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2019 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

With our first 100 years successfully in the books, the City hosted a memorable State of the City Address in January to celebrate the milestone events of 2018 and look toward an exciting new century.

On hand to help us celebrate were members of the UA High School Vocal Music Group, who performed a sampling of songs from their February production of *Mamma Mia* (pictured above). As the evening ended, Tremont Elementary School Songwriting Club members, along with teacher Tino Benedetti, performed their Centennial Song, *Serve. Lead. Succeed* (pictured right).

2018 Community Awards

A popular highlight of the Address is the Community Awards Program. Each year, the City receives an impressive slate of nominations for the five categories, highlighting the individuals, civic groups and businesses dedicated to making UA the best it can be. The 2018 Community Awards were no different, and we are proud to share details of this year's winners and to acknowledge all who were nominated.

Business – Colin's Coffee

Colin serves more than coffee. He serves others. It's often said that Colin's Coffee is like the TV bar "Cheers" without the beer. Few know, though, what happens behind the scenes and how big Colin's heart is. Each year he has a food drive in support of First Community Church's Heart to Heart Food Pantry. Similarly, he hosts an annual kickoff event for Sam's Fans, where they raise money and get people to sign up for their charity events.

He frequently opens his coffee shop for organizations as fundraisers and to the community for important gatherings. There have been book signings for local authors, meetings for school levies, meet and greets for local political candidates, Moms Groups, medical support groups, and a multitude of others. In the spring, girl scouts sell cookies in front of his shop and every fall, boy scouts sell popcorn. Each Christmas he turns the keys over to another family. Every cent they make that day goes straight to a local family who needs help over the holidays. Colin shows up at the end of the day to clean up and mop the floors.

Our congratulations to the following nominees: Carsonie's, Columbus Temperature Control, Kristin E. Devor, D.O., Framing Center at Kingsdale, Fresh Crafts Gallery, Northwest Eyecare Professionals

Community Enrichment – Centennial Task Force Steering Committee

Rich Simpson, Erik Yassenoff, Charlie Groezinger, Kip Greenhill, Michele Hoyle, Debbie McLaughlin, Emma Speight, Jared Nyhart



Plans for UA's Centennial Year celebrations were made possible thanks to the hard work and inspiration of a dedicated team of volunteers. The Centennial Task Force began its work in 2014, and was able to transform initial concepts to final projects and events that made 2018 a year to remember. This included the Centennial Legacy Project at Northam Park, the *Centennial Magazine*, merchandise and the updated UA history book courtesy of the Historical Society to name a few. Beyond the Steering Committee, the work of the Task Force was made possible by members of City Council, City Staff, the UA Library, UA Schools, UA Historical Society, UA Civic Association, the UA and Tri-Village Rotary Clubs, the UA Community Foundation, Senior Advisory Council, UA Education Foundation, Cultural Arts Commission, the Kiwanis Club of Northwest Columbus, and many more. It was a year of celebration, made possible by the community.

Our congratulations to the following nominees: Steve Anderson, Jennifer Faure, Northwest Kiwanis Soccer Buddies—Mike Toomey, Seeds of Hope Community Garden—Bob Tannehill, "Xercise group at the UA Senior Center, led by volunteer Dorothy Vojvodich

Community Safety – School Resource Officer Jon Rice

Officer Rice is a dedicated school resource officer concerned with the safety and well-being of our students. He is all too aware of the challenges facing students and families when it comes to substance use and abuse. As a father, the High School Resource Officer, Stand Project Board member and advisor for The Stand Project Student group, he demonstrates a unique combination of empathy, understanding and accountability. As a board member for the Stand Project – the Upper Arlington Community Coalition to prevent substance abuse – Officer Rice is a subject matter expert on the law and a tireless advocate for students. He understood that we must reach more young people, raise awareness and offer substance free activities and took on the challenge of starting

the Stand Project Student group on his own time. In the spring of 2018 – with guidance from Officer Rice and Syntero Counseling – The Stand Project High School Students were trained to go into the Middle Schools to share with younger students the challenges and solutions surrounding substance use and abuse.

Our congratulations to the following nominees: Sergeant Heather Galli, Charles Reed, Alison Scott

Senior – Judy Dixon Jenks

Judy shares her skills as a volunteer at the Senior Center. She served two terms on the Senior Advisory Council, assists with the UA Senior Association Financial Audit and serves as a weekly volunteer in Café UA. In the community, Judy has been the treasurer of the Public Employee Retirement, Inc., Riverside Hospital Family Practice Patient Advisory Council, Philanthropic Education Organization President and a member of Daughters of the American Revolution."

Youth – "Take Off" Event: Maria Buffer, Claire Geistfeld, Katie Overmyer

Maria, Claire and Katie created "Take Off" – an event focused on empowering girls in 5th–7th grades. They wanted to give girls a chance to "take off their make-up, take off the fakeness, take off the act, and take off on their personal journeys." They believe navigating teenage years can be a challenge and wanted to create an evening where girls could celebrate being unique, feel confident, special and valued. They planned the event details, secured grants and attracted a featured speaker, former Olympian and OSU basketball star, Katie Smith. In addition to organizing this event, they are leaders at Hastings Middle School, and are involved in the Hasting BEARS group which focuses on kindness, and the Best Buddies Program, pairing up with students in the multiple handicap program.

Our congratulations to the following nominees: The Stand Project Student Group, The UA Idea Day Planning Team, Taylor Jones



Colin Gawel (center) with Council Members Jim Lynch & Carolyn Casper



From L: Jared Nyhart, Debbie McLaughlin, Erik Yassenoff, Charlie Groezinger, Rich Simpson, Emma Speight



Judy Dixon Jenks with Council Vice President Brendan King

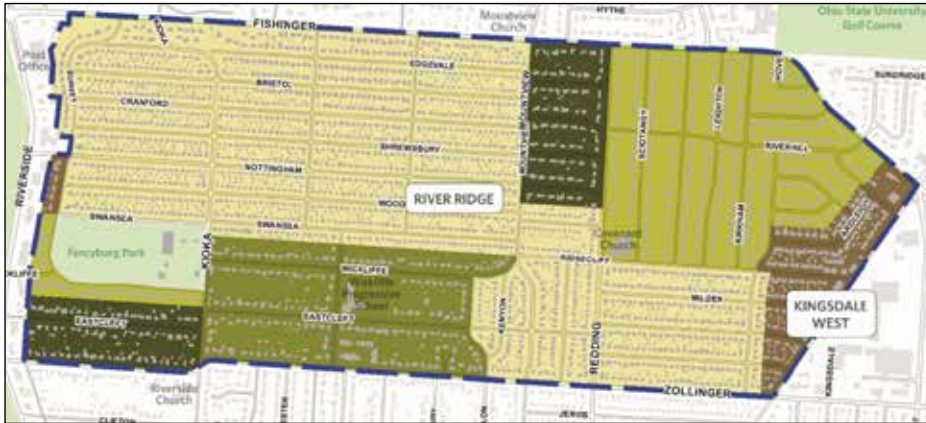


Officer Jon Rice with Brendan King



Katie Overmyer (left), Maria Buffer

River Ridge/Kingsdale West Update



From the fall of 2017 into mid-2018, the City took a detailed look at the River Ridge/Kingsdale West neighborhood through a formal study process. The purpose was to identify ways to preserve and strengthen this area through thoughtful steps that are reflective of extensive input from residents. Areas of focus included housing trends, neighborhood connectivity, pedestrian access, safety and traffic.

In June of 2018, City Council passed a Resolution accepting the final report and subsequent implementation steps. In the months since, a lot has been accomplished:

- A 2018 zoning code change allows carport enclosures to occur within the River Ridge neighborhood without a variance. The first such carport enclosure, is under construction on Cranford Road.
- A 2018 zoning code change restricts the maximum home height to 28 feet in the River Ridge neighborhood, a reduction of seven feet from the previous allowance. Several new homes under construction within the area, will meet or fall below the new limit (original plans for some of these homes had proposed a taller height). Look for these newbuilds on Wickliffe, Redding and Cimmaron roads, and on Eastcleft and Oakmont drives.
- A 2018 citywide zoning code change restricts home sites that currently have one home sited on two parcels from being redeveloped as two homes, unless both existing

lots meet current zoning standards. This ordinance will help preserve character on streets like Redding, Oakmont and Riverhill.

