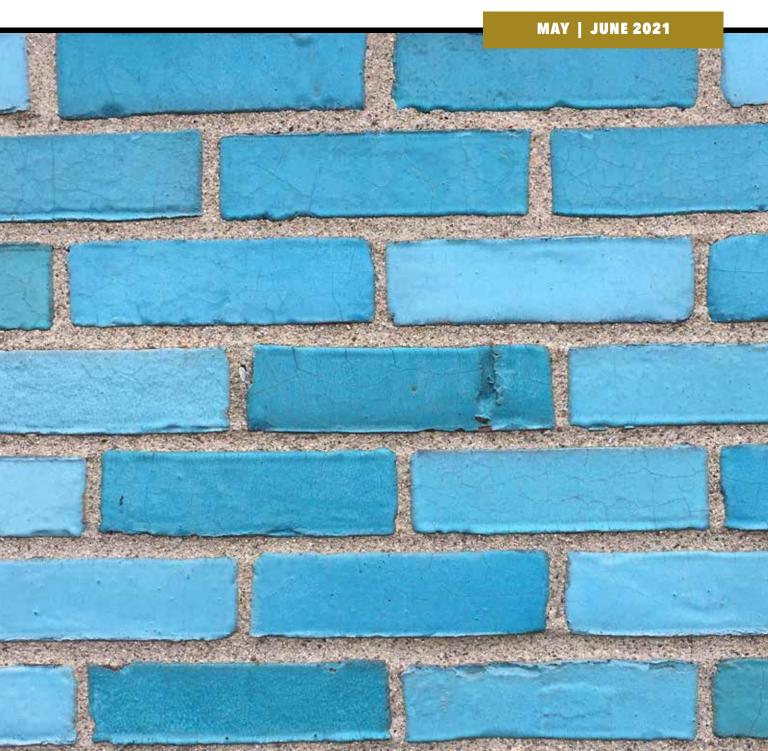
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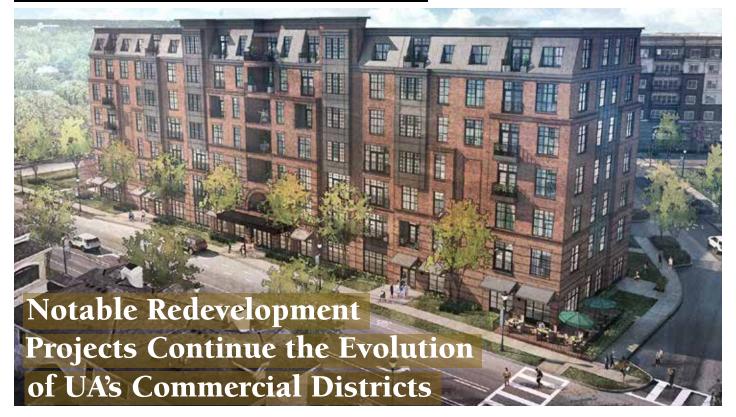
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# CityiNSIGHT

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A pandemic has not slowed the growth that has been occurring in the Columbus region over the past several years. In some ways, this fact is more pronounced as a result of COVID-19 - as health and safety requirements begin to loosen and we start a slow return to life outside our homes, across the region there are many notable changes to the built environment around us.

Close to home, construction cranes can be seen in full force on OSU's West Campus, and a mix of town homes, apartments, retail and office is rising from the ground at the Quarry Trails development to our southwest, which will also be the site of the new 180-acre Quarry Trails Metro Park.

Within our community, in 2020 the City's Community Development Department experienced its second highest year for permit activity and construction value - with more than \$80 million of the

\$128 million total attributed to home renovations, additions and new homes - as significant commercial projects continued (UA Schools, Lane II and the Fairfax at First Community Village).

The pace is not letting up, with two notable commercial projects in their early stages or about to begin.
Combined, these two projects alone will have a construction value in excess of \$160 million.

# **Kingsdale Mixed-Use Project**

In March, the Board of Zoning and Planning approved Continental's Final Development Plan for two of the buildings slated for the former Macy's site at Kingsdale. The project places an emphasis on providing senior and multi-family housing options, reflecting current development trends and complementing the existing mix of retail, restaurant and office uses at Kingsdale, and will include:

ABOVE: A rendering of the senior living apartment building at Kingsdale that will include a ground floor restaurant with outdoor seating.

- A seven-story senior housing apartment building, with 142 assisted and independent living units, with a 6,000 square foot restaurant, including outdoor dining, on the ground floor facing Tremont Road.
- A seven-story building along Northwest Boulevard, with five floors of 325, one- and two-bedroom apartments and two amenity courtyards over a two-story parking garage.
- Eight, two-story townhouses fronting Northwest Boulevard that would back up to the structured parking.

