jennifer Faure at 614-641-2214.

### Double Dollar Days Fine Reduction Program

This spring you can get more bang for your buck during our Double Dollar Days. During National Library Week from April 9-15, every \$1 you pay toward your existing overdue fines will be worth \$2 with no cap. For example, if you pay \$4 we will remove \$8

of your fines. This only applies to existing overdue fines and cannot be used toward collection fees or item replacement costs.

### Find Bargains at the Friends Spring Sale

The Friends of the Upper Arlington Library will hold its Spring Book Sale from May 14-27 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 on the first day, Sunday, May 14 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 27, Friends members can fill a paper grocery bag with books for just \$5. Nonmember price is \$10 per bag.

### Summer Library Club Begins May 22

Let's **Build a Better World** together this summer! Our Summer Library Club begins May 22 and offers 10 weeks of literacy focus as well as experiential, entertaining and educational programming. It's easy to sign up: visit our website at [www.ualibrary.org](http://www.ualibrary.org), or come in to any of our three locations. We will offer coupon and book prizes, and all participants that finish before the last day of Summer Library Club on July 30 will be entered into a grand prize drawing for their age group. More details will be available in the summer *Insight* and *Library Link* publications.

### Upcoming Holiday Closings

All three UA Libraries will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 16. We will also be closed on Sunday, May 28 and Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

## Volunteer UA Expo

10 a.m.-6 p.m., Wednesday, April 12

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](http://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.



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

The Upper Arlington Author Series and The Burkhart Center sponsored a visit from Piper Kerman, author of *Orange is the New Black*.



Stephanie Cofer from the Youth Department helped kids make paper lanterns for Chinese New Year.



Even dads got into the act at Miller Park Library's Saturday Morning at the Drive-In program.



Preschoolers explored their five senses at Lane Road Library's Sensory Play program.



The Main Library's Adult Department has been freshened up with new carpeting.



## Spring Program Highlights

### Art History: Post Impressionists

Columbus College of Art and Design Instructor Ann Shifflet returns to the Main Library this spring to present programs on three post impressionist painters. She'll examine the life and work of Vincent Van Gogh on Friday, March 10 at 1 p.m.; Georges Seurat on Friday, April 7 at 1 p.m.; and Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec on Friday, May 12 at 1 p.m.

### Choose Privacy Week

Online tracking, phishing, hacking and security breaches have all become increasingly common in our wired society. Join us during Choose Privacy Week and get tips for keeping your personal information safe online. Librarians Megan Sheeran and Kevin Bauer will present "Encrypted Communication" on Monday, May 1 at 7 p.m.; "Keep Your Accounts Secure" on Wednesday, May 3 at 7 p.m.; and "Private Eyes" on Saturday, May 6 at 11 a.m. All programs will be held at the Main Library.

### Beginning Readers Book Club

Book clubs: they're not just for adults! This spring our Lane Road Library debuts a new club for ages 5-8. The Beginning Readers Book Club will meet to share their thoughts on a children's. We begin with *Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold on Thursday, March 30 at 4 p.m. We continue with *Elephant and Piggie* on Thursday, April 27 at 4 p.m.

### Meet Curious George

Everyone's favorite monkey visits the Miller Park Library on Saturday, April 1 at 11 a.m. Bring your camera to capture a magical moment between your child and the Curious George costumed character.

### A Visit from the Farm

Kids ages 2 and up can stop by the Main Library between 1-2 p.m. on Sunday, April 30 to see animal friends from the farm. Look for turkeys, ducks and more at this outdoor event.