- An additional code compliance officer position is being added in the Community Development Department, affording proactive code enforcement monitoring to encourage good stewardship of the district's homes and properties.
- The district can look forward to new sidewalks on Mountview Road in 2020, and a new sidewalk on Nottingham in 2023.
- A pending code change in 2019 would restrict the uses of properties within the Kingsdale West Planned Mixed-Use District to residential only, except for those fronting Tremont Road.
- Another pending code change is to reduce the permitted height of buildings in the Kingsdale West area, to provide a smoother transition from Tremont Road to the west into the adjacent neighborhoods.
- A street tree survey will be undertaken in 2019, thanks to an effort by the Parks & Forestry Division and City Tree Commission, with resident participants who live within the study area.

For additional details about the River Ridge/Kingsdale West Study, and implementation updates, visit the Community Development section of our website, at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Text to 911

Franklin County's Emergency Communications Centers—including the City's provider, NRECC, at the City of Dublin—rolled out a new feature that expands the options available to residents when they are experiencing an emergency. The new Text to 911 feature enables residents to send a text for emergency assistance if necessary.

This new option should only be used under certain circumstances:

- If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability.
- If you are unable to speak due to an injury.
- If you are in a threatening situation and a voice call would increase the threat.
- If mobile phone reception is poor.

If you do need to send a text for emergency assistance, just type the numbers 911 in the "to" field. Then type a brief but informative message that includes your location and the type of emergency. Then press "send."

Some other useful information:

- Be aware that a cell phone's location data for texts is not as sophisticated as voice technology.
- A text or data plan is required on your cell phone to use this option.
- The delivery of 911 text messages may be delayed or could even fail.
- Photos and video cannot be sent.
- A text to 911 cannot go to more than one recipient.
- Once your text has been received, you will be sent a response from the 911 call center.
- Do not send a text to 911 as a prank—be aware that your phone can be identified and you may be prosecuted for misuse, according to local regulations.
- Should you send a text that can't be delivered, you will receive a message notifying you that this service is not available at your location.
- Do not text and drive.

In all other circumstances it is advisable to call 911 because a two-way conversation between you and a trained dispatcher is a more efficient means to provide the help you need during an emergency.

Sidewalk Maintenance

Sidewalks are a beneficial and desirable part of our infrastructure, providing safe connections to neighborhoods, parks, schools and other amenities, and enhancing public health.

Significant progress has been made expanding UA's sidewalk network, with additions on connector streets such as Kenny, Fishing, Tremont and Lane roads. However, it has become increasingly apparent that some existing, aging sidewalk networks within neighborhoods are falling into disrepair. The City's Sidewalk Maintenance Program provides for periodic inspections of existing sidewalks to determine if repairs are needed.

Consistent with most other communities, the maintenance of sidewalks is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. The City will make repairs when damage has been caused by the roots of City-owned trees in the public right-of-way, defects caused by utility manholes or valves, and any curb ramps.

The City recently conducted inspections of sidewalks in District 4, bordered by McCoy Road, Reed Road, Tremont Road, Kenny Road and Fishing Road, and developed a list of locations in need of repair. Early in 2019, some residents in this district were mailed a notice if sidewalks adjacent to their property are on that list. An aerial view of their property was also provided, showing the location of the damage and whether the responsibility for repairs falls to the property owner or to the City.

When repairs or replacements are the responsibility of the property owner, the City is asking for the situation to be rectified by July 1, 2019. Thereafter, the City will proceed with completing the necessary improvements as part of its Summer 2019 sidewalk improvement plans, with the costs billed or assessed back to the property owner upon completion. The costs for repairs contained within the City's contract could be higher than costs incurred by the use of a private contractor.

For more on this program, visit the Engineering section of our website, at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov.

CITY STREETS *Updates on Road Improvement Projects*

The 2019 road construction season will be another busy one, as our Engineering Division takes steps to reduce a backlog of necessary work as part of our 10-year Capital Improvement Program. Read on for a summary of what to expect.

2019 Street Reconstruction Program

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

- **Cresthill Drive** (Mountview Rd to Redding Rd)
- **Dorset Road** (Asbury Dr to Mountview Rd)
- **Fairfax Drive** (Middlesex Rd to McCoy Rd)
- **Grace Lane** (Reed Rd to Lyon Dr)
- **Oakridge Road** (Oakridge Ct to Dead End)
- **Osborn Drive** (Vassar Pl to Dead End)
- **Shoreham Road** (Surry Hill Pl to Mountview Rd)
- **Stonehaven Court North** (Cul-de-sac to Stonehaven Dr)
- **Stonehaven Court South** (Cul-de-sac to Stonehaven Dr)
- **Stonehaven Drive** (Chartwell Rd to Stonehaven Pl)
- **Wareham Road** (Kirkley Rd to Trentwood Rd)
- **Woodbridge Road** (Glenmere Rd to Middlesex Rd)

Henderson Road Improvements Riverside Drive to Sawmill Road

Reconstruction of the roadway, with the addition of curb and gutter, and storm sewer and sanitary infrastructure improvements. Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations will be included, as well as intersection improvements at Henderson and Sawmill roads, in cooperation with the City of Columbus.

2019 Street Maintenance Program

Routine road surfacing repairs designed to prolong the useful life of a street:

- **Arlington Avenue** (Suffolk Rd to Tremont Rd)

- **Canterbury Road** (Asbury Rd to Brixton Rd)
- **Charing Road** (Canterbury Rd to Leeds Rd)
- **Inchcliff Road** (Tremont Rd to Mountview Rd)
- **Mountview Road** (Canterbury Rd to Edington Rd and McCoy to cul-de-sac)
- **Ridgecliff Road** (Mountview Rd to Redding Rd)
- **Sheringham Road** (Woodbridge Rd to Shelbourne Ln)
- **Shrewsbury Road** (Ramsgate Rd to Mountview Rd)
- **Swansea Road** (Kioka Rd to Sunset Dr)

Waterline Replacements

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

- **Ainwick Road** (Zollinger Rd to Eastleft Dr)
- **Haviland Road** (Woodbridge Rd to Mountview Rd)

Storm Sewer Replacement Projects

- **Sandover Court Spillway**
- **Farleigh Road** - box culvert replacement at Avalon Rd

2019 Sustainable Sewer Solutions

Sanitary sewer improvements for:

- **Bickley Place**
- **Haviland Road**
- **Kioka Avenue**
- **Lytham Road**
- **Middlesex Road**
- **Winfield Road**

Traffic Signal Replacements

- **Guilford Road at Andover Road**
- **McCoy Road at Reed Road**

Full project details can be found at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov, where you can register for updates on some projects. We also share project updates via our Facebook and Twitter pages.

FROM CHAMBERS | Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

Council Retreat

Early in February, City Council convened for a retreat session over one-and-a-half days to work on a strategic plan and goals for the organization for the coming one-to-two years. From this process, Council developed an overarching City Vision to which all strategies and goals would aspire:

"Upper Arlington's community pride, thoughtful planning, collaborative approach, and financial stability are the cornerstones of our success. Together we meet the health, safety, recreational, educational and cultural needs of our citizens, businesses and families, while nurturing connections, volunteerism and leadership."

Seven critical success factors were established, from which specific goals were identified. Of the many goals discussed, the following represent goals that were important to a majority of Council members:

Safe and Connected Community

- Accelerate the expansion of the community's sidewalk network.

Fiscal Strength

- Establish a follow up Citizen Financial Review Task Force.

Quality Infrastructure and Services

- Complete a City Manager search;
- Pursue appropriate non-budgeted opportunities as they present themselves and as funds allow.