The developer has indicated that construction will begin early summer, with a tentative completion in 2023.



The southwest portion of the site is serving as a placeholder for one of two options, subject to the outcome of the May 4, 2021 Community Center Ballot issue:

- A seven-story community center building, with the first five stories dedicated to community center use, with two levels of office space on floors six and seven.
- A nine-story building, with 75 apartments, 50,000 square feet of office space on the first two floors, and structured parking.

# **Arlington Gateway**

If you've driven along Lane Avenue lately, it's pretty clear that change is coming to the corner of Lane and North Star. After several iterations and public reviews of the proposed redevelopment - dating back to 2016 - work has begun on Continental Real Estate's Arlington Gateway project.

The buildings that once housed Pizza Hut, Half Price Books and Darron's Furniture have been razed and the construction site has been fenced off in readiness for the new project to rise from the ground.

Expected to take approximately two years to complete, the Arlington Gateway project will be comprised of:

- Ground floor retail and restaurant uses totaling 27,000 square feet
- 225 apartments on the 2nd-6th floors, wrapped round a seven-story parking garage with 866 spaces
- An additional five stories on the east side, with 139,000 square feet of office space

To provide a safe construction zone and staging area, it will be necessary to reduce Lane Avenue eastbound to one lane immediately in front of the project. At press time, a date for this traffic adjustment was still pending. The City's Engineering Division will be closely monitoring the area for possible traffic impacts, and if necessary, will implement traffic signal timing adjustments.

#### Lane II

Construction of the mixed-use building adjacent to the Townplace Suites Hotel is on the home stretch, with an anticipated completion date this summer. This project includes a five story, mixed use building with apartments, office space, two restaurants and a parking garage wrapped by townhomes to the north.

# The Fairfax at First Community Village

Scheduled for completion this summer, the latest addition to the senior living campus at First Community Village is a five-story, independent living building, with 70 apartments over a parking garage.

For full details on these and other significant development projects, look for the *Community Projects* icon on our homepage, at *upperaringtonoh.gov*.





# **UA Community Center Ballot Issue (Issue 2)**

# **Your Vote Counts May 4**

City Council formed the Community Center Feasibility Task Force in the summer of 2019, in response to residents' continued interest in an Upper Arlington Community Center. After an extensive 18-month study process, the task force concluded that it is feasible for the City to construct, operate and maintain a community center, with the former Macy's site at Kingsdale identified as the preferred location.

In response to the findings of the citizen-led task force, City Council has placed this issue on the May 4, 2021 ballot and has authorized various funding mechanisms that will enable the City to construct a community center without any increase in City income or property taxes if the community center issue passes.

### **WHAT'S PROPOSED**

The feasibility study was extensive, with great focus placed on community engagement, transparency and detailed financial analysis. As a result, the City has a realistic and achievable road map for constructing, operating and maintaining the proposed Upper Arlington Community Center.

The facilities and programming plan for the community center are a direct result of the input gathered early in the study.

- It will serve as the central community gathering place for events and celebrations that residents have asked for.
- It will provide fitness, wellness, health and leisure opportunities for all ages and interests.
- It will give our seniors new space that is designed specifically to meet their needs, plus access to many new programming opportunities.
- It will be affordable, through a combination of tiered membership levels, daily passes, rental fees and program fees.
- A scholarship fund will be built into the operations budget, to assist residents facing financial barriers to participation.

# **The Facilities Concept**

- Level 1 entry/lobby, indoor pool, multi-purpose event/party space, locker rooms
- Level 2 fitness/exercise spaces
- **Level 3** 3 gymnasiums (1 multipurpose), adventure play, teen space, child watch
- Level 4 Walking/running track overlooking gymnasiums
- **Level 5** Senior program, shared classrooms, event hall/ meeting space, outdoor multi-purpose terrace
- Levels 6 & 7 Income generating office space, a majority of which is expected to be leased by a high-quality healthcare provider that will partner with the City to enhance health and wellness services at the community center.







# WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

Should the City of Upper Arlington build a new community center on the site of the old Lazarus/ Macy's store at Kingsdale Shopping Center, using various City revenue streams but in no case from an increase in City income or property tax, as authorized by legislation of City Council, including Ordinance No. 1-2021, Ordinance No. 2-2021, and Ordinance No. 3-2021?

YES, the City should build the community center NO, the City should not build the community center







#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- It will cost \$54 million to construct the construction budget includes a 23% contingency to make sure final costs fall at or below this estimate.
- Construction can be funded without an increase in City income
  or property taxes the funding plan includes a combination of
  existing City reserves, private donations and the issuance of longterm debt. The debt will be repaid with revenues generated by the
  Kingsdale Mixed-Use TIF District, hotel/motel tax revenues, plus
  rent and income taxes generated by the two floors of office space.
- It will be operationally sustainable a detailed business operations model projects full cost recovery, with the current \$530,000 Parks & Recreation programming subsidy greatly reduced or eliminated. A "stress test" model was also created in anticipation of down years (recession, pandemic, etc.) under this model the subsidy needed to support operations would increase by approximately \$250,000.
- The budget includes a capital fund set aside to cover ongoing maintenance and equipment replacement needs.