## Save the Date!

### Historic Artifact Unveiling

**3 p.m., Sunday May 7**

#### Miller Park

Stop by Miller Park on Sunday May 7 at 3 p.m. to help celebrate the dedication of a historic artifact that will be installed at the park. A carriage step from the original Miller family farm (the first property to be purchased for the development of Upper Arlington) has been donated to the Upper Arlington Historical Society and will be installed for permanent display, along with historical information, at Miller Park next to the library. Join us for this special, family-friendly dedication event that will feature old fashioned refreshments and entertainment. This event is co-hosted by the UA Historical Society, UA Library, and the City of Upper Arlington. Contact [info@uahistory.org](mailto:info@uahistory.org) for additional information.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**Seated:** President Sarah Mueller; Vice President John Yesso

**Standing L-R:** Peter Hahn, Maura Bowen, Bill Shkurti, Secretary Gloria Heydlauff, and Kyle McKee

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](http://www.ualibrary.org) and clicking the "Explore Newsletters" button.

#### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, March 21 at 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 18 at 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 16 at 5 p.m.

### Make a Card for Mom

Stop by the Miller Park Library anytime on Friday, May 12 to make a Mother's Day card for your mom, grandma, aunt or other special someone.

### Live at the Library Concerts

Live music returns to the Main Library on Thursday evenings this spring with our Live at the Library Concert Series. Celebrate the impending arrival of spring with Irish music from Karl Wohlwend and his band Two2Many on March 9 at 7 p.m. Bluegrass fans won't want to miss a performance by Grassahol on April 13 at 7 p.m. Finally, indie rockers Closet Mix, all veterans of popular local acts, perform alternative and pop-rock on May 11 at 7 p.m.



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# calendar

## COMMUNITY

Visit our Community Calendar at [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net)  
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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 1-24

### High Schools

April 3-21

### Interpreting World Places & Spaces

May 1-June 23

Architect George Acock and artist  
Casey Bradley share a love for the built  
environment, which they portray using very  
different materials.



Open Market by George Acock

### "The Lion King Jr."

7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4

2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 5

Hastings Middle School Auditorium

1850 Hastings Lane | [www.uaschools.org](http://www.uaschools.org)

The musical brings to life the story and the  
songs of the beloved Disney animated film.

### UAHS Vocal Music Poetry

#### Concert

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

UA High School, 1650 Ridgeview Road

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

The Poetry Concert is dedicated to repertoire  
that sets great poetic text to music.

### UAHS Orchestras Concert

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 8

7 p.m. Tuesday, March 28

UA High School, 1650 Ridgeview Road

[www.easysite.com/uaorchestra/home-1](http://www.easysite.com/uaorchestra/home-1)

The UAHS orchestras perform a concert  
featuring the professional strings band  
Barrage 8.

### Easter Egg Candy Hunt

10 a.m., Saturday, April 15

Thompson Park | [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net)

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

### April Fool's Breakfast

8-11 a.m., Saturday, April 1

Tremont Center | 614-228-5547

Free pancake breakfast.

### Volunteer UA Expo

10 a.m.-6 p.m., Wednesday, April 12

UA Public Library, Tremont Branch

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

Connecting volunteers with area non profits.

### UA Night of Jazz

7:30 p.m. Friday, May 12

UA High School, 1650 Ridgeview Road

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

A Night of Jazz combines the talents of the  
Vocal Ensemble and UA High School Band.

### The Walk

Saturday, April 22-Sunday, May 7

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

Watch for members of the UA Civic  
Association walking through neighborhoods  
seeking donations for its 2017 slate of  
special events.

### Sandwich Stroll

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 2

Sunny 95 Park

UA Commission on Aging | 583-5326

### Raise the Roof

7-11 p.m., Friday, May 12

Amelita Mirolo Barn, Sunny 95 Park

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

### Farmers' Market

3-6 p.m., Wednesdays, starting May 17

1945 Ridgeview Road

UA Parks & Rec | [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net)

### Spring Fling

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, May 20

Sunny 95 Park

UA Parks & Rec | [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net)

### 2017 Wall of Honor

3 p.m., Sunday, May 21

3600 Tremont Road

UA Historical Society | [www.uahistory.org](http://www.uahistory.org)

### Memorial Day Run

9 a.m., Monday, May 29

Reed Road Shelter

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