Inviting Public Gathering Places

- Conduct a feasibility study for multi-generational indoor recreation space;
- Prioritize outdoor recreation recommendations from the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan.

Healthy Community

The following items, while not top Council priorities, will be moving forward in 2019:



2019 Upper Arlington City Council

Front row (from left):

Michele Hoyle, Brendan King (Vice President), Kip Greenhill (President), Carolyn Casper

Back row: Jim Lynch, Brian Close, Sue Ralph

- Consideration of a ban of nicotine in parks;
- Consideration of a community relations board or other program to support UA as a welcoming community;
- An assessment of existing and potential senior services to support the community's older adults.

Intentional Development

- Review the City's economic development strategy;
- Determine if a strategy is needed relative to "big box" parcels;
- Develop aesthetic guidelines for commercial areas;
- Revisit the building review process and assess architectural standards.

Collaborative Partnerships

- Establish policy guidelines for public-private partnerships.

Moving forward, following a final review and minor revisions, Council is expected to adopt its strategic plan this spring, with a quarterly review process programmed into Council meetings to move the plan forward.

Citizen Financial Review Task Force

City Council appointed the 2014 Citizen Financial Review Task Force to perform a detailed study of the City's finances and

to develop recommendations to keep the City on a strong financial footing and enable it to fully meet its obligations to the community. That task force issued a report containing 15 recommendations, the most notable of which resulted in the passage of Issue 23 in November of 2014 - a .5% increase in the City's income tax rate to be solely devoted to capital improvements.

The task force also recommended a follow up review some number of years after the initial report, to measure the effectiveness of steps taken to implement the recommendations of the 2014 report and determine if additional recommendations should be established and pursued by the City. The formation of this follow up task force is in its beginning stages, with Council expected to appoint task force members late February, and for the task force to begin its work in March.

The charge to the 2019 Citizen Financial Review Task Force will include high-level reviews of the City's current financial status and overall outlook, and existing service levels to verify alignment with community needs. The task force will also assess the status of capital investments, and determine if there are any specific program areas that might benefit from a fuller review.

The work of the task force is expected to conclude in the summer. Please watch for additional details as this process unfolds, including meeting dates and opportunities for public input.

2019 Wall of Honor Inductees

The City and UA Historical Society are pleased to announce that Lawrence E. Hughes and Blaine T. Sickles have been selected for induction onto the Wall of Honor in 2019.

Lawrence E. Hughes served in the Ohio House of Representatives from 1969-1982. He was lead sponsor of a bill that created State Route 315, which contributed to the development of Northwest Franklin County and Upper Arlington along Lane Avenue. Hughes' proposal—which many thought was "mission impossible"—required a route that would not negatively impact OSU, Riverside Hospital, The Knolls, Upper Arlington, Union Cemetery and Olen-tangy River. Mr. Hughes was also the lead sponsor of a bill that created the handicapped placard in Ohio, which was later used as model legislation by other states as they recognized the importance of providing accommodations for individuals with disabilities. A Veteran of World War II, Hughes served in the U.S. Navy, Air Corps. He participated in many civic and fraternal organizations.

Blaine T. Sickles served as a member of City Council from 1966-1985, including as Vice President from 1974-1985. He also chaired the Council Finance Committee, Safety & Service Committee, Board of Zoning, and Parks & Recreation Committee. Mr. Sickles' service extended to participation on the Development Committee for Greater Columbus, the Columbus Downtown Council, the Greater Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau Board, and the Santa Maria Committee. His passion for various community causes led him to serve on several boards. His most beloved and notable leadership commitment was serving on the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium Board for 44 years. During that time, he was instrumental in the hiring of Jack Hanna, and served on many Zoo levy campaigns.

An induction ceremony to honor Mr. Hughes and Mr. Sickles is scheduled for 3 pm, Sunday, May 19, at the Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road. For details, visit www.uahistory.org.

UPPER ARLINGTON ARTS AND CULTURE MASTER PLAN

Open House
5:30-7:30 pm
Thursday, March 21
Picassos
1974 N Mallway Drive

Join us for a revealing conversation and learn what we've heard so far from the Arts and Culture Master Planning Process. Meet with the project team to hear their recommendations for enhancing UA's arts and culture opportunities for the next 50 years.



City Welcomes New Police Chief



The City is pleased to announce the selection of Steven C. Farmer as its new Police Chief, effective mid-January 2019. Farmer is a proven law enforcement professional who previously served as Operations Bureau Commander (Lieutenant) for the City of Dublin Police Department.

"Steven's extensive experience in law enforcement and his passion for building and supporting strong ties between officers and the community they serve was very evident through the selection process," said Acting City Manager Dan Ralley.

"Over the years, I have had the pleasure of working with members of the Upper Arlington Police Division as a result of the cross-jurisdictional nature of law enforcement," said Farmer. "It's an impressive department and I am grateful for the opportunity to succeed a long line of great leaders."

Countdown to 2020 Census

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census Count. The bureau is hiring for a variety of temporary jobs, including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff. To be eligible, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and be a U.S. citizen.

Every 10 years since 1790, the United States has undertaken the momentous task of counting all of its residents. Decennial census data are used to determine your representation in Congress, as well as how funds are spent for roads, schools, hospitals, and more.

Temporary positions for the 2020 Census feature flexible hours. Jobs for the 2020 Census offer competitive wages that are paid weekly. Authorized expenses, such as mileage, are reimbursed for employees doing fieldwork.

Help ensure that everyone in your community is counted in the next decennial census. Visit www.2020census.gov/jobs for more information.

Lane Avenue Business Area Survey Findings

In recent years, the community has witnessed some significant changes within the Lane Avenue business area. As one of the community's most desirable commercial districts, and with easy access to OSU and Columbus, this trend is sure to continue. And as 2019 begins, the start of construction for Crawford Hoying's second mixed-use development project on the north side of the street is not far away.

Depending on the size and scope of some of these redevelopments, community interest and discussion—particularly within the surrounding neighborhoods—has occurred to varying levels as these projects have worked through the public review and approval process.

As the City works to encourage and facilitate reinvestment in the area, City Council and the Administration are very sensitive to the questions and concerns of neighbors that naturally arise when changes occur to this level. With several significant projects complete, in process or about to begin, Council felt 2018 would be a good time to conduct a survey on the Lane Avenue business area to better understand community sentiment on what is happening.

The Lane Avenue Business Area Opinion Survey was fielded mid-December 2018 by Fallon Research & Communications, Inc. Telephone interviews were conducted with 301 randomly selected registered voters with residential, VOIP or cellular telephone numbers. The margin of error is plus/minus 5.64% based on a confidence level of 95% (i.e., if more surveys were taken, for every 95 out of 100 conducted, responses would be within 5.64% of these results).

Summary of Survey Findings General

- 72.1% of respondents agree UA is going in the right direction.
- 74.9% rate City communications efforts as Excellent or Good.



- Top sources for UA news and information:
 - 22.8% read the weekly newspaper.
 - 20.3% obtain updates via social media.
 - 22.1% read City e-mails and mailings.

About the Lane Avenue Business Area

The findings summarized below indicate that the community as a whole is satisfied with what has been taking place in the Lane Avenue business area, and they enjoy the resulting access to amenities, shops and services.

- 66.1% were satisfied with recent developments.
- 90.2% were satisfied with the types of business.
- 55.3% were satisfied with steps taken to manage traffic.
- 60% were satisfied with steps taken to manage parking.
- 71% were satisfied with walkability.
- 65.5% were satisfied with steps to ensure safe crosswalks.
- Ratings for the City's efforts to listen to residents were 39.8% excellent/good, 22.5% fair, 12.1% poor and 25.5% unsure.
- 78% agree the new construction is of high quality, attractive and enhances the area.
- 81.4% agree the new construction

has improved quality of life by offering accessible shopping amenities.

Looking ahead, the survey touched on areas that should be considered as future projects are proposed.

- Respondents felt that priorities for future plans should include walkability (25.6%), parking (23.7%), trees and landscaping (16.5%), public gathering spaces (12.4%), and pedestrian crosswalks (8.9%).
- 63.8% oppose adding more hotels to the area beyond the existing hotel and second hotel which is pending as part of the Crawford Hoying project.
- 58.5% favor adding more housing options such as apartments, townhomes and condominiums.
- 74% favor adding more street crossings on Lane Avenue.
- Opinions on increasing density for more stores, businesses and housing were mixed, with 42.9% in favor and 44.9% opposed.
- Relative to the height of new projects, 49.6% opposed and 36.8% favored increasing height.

The entire survey document can be viewed at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov.



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Bids Farewell to City Manager Ted Staton

On February 12, we lost one of our finest. Recently retired City Manager, Ted Staton, lost a brave battle with cancer.

At the January State of the City Address, with Ted's official retirement just days away, the City honored Ted with the 2018 Upper Arlington Stewardship Award—an award created for exceptional circumstances.

As everyone in UA knows, 2018 was our City's 100th year. Beyond the projects and events held throughout the year to celebrate and acknowledge this milestone, the community was readying to transition to its second century. What would that look like? Were we on track? Was the City positioned to do its part? The answers: It's going to be great! Yes we are on track! The City is in step with the Schools and the community as we prepare for the next 100 years! And we have Ted to thank for much of this good news.

In just seven short years leading the City, Ted left a positive and lasting imprint on our community that will long be remembered. He joined us at a critical time. The ripple effects of a national recession had made their way to UA, and he was instrumental in helping the City navigate through a period of financial challenge and an uncertain future. Ted helped right-size the organization while simultaneously facing head-on a backlog of deferred maintenance for critical infrastructure in the community—our streets, underground utilities, bridges, parks and public facilities.

His unparalleled focus ultimately led to the community's support of a request to increase the income tax rate

to support capital improvements, which enabled the City to maintain the high level of services to which residents are accustomed. Today, we are five years in to the City's first 10-year Capital Improvement Program, and as each year is completed a new year is added—we are catching up and we don't intend to fall behind on our reinvestment obligations.

Ted helped lead our organization through many other significant projects that reached a successful conclusion—our new Solid Waste Program, the community's Centennial celebrations, the new Tremont Pool, playground and parking lot improvements at Northam Park, and the transition of 911/dispatching services to the Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center at Dublin, to name a few.

Through all of this, Ted placed priority on surrounding himself with the very best public servants he could find. As an advocate for women in the profession, Ted was proud of the fact that the leadership team at the City is an almost 50/50 split between genders. He always looked for opportunities to support a diverse workplace, and genuinely cared about the people he helped develop. Ted inspired us to bring our opinions and ideas to the table, and he invited all in the organization to step up and become involved. If we had a problem to share with him, he expected us to bring at least one possible solution. And most importantly, his door was always open.

Ted leaves a strong legacy – he's in the fabric of our organization, he's a huge part of how we work together, and he has set the standard for how we approach our service to the community.

SCRAM! Wildlife Control

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

Services include:

- An inspection of your property to document animal evidence (prints, droppings, nesting material, hair snags).
- Identification of any structural compromising areas, entry points and safety concerns (chewed/exposed wires, latrines, tunneling and disruption of insulation).
- Labeling of compromised wiring with surveyor's tape for later repair by a contractor.
- Recommended solutions to permanently solve your wildlife issues with a documented plan.
- Provision of animal eviction and exclusion solutions for homeowners and businesses.
- Transportation of injured or ill animals to Ohio Wildlife Center's hospital if necessary.
- Reuniting infants with wild families.
- Educating customers and neighbors regarding wildlife biology.
- A two-year guarantee on the work that is provided.
- SCRAM! services are licensed, certified and insured.

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

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City INSIGHT eNews

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Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 614-583-5030

A full list of upcoming public meetings of City Council and its various Boards and Commissions can be found under the Event Calendar, at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Highlights of upcoming Council Meeting agendas are now being shared on Facebook, with meetings live-streamed—like @CityofUA for these useful updates today!

Sunday Swim at UA High School

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

Sunday Swim provides a weekly opportunity for families to enjoy the High School's indoor aquatics facility, held most Sundays through May 5, from 1-3 pm. The cost per visit is \$3 for a resident or \$20 for a season pass (\$40 for a resident household).

Senior Center Luncheons

SENIOR CENTER 614-583-5320

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

- **Tuesday, March 12** – Carpe Diem String Quartet—enjoy a performance by violinists Charles Wetherbee and Amy Galuzzo, violist Korine Fujiwara and cellist Carol Ou shar. Cost \$10 by March 8.

Home Security Alarm Permits

POLICE DIVISION 614-583-5100

Households with home security systems are required to obtain a license from the Police Division. The one-time \$50 fee is non-transferable and covers both Police and Fire services. Households

are allowed up to three false alarms per calendar year—any false alarms thereafter are subject to a \$50 fine to offset the costs for emergency response.

Sale of Old Street Signs

PUBLIC SERVICE 614-583-5350

The City's Public Service Department is in the midst of upgrading street signs. As we replace the old with the new, we are making our old signs available to the community for purchase. Enjoy your very own keepsake for your street, and be the envy of your neighbors. Signs cost \$29 for those between 24"-30" in length, \$37 for 36" signs, and \$45 for any signs sized 41" or above. We've recently made the selection and purchasing process much easier, thanks to our new website and online purchasing software. Visit www.upperarlingtonoh.gov for details.

Prescription Drug Take Back Day

**10 am-2 pm, Saturday, April 27
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.upperarlingtonoh.gov for details of accepted items.

RITA Walk-in Taxpayer Assistance

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

- **Saturdays, March 9-April 13:** 9 am-Noon
- **Mondays & Thursdays, March 11-April 4:** 8 am-6 pm
- **Monday, April 8-Wednesday, April 10:** 8 am-6 pm
- **Thursday, April 11 & Friday, April 12:** 8 am-7 pm

- **Monday, April 15:** 8 am-7 pm
The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) invites all taxpayers required to file a municipal income tax return for any RITA municipality to request free taxpayer assistance. Agents can answer questions and assist with RITA municipal income tax return preparation. Please bring all necessary tax documentation, including:

- W-2 Forms from all employers, and any W-2G Forms and 1099-MISC Forms.
- Federal Form 1040, Federal Schedules C, E & F, Federal forms K-1, 2106 (if applicable).
- Addresses and dates for each location in which you resided during 2018.

Statewide Tornado Drill

9:50 am, Wednesday, March 20

www.ready.ohio.gov

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

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery[®] Sunday, March 10

To kick off Daylight Savings Time, clocks "spring forward" at 2 am, Sunday morning. The Fire Division reminds you this is a good time to change the batteries in your home's smoke alarms. To stay safe, replacing batteries in all smoke alarms should be done at least once a year. In addition, smoke alarms should be tested once a month and if an alarm chirps, warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

Fire Hydrant Flushing

April 15-26

FIRE DIVISION 614-583-5100

Fire hydrant flushing will occur weekdays, April 15-26. This annual test is part of a fire hydrant maintenance program that keeps hydrants in operable condition and identifies any deficiencies that require repair. Notice of the areas to be flushed on a given day are provided

at the beginning of that day in the following ways:

- Signs reading "Hydrant Flushing Today" are placed at prominent intersections in each area before flushing starts, and removed when completed for the day.
- You can call 614-583-5115 to get information on the areas being flushed that day.
- Residents are notified via email, text or voicemail using the ALERT Franklin County notification system, at the beginning of the program.
- The City's website features a section with daily updates about areas being flushed.

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

2019-2020 Budget Document

FINANCE DEPARTMENT 614-583-5290

The finalized 2019-2020 Budget Document has been adopted by City Council and is now available under the Finance Department section of our website, at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Safety Town Registration

Sessions: June 17-28, July 8-19

POLICE DIVISION 614-583-5150

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. A total of four sessions are offered. Registration begins Wednesday, March 20 for residents, and Friday, March 22 for non-residents. The cost is \$100. Please note that classes fill quickly.

UACA Seeking Teacher "Golden Apple" Award Nominees

Nomination Deadline March 1

www.uaca.org

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

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

Parks & Recreation Seeking Summer Seasonal Staff

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

agency.governmentjobs.com/uaoh/

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

Fourth of July Parade Float Builders Workshop

6 pm, Wednesday, April 17

3600 Tremont Road

www.uaca.org

In advance of the Community's Fourth of July Parade, the UA Civic Association always hosts a float building workshop for neighborhoods.

Upper Arlington Bridges

www.neighborhoodbridges.org

If you like the idea of directly helping your fellow community members when a need arises, be sure to register for updates from Upper Arlington Bridges. Visit www.neighborhoodbridges.org to register for email updates for the Upper Arlington program, or follow @uabridges on Facebook.

Book the Barn for Your Event

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

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

Volunteer UA Expo

10 am-6 pm, Wednesday, April 10

Tremont Library

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

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BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

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FINAL DESIGNS FOR MASTER PLAN FIRST PHASE



The final designs for a new high school and five new or renovated elementary schools remain on time and on budget in preparation for the first groundbreakings this spring.

At the final communitywide meetings of the design phase in January, Upper Arlington Schools shared the final designs for all six projects in the first phase of the community-developed master plan.

"These designs are truly a reflection of the wishes of our community for the future of our schools," said Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D. "They are the culmination of an incredible journey that began back in September 2015 – when the Board of Education launched a community-driven facilities master planning process."

The new high school will feature approximately 395,000 square feet of learning space—over 100,000 square feet more than the current building; expanded arts and athletics facilities; multiple collaborative "commons areas" and outdoor learning spaces; and new mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems.

The new and renovated elementary schools will feature an increase of approximately 100,000 cumulative square feet of learning space across all five projects; updated, centralized media centers; outdoor learning spaces; and new mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. The buildings are designed to feature "learning neighborhoods" of classrooms, each with a collaborative "commons" area.

All of the new and renovated schools have also been designed to accommodate the district's growing enrollment. Each project has an identified logical place for a classroom addition, if needed, should enrollment growth exceeds projections.

"It might come as a surprise to some residents, but our land-locked school district has been growing for the

past decade and is continuing to grow," Imhoff said. "Over the next 10 years, our enrollment is projected to grow by an additional 20 percent, and this will be a major factor as we continue to plan for the future of our district."



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From January to April, all projects are going out to bid in preparation for the first groundbreakings this spring.

Groundbreaking Ceremonies

Community members are invited to join UA Schools for the groundbreaking ceremonies for the first five projects:

- **Sunday, April 7:** Upper Arlington High School
- **Sunday, May 19:** Barrington, Greensview, Tremont and Wickliffe elementary schools

A groundbreaking ceremony for Windermere Elementary School will follow a year later, when construction begins on that site.

"We hope all residents will come out to these groundbreaking ceremonies, which will be a celebration of this incredible community-driven process to plan for the future of our schools," Imhoff said. "This is truly a historic time for our community and our schools. It's a great time to be a Golden Bear!"

Residents can watch their mailboxes in the coming weeks for more information about the groundbreaking ceremonies.

To see the final designs, visit www.uaschools.org/facilities.



TENTATIVE CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

Construction is expected to follow the tentative timeline below, updated as of January 2019. This timeline may be revised during the construction documents phase and/or during the construction process based on any potential delays that arise.

Ongoing

(Fall 2018-March 2019)

Construction began in May 2018 on the Tremont athletic fields on the district-owned land behind Tremont Elementary School adjacent to Northam Park. In September 2018, the first element of the new Tremont athletic fields - a turf field - opened. Work is continuing on the final elements of the new Tremont athletic fields - baseball and softball diamonds, storage and restroom facility - which will open in Spring 2019.



March 2019

Site work and site utilities will begin in preparation for construction of a new Upper Arlington High School. Construction will begin on the high school stadium, with spring sports relocated. Tremont will be prepped for the arrival of modular classrooms for use during the 2019-2020 school year.

Late Spring/Early Summer 2019

Community groundbreaking ceremonies will be held and construction will begin on the high school, Barrington, Greensview, Tremont and Wickliffe sites.

- Sunday, April 7: UAHS groundbreaking ceremony
- Sunday, May 19: groundbreaking ceremonies for Barrington, Greensview, Tremont and Wickliffe elementary schools

Fall 2019

The high school stadium will be completed.

March 2020

As construction continues at Barrington Elementary School, the site will be prepped for the arrival of modular classrooms for use during the 2020-2021 school year.

June 2020

Demolition of the current Windermere building will begin to make way for the new school to be built on the same footprint; the old Wickliffe will serve as transitional space for Windermere students for the 2020-2021 school year.

Fall 2020

The new Greensview and Wickliffe Progressive elementary schools and the renovated Tremont Elementary School will open to students.

Fall 2021

The new Windermere and renovated Barrington elementary schools, as well as the new high school, will open to students. Work will continue on the high school site to demolish the old building and develop athletic fields.

Fall 2022

The new high school site and the first phase of the community-developed master plan will be fully completed.

Second Phase of the Master Plan

Within the next 10 years, the Upper Arlington Board of Education and the community will need to revisit the second phase of the master plan, involving the two middle schools and Burbank Early Childhood School.

BITES From the Apple



SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Computer Science Club Offers Tech Help to Residents



The UA High School Computer Science Club hopes to build on its first "Teen Tech Help" event, a pop-up technology help desk for the community. About a dozen students spent an hour on a Saturday morning in January at the Tremont Library answering any and all technology questions from community members.

"I believe it was well-received," said Dr. Diane Kahle, a computer science teacher at the high school who serves as an adviser for the club. "Our students were able to help community members with various small issues – all of which are important to helping them become more comfortable with technology."

Kahle and the students in the club hope to connect with community members at a future "Teen Tech Help" event – watch the UAPL calendar at www.ualibrary.org!

UA Schools Named to Prestigious AP Honor Roll

Upper Arlington Schools has earned the distinction of being named to the College Board's 9th Annual AP Honor Roll.

Upper Arlington is one of 373 school districts in the United States and Canada, and one of only 21 in the state of Ohio, to earn this distinction. To do so, UA Schools, since 2016, had to increase the number of students participating in Advanced Placement classes while also increasing or maintaining the percent-

age of students earning AP exam scores of 3 or higher.

"We are incredibly proud that our Advanced Placement program at the high school is not only growing but also that our students are succeeding in getting a head start on college-level coursework through our AP offerings," said Cynthia Ballheim, AP/IB Coordinator at Upper Arlington High School.

Students, Staff Create 'Golden Bears A to Z'

A picture book written and illustrated by Greensview Elementary School students and teachers will soon be released, benefiting the Upper Arlington Education Foundation (UA+Ed).

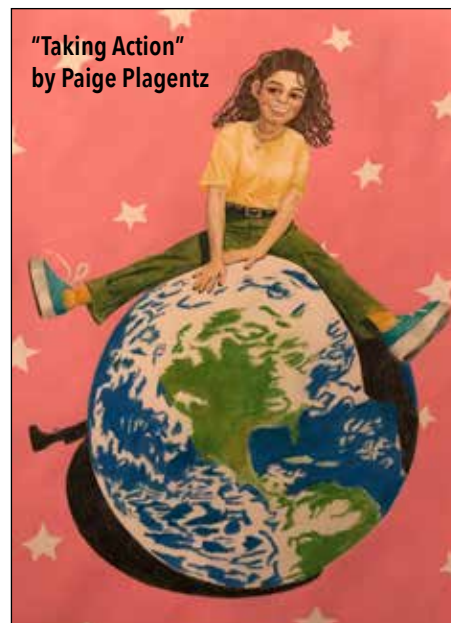
Golden Bears A to Z celebrates the people, places and traditions that make UA such a special community. Approximately 90 Greensview students in grades three-five have been involved in the project, serving on writing, editing and sales/marketing teams alongside teachers Blair Cerny, Jana Holland, Blythe Lamont, Jill Merkle, Jamie Trainor and Mark Walter. The watercolor illustrations were created by Holland and include a hidden bear paw on each page for Golden Bears of all ages to find.



The project was funded through a grant from UA+Ed, and all proceeds will go directly to support future grants.

If you are interested in learning more about purchasing a copy, follow *Golden Bears A to Z* on Facebook or email goldenbearsatoz@uaschools.org.

10 UAHS Students Receive Regional Art Awards



Ten Upper Arlington High School students have been recognized among the top student artists in the region through the 2019 Central Ohio Regional Scholastic Art Awards. From thousands of entries, these students received two Gold Key awards, five Silver Key awards and 12 honorable mentions in eight categories.

Students are awarded Gold Keys for the very best works submitted locally, and these works automatically advance to the national level for medal consideration. Silver Keys are awarded for "stand-out" works that demonstrate exceptional ability, and Honorable Mention for works that demonstrate great skill and potential.

From Upper Arlington High School, Alex Karavolos, junior, received a Gold Key award in animation, and Paige Plagenz, senior, received a Gold Key in Drawing and Illustration.

Receiving Silver Key awards were: Olivia Carlton, senior, photography; Caitlin Curran, sophomore, drawing; Ava Taylor, freshman, painting; and Katie Zhao, senior, both in the categories of painting and drawing and illustration.

Zhao also received an Honorable Mention in sculpture, and Carlton received three Honorable Mention awards in photography.

Also receiving Honorable Mentions were: Renee Arledge, senior, mixed media; Asher Franz, senior, with four awards in digital art, art portfolio and drawing; Hayden Jay, sophomore, drawing; and Emma Wang, sophomore, with two awards in painting.

Nominations Wanted for Educator Hall of Fame



The Upper Arlington Schools Educator Hall of Fame is accepting nominations through March 31 of outstanding retired educators in anticipation of an induction ceremony this summer.

The Educators Hall of Fame recognizes the best of the best among retired teachers and administrators of all grade levels, preschool through grade 12.

Criteria and nomination materials are available on the district's website, www.uaschools.org/EducatorHallOfFame.aspx.

The new inductees into the Educators Hall of Fame will be recognized on July 6 during the Upper Arlington Alumni Association's Alumni Day at Upper Arlington High School.



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

Strategic Plan, Safety Among 2019 Priorities

There are many important plans in the works at Upper Arlington Schools. We are preparing to break ground on several major construction projects, working on the next generation of our strategic plan and continuing to implement new or increased safety and security measures.

Strategic Plan

The 2015-2018 Strategic Plan helped guide our school district to many successes, including the completion of a community-driven master planning process and the implementation of our districtwide one-to-one technology program.

The first half of 2019 will be spent planning for our next strategic plan. We have a team of staff members, residents and professional experts working on the area of well-being, which we believe is the cornerstone for producing a safe learning environment where our students can thrive.

We also have work teams focusing on building upon what works in our academic areas and continuously becoming more efficient in our operational areas.

We look forward to bringing the new plan to the Board of Education this spring and beginning implementation in the fall.

Safety Measures

The safety and security of our students and staff is always a top priority. Our new strategic plan will incorporate this focus into the well-being goal, and the district is also continuing to put in place the new and enhanced safety measures approved by the Board of Education last summer.

New cameras have been installed at each school, additional school resource officers are joining our learning communities, and updated visitor protocols will be put in place during 2019.

We're also planning our second annual town hall meeting on safety later this school year. Watch our district website, www.uaschools.org, for an announcement on a date and time.

Facilities Master Plan - Construction Phase

Construction equipment will begin to arrive at Upper Arlington High School this month and at four of our elementary schools soon after.

While it is exciting to see the first signs that the community's master plan is coming to fruition, the construction phase will also bring disruptions and inconvenience. We'll be holding regular meetings and updates for those living near any of the construction projects, and we'll make sure they have all of the contact information needed if they have a concern about the timing or cleanliness of the work. In addition, we'll have parent meetings and regular principal updates so students' families have all the information about the safety plans and timing of the projects.

We appreciate the residents' support and patience as we implement the first phase of the facilities master plan and build schools that reflect our community's long commitment to being at the forefront of education.

If you have any questions or thoughts related to our schools, please reach out by emailing superintendent@uaschools.org.

SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School students joined art teacher Lindsay Bennett during Celebrate Public Education Day in January at the Ohio Statehouse as they were recognized for their service-learning partnership with the Central Ohio Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.



Learners at Burbank Early Childhood School have been bundling up this winter to enjoy new playground equipment thanks to the Burbank PTO and the district.



In its second year, the Upper Arlington High School Bear Bots FIRST Robotics team has been working on its entry for the "Destination: Deep Space" challenge and will be competing in March at the Miami Valley Regional.



Upper Arlington High School hosted students from two other Ohio high schools – Fort Frye near Beverly and Kenmore-Garfield in Akron – as part of an ongoing exchange program. The group enjoyed a tour of Ohio Stadium and a lunch provided by the Upper Arlington Community Foundation's Krauss Family Fund.



As part of a focus on computer science during the month of December, librarian Katy Hite of the Upper Arlington Public Library joined students at Windermere Elementary for a "Makey Makey" challenge. They used special kits and Play-Doh to create keyboards to play music and a game.



Fourth-grade students at Greensview Elementary School completed their mission for the 17th annual Rockathon service-learning project by shopping for After-School All-Stars, Star House and Huckleberry House.

SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Upper Arlington High School students Anna Schuler, Susan Zunic, Rena Zhao and Jimmy Perera, with teacher Ed Zunic, represented UA in a performance of OMEA All-State Orchestra on February 1.



Achyut Sriram, right, a sixth-grade student at Hastings Middle School, and Harrison Carlisle, a seventh-grade student at Jones Middle School, took first place and runner-up, respectively, in the 2019 District Spelling Bee. More than 20 Hastings and Jones students participated in the bee.



Athletic Hall of Fame

Six former student-athletes and two retired coaches were celebrated for their outstanding contributions to the Upper Arlington High School athletic program at the third induction ceremony for the UAHS Athletic Hall of Fame. Recognized at a ceremony on January 5 at Upper Arlington High School were retired coach Dudley Beaver, Denny Dicke (Class of 1969), Elaine Ferritto Calip (Class of 2003), retired coach and athletic director Dick Fryman, Terry Gilmore (Class of 1975), Doug Goodsell (Class of 1951), Abby Johnston McGrath (Class of 2008) and Fred "Curly" Morrison (Class of 1945).



Elementary students across the district celebrated the 100th day of the 2018-2019 school year in January!



Tremont Elementary School volunteers helped students learn about the Arabic language, including how to write their names, for World Arabic Language Day in December.

The Stand Project, Community Partners Share Online Resource Hub on Vaping

In December 2018, Surgeon General Jerome Adams declared vaping an epidemic among youth in the U.S. As a community, Upper Arlington has seen the rate of students vaping rise each year, reaching even our middle school and elementary students.

We are taking on vaping in multiple ways. Upper Arlington Schools is partnering with The Stand Project, the community coalition focused on substance misuse in teens, as well as the City's Police Division, Syntero, local businesses, OhioHealth, parents and students to ed-

ucate the community about the risks of vaping and to spark this critical conversation.

The Stand Project has released a six-part video series educating parents about vaping:

- **What is an Electronic Cigarette?** Officer Jon Rice, UAPD
- **What are the Medical Risks?** Dr. John Leff, Riverside Methodist Hospital
- **Teen Brain Development** Jason Fine, principal at Jones Middle School

- **Talk With Your Kids** Robb Gonda, principal at Hastings Middle School
- **What are the School Policies at UA?** Andrew Theado, principal at Upper Arlington High School
- **What Parents Can Do** Deb Culp, Counselor at Syntero

During the month of January, Upper Arlington High School and Wellington School students from the Stand Project Student Group visited Jones and Hastings middle schools to share the facts and risks with students in grades six through eight.

Visit TheStandProjectUA.org/ vaping to watch the videos, learn more and download a tip sheet to start this critical conversation with your child.

When we know better, we do better.

2018-19 KEY SCHOOL DATES

**End of Second Trimester (K-5)
& Third Quarter (6-12)**

Friday, March 8

Spring Break

Monday, March 11-Friday, March 15

No School for Students

Monday, March 18

Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, April 10

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

No School for Students and Staff

Friday, April 19

No School for Students (Voting Day)

Tuesday, May 7

Early Dismissal (K-12)

& Last Day for Students

Friday, May 24

Dismissal at 1 pm for elementary students; 1:30 pm for secondary students. Morning kindergarten ends at 10:05 am; afternoon kindergarten begins at 11:05 am.

UAHS Commencement

Sunday, May 26

9:30 am, Jerome Schottenstein Center

UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION



2019 Upper Arlington Board of Education

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

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

During its organizational meeting on January 15, the Board of Education selected Stacey Royer to serve as its president during 2019. Nancy Drees was 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 www.uaschools.org for the most up-to-date information.

Board of Education Meetings:

- Wednesday, March 6, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, April 9, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, May 14, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, June 11, 6 pm – Council Chamber

Library ^{MARCH | APRIL 2019} iNSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Help us Replace Deteriorating Book Drops

Thanks to generous private donations, we've been able to enhance our facilities with improvements that would not be possible within the confines of our budget. Recent examples include the replacement of audiovisual equipment in all our meeting rooms, the addition of group study space in the Main Library's Adult Department, and the upgrade of the Miller Park Library's children's area. These kinds of projects are the special touches that make our libraries great places to explore, gather and grow. This year we're raising \$15,000 for the



purchase of a new drive-up book drop for the Lane Road Library. The building's existing boxes are quite old and are deteriorating. The new boxes are made from dent-resistant aluminum alloy that will never rust. Drive-up access will make returning materials to this busy branch easier and more accessible.

The Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library will match the first \$1,000 in total donations that we receive, so double the power of your gift by giving today at <https://give.ualibrary.org>. Thank you for your support.

UA Archives Website Updated

When you go to the UA Archives website at www.uaarchives.org, you'll notice some changes. The entire site has been completely redesigned to provide an improved user experience.

Some of these changes include:

- A cleaner interface
- Responsive design features, which automatically adjust to fit a variety of devices and screen sizes
- Much faster loading times for items regardless of file size

The site is designed to be intuitive, but here are a few quick tips for using the new features.

To browse a list of all items in any collection, click on the Browse button at the bottom of the landing page.

To perform a basic search, enter your term(s) in the Search box at the top right of any UA Archives page.

To view a desired item, simply click on it from the browse or search results list view.



To increase the item viewer area, click on the Expand button at the top right of the image.

To adjust the zoom level for an item, click on the plus or minus buttons at the top left of the expanded item viewer.

You'll find a variety of interesting documents and images in the UA Archives, including UA High School

yearbooks, photos from the early days of our city, Norwester magazines from 100 years ago, and much more. The yearbooks in particular have a much more user-friendly interface, whether you're on a computer or your phone. For more information on the new features of the site, contact our Reference Department at 614-486-3342.

Explore...GATHER...grow!!



Families gathered at the Miller Park Library after hours on Feb. 3 to build forts out of blankets, boxes and chairs.



Adam Rubin, author of *Dragons Love Tacos*, visited the Main Library on Jan. 17 to speak and meet fans.



Author Casey Bowers and Illustrator Alex Clark launched their new children's book *When I Grow Up* at the Main Library on Feb 3. PHOTO CREDIT: Seyla Kramer



Program Highlights

Take a Journey

The Miller Park Library is hosting two events during UA Schools' spring break based on the picture book *Journey* by Aaron Becker. Students in grades 2-6 are invited to a creative writing workshop using *Journey* as inspiration on Monday, March 11 at 10:30 am. Register through our online program calendar at www.ualibrary.org. Additionally, kids of all ages can stop by any time from March 9-18 to add to our paper mural. We'll offer drawing prompts, as well as our Journey-themed children's area, to help inspire your imagination and creativity.

Author Kwame Alexander

Meet award-winning and New York Times best-selling author and poet Kwame Alexander at the Main Library on Monday, April 8 at 6:30 pm. He is the author of many children and teen books including *The Crossover*, which

won the Newbery Medal. Cover to Cover Children's Books will be onsite to sell copies of his books, which Mr. Alexander can sign at the end. Free tickets for each guest are required and will be available at 10 am on March 25 at <https://kwa-mealexander.eventbrite.com>. Seats are limited, and we expect tickets to go fast!

Poetry Celebration

In celebration of National Poetry Month and Kwame Alexander's visit on April 8, our youth staff is asking for original poems that may be displayed on our bulletin boards. To participate, students in grades K-12 are invited to write their own poem and submit a copy to the Youth Department between April 1-30. Every person who submits an original poem will be entered into a drawing to win a signed copy of one of Kwame Alexander's books. One entry per person.

Interview Workshop for Young Adults

Get tips for summer job and college interviews at a workshop on Saturday, April 13 at 2 pm. A representative from The Ohio State University's Career Counseling and Support Services will be at the Main Library to teach high school and college students how to dress, prepare, and answer questions for interviews. A Q & A session will follow the one-hour presentation. Register through our online program calendar, beginning March 30.

Introduction to Beekeeping

Come to the Lane Road Library on Thursday, April 25 at 7 pm to learn about how beekeeping can help you harvest your own honey, use beeswax to make various products, and create natural pollination in your garden. Will Merrill from the Central Ohio Beekeepers Association will discuss the many benefits of honey bees and how you can get started beekeeping. You may also get a chance to view an observation hive, weather permitting. Register through our online program calendar.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Seated: Gloria Heydlauff (Vice President), John Yesso (President)

Standing L-R: Peter Hahn, Bill Shkurti (Secretary), Sarah Mueller, Kevin Fix, Maura Bowen

In general, meetings of the Upper Arlington Public Library Board of Trustees begin at 5 pm on the third Tuesday of each month in Meeting Room B of the Main Library. All meetings of the Board and its committees, with the exception of executive sessions, are

open to the public. You can sign up to receive email notification of upcoming Board meetings at www.ualibrary.org/pages/board-trustees.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, March 19 at 5 pm
- Tuesday, April 16 at 5 pm

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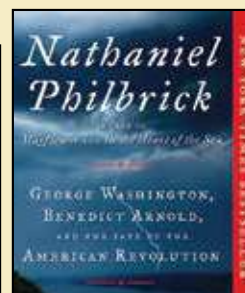
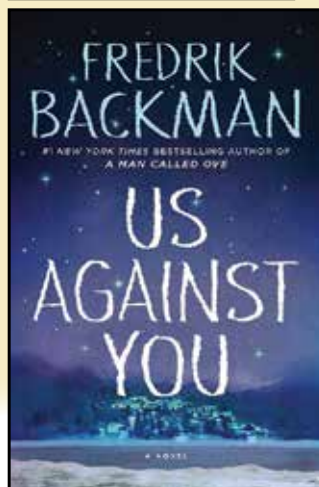
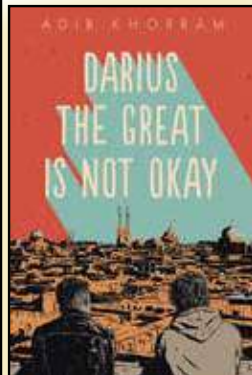
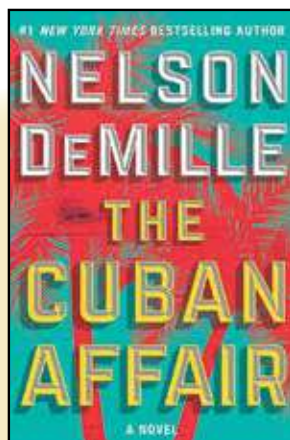
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

The Cuban Affair

By Nelson DeMille

A mere 100 miles from Key West lies Havana, Cuba – but Army combat veteran Daniel “Mac” McCormick quickly learns they are completely different worlds. While chartering a lazy fishing boat cruise off the coast of Florida, the very seductive Sara Ortega talks Mac into helping her recover \$60 million in family money that her grandfather hid during the Fidel Castro revolution. Earning millions of dollars while spending time with Sara is too much for Mac to pass on, and he soon finds himself on a suspenseful adventure that ends in a thrilling attempted escape from Cuba. *The Cuban Affair* offers a suspenseful ride with elements of Russian influence, spies and informants, corruption, and greed that is sure to keep the reader coming back for more.

– Scott Potter, Adult Services



pre-conceived notions about their town and themselves. This may be the hardest obstacle of all. Another lively, insightful and poignant read by the author.

– Melanie Stanley, Adult Services

Betty Before X

By Ilyasah Shabazz and Renee Watson

Betty Shabazz is known as the wife of Malcolm X, but who was she as a child? Her daughter Ilyasah Shabazz and Renee Watson give an emotional fictionalized account of Betty's upbringing that shaped her into a powerful community organizer and civil rights activist. Beginning at 1 year old, Betty bounces around different homes and families until she finds

her place with the Malloys, her church, and the Housewives League. While Jim Crow does not rule Detroit in the North, Betty slowly becomes aware of the racism pervading her everyday life.

– Liz Handler Dillman, Youth Services

Dragon Pearl

By Yoon Ha Lee

Min is a 13-year-old fox spirit who can shape shift. Her family lives on the impoverished planet of Jinju, and to keep the family safe, Min's mother insists that none of the family use any fox-magic. When Min learns that her brother is suspected of deserting his post in the Space Force to go in search of the Dragon Pearl, Min sets out on a quest to find him. Along the way, she'll meet some new friends and use her fox-magic more than ever before. This book is a great mix of Korean mythology and space adventure that's full of action! For grades 4 and up.

– Sue Emrick, Lane Road Library

his little sister and Mother, and his size makes him the butt of jokes at school. He also struggles with clinical depression like his American father. Darius is about to take his first ever trip to Iran to visit the terminally ill Grandfather he has never met. This novel deftly describes the honest portrayal of a teen struggling with depression, the importance of family and the intricacies of Persian culture

– Stephanie Cofer, Youth Services

Us Against You

By Fredrik Backman

In the follow up to his novel *Beartown*, Backman continues the story of the town of Beartown and its hockey-proud and quirky inhabitants. Beartown is about to lose its hockey team to the nearby town of Hed which is intolerable for the residents. The solutions to solving their hockey problem force the residents to re-think their attitudes, prejudices and

Valiant Ambition

By Nathaniel Philbrick

In his latest book, Philbrick describes many of the fascinating events, war strategies, and players in the American Revolution—in particular, Benedict Arnold. There was so much more to the sensitive, brave soldier than the traitor most know him as. Responsible for many strategic battle wins, Major-General Arnold's men considered him a fearless leader who fought alongside them. And, like most people, he wanted the recognition and promotions he deserved. Unfortunately, politics and personality conflicts accompany every war and Arnold saw himself put in a diminishing role. The proud soldier could take it no longer. This interesting and enlightening saga of Benedict Arnold and George Washington fighting for American independence brings history to life.

– Scott Potter, Adult Services

Darius the Great is Not OK

By Adib Khorram

Teen aged Darius feels fractional with his half American, half Persian heritage. Darius can't speak Farsi at home like

Library Seeks Teen Volunteers

All three UA Libraries are seeking teen volunteers for this year's "A Universe of Stories" 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 2019 are eligi-

ble to be an intern. The position involves a commitment of 8-10 hours per week from the end of school to July 31, 2019. 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 online Monday, April 1 and are due by Wednesday, 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 online Monday, April 1 and are due by Friday, May 31.

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 online Monday, April 1 and are due by Friday, May 31.

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

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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Circulating Antennas

Thinking of cutting the cord? You can now borrow an HDTV antenna to test at home. We keep three types of antennas at the Help Desk at the Main Library. They circulate for seven days. Antennas may be reserved like most items, but must be picked up at the Main Library only. Look for them in our catalog by searching "Indoor Antenna" in the title or keyword fields. Each antenna includes its own set of unique instructions for attaching it to a TV, but be sure to follow your specific TV's manual to scan for channels as each TV is different.

Tax Season at the Library

It's tax time once again. Our staff members are happy to direct you to tax information and locate specific forms. However, please note that Library employees cannot give tax advice or answer specific tax questions. The Main, Lane Road and Miller Park Libraries have a very limited

number of the new booklet that contains a 1040 form and schedules 1-6. Staff are able to assist you in locating additional forms online, and you may use our public computers to print tax forms and instructions at a cost of 10¢ per sheet. Tax returns must be filed with the IRS by Monday, April 15.

Passport Fair

Need a passport for spring and summer travel? Check out our passport fair in the Main Library's atrium on Saturday, April 6 from 10 am-2 pm. We'll have several stations available for new passport processing and passport photos with no appointment required. For more information, including a list of items you'll need to get a passport, please visit <https://passportservices.ualibrary.org>.

Volunteer UA

Find your next service opportunity at the annual Volunteer UA expo on Wednes-

day, April 10 from 10 am-6 pm in the Main Library's atrium. Nonprofit organizations from around the area will be here to talk about their missions and their volunteer needs.

Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library will hold its Spring Book Sale from May 5-19 in the atrium of the Main Library. You'll find a large selection of used books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl 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 5 from Noon-1 pm. On the final day of the sale, Sunday, May 19, Friends members can fill a paper grocery bag with books for just \$5. Nonmember price is \$10 per bag. Memberships will be sold onsite for those who would like to take advantage of these benefits but are not yet members. The benefit will be good for all 2019 sales.

Upcoming Holiday Closing

All three UA Libraries will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 21.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit our Community Calendar at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov
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Concourse Gallery

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

Middle Schools

March 5-29

Reception: 2 pm, Sunday, March 3

Students from Hastings, Jones, St. Agatha, St. Andrew, and Wellington share their artworks.

High Schools

April 3-26

Enjoy works by students from Upper Arlington High School and Wellington School.

Volunteer UA Expo

10 am-6 pm, Wednesday, April 10

UA Public Library, Tremont Branch

www.upperarlingtonoh.gov

This annual expo connects prospective volunteers with area non-profits and civic groups.

Easter Candy Hunt

10 am, Saturday, April 13

Thompson Park | www.uaca.org

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



Float Builders Information Session

6 pm, Wednesday, April 17

3600 Tremont Road | www.uaca.org

If your neighborhood is planning to enter a float in the 2019 Fourth of July parade, learn the tricks of the trade from the UA Civic Association.

Prescription Drug Take Back Day

10 am-2 pm, Saturday, April 27

3600 Tremont Road

UA Police | www.upperarlingtonoh.gov

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

Arbor Day Celebration

Friday, April 26

www.upperarlingtonoh.gov

UA celebrates Arbor Day each year with a tree planting ceremony. For 2019, Jones Middle School students will assist with a planting adjacent to Devon Pool.

Northam Park Tennis Open House

1-5 pm, Saturday April 27

www.upperarlingtonoh.gov

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

UACA The Walk

Saturday, May 4-Sunday, May 19

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

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

Sandwich Stroll

10:30 am, Tuesday, May 7

Sunny 95 Park

UA Commission on Aging | 614-583-5326

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

Raise the Roof

7-11 pm, Friday, May 10

Amelita Mirolo Barn, Sunny 95 Park

www.uacommunityfoundation.com