#### **TO LEARN MORE**

# COMMUNITY CENTER WEB PAGE upperarlingtonoh.gov

Our community center web page expands on the information found here, including the task force study process and findings, how a community center would be part of the Kingsdale Mixed-Use Project, plans for the office space, answers to frequently asked questions, a virtual tour of the proposed facility and more.

# COMMUNITY CENTER FEASIBILITY TASK FORCE WEBSITE uacommunitycenter.com

If you want to dive further into the details, the task force website includes the full report, meeting videos and all associated documents developed through their extensive, 18-month study process.

Be informed on this important community issue, so that when you head to the voting booth on May 4, your questions have been answered.

# **City Now Offers a Residential e-Waste Drop-off Location**

**Public Service Center, 4100 Roberts Road** 



The City now offers a convenient location for recycling electronic waste (e-waste). Items can be dropped off Monday-Friday, 7 am-4 pm at the Public Service Center, located at 4100 Roberts Road. Please do not discard e-waste in your household trash.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact our Public Service Department at 614-583-5350 or Public.Service@uaoh.net.

# **Accepted Items**

- Office Equipment / Computer Accessories Computers/Laptops; LCD/LED Computer
  Monitors; Servers/Hard Drives; Cell Phones/Mobile
  Devices; Tablets/iPads; Keyboards/Mice/Speakers;
  Printers/Fax/Copiers/Scanners; Computer/Network
  Cables; Routers/Switches/Hubs/Modems/Docking
  Stations
- Small Appliances Toasters; Microwaves; Coffee Makers; Blenders; Irons; Vacuum/Carpet Cleaners
- Household Electronics & Other Items Cameras/Camcorders; Battery Chargers; Video
   Game Systems/Video Games; DVD/Blu-Ray Players;
   CD/DVD Media; Floppy Drives; MP3 Players;
   Digital Clocks; Recording Devices; Projectors;
   Analog/Digital/Satellite Cable Boxes; Battery-Powered Toys; Power Tools

#### **Not Accepted**

 Televisions (LCD/LED/Plasma/DLP Televisions & CRT Tube); CRT Computer Monitors; Items
 Containing Freon; Dehumidifiers; Refrigerators; Freezers; Air Conditioners; Light Bulbs;
 Chemicals/Hazardous Waste; Alkaline Batteries;
 Aerosol/Pressure Air Canisters; PCBs
 (Polychlorinated Biphenyl) & items containing PCBs

# Recycling Expanded to Include More Plastic Containers

#### **Public Works Division**

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614-583-5350

The Rumpke Recycling facility has expanded its program to include a wide variety of plastic tubs such as:

- Butter, cottage cheese and sour cream tubs
- Fruit, pudding and applesauce cups
- All yogurt containers

Rinse items before placing in the recycling cart. Lids and labels can be left on but any foil tops should be removed. Visit **www.rumpke.com** for full details.

# **Food Waste Composting Program**

#### **Public Works Division**

614-583-5350

The City's food waste composting program features three locations, making it more convenient for residents to divert food scraps from the landfill and put them to use as compost. Just collect food scraps in a lidded container of your choice, then bring them to any of our locations, where you will find clearly marked, lime-green containers:

- Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road
- Amelita Mirolo Barn, 4395 Carriage Lane
- Fancyburg Park, 3375 Kioka Avenue

#### **Program Rules:**

- Food waste ONLY
- DO NOT use plastic bags! BPI Certified compostable liners ONLY
- Please DO NOT overfill the containers
- Close the lids on the green bins when finished

# **UA Businesses Encouraged to Become Water Quality Partners**

The City encourages UA businesses to join over 200 other businesses in the region who have pledged to do their part to keep Franklin County's waterways clean. The Water Quality Partner program is a stormwater-specific pledge program designed to share information on best practices with businesses too small to have compliance professionals on staff. After signing a voluntary pledge, businesses receive a Certificate of Partnership, window cling, public recognition and access to information and continuing education on addressing stormwater issues. Just use the QR code to register or visit the Franklin Soil & Water website today.





Pledge Deadline: June 30 www.franklinswcd.org

# CITY MANAGER UPDATE

**Steve Schoeny** 

# For the Community, By the Community

When you stop to think about it, the level of community involvement that is shown by Upper Arlington residents is astounding. UA residents don't just call this community home, they make it home. This fact is no more apparent than through the many boards, commissions

In less than a decade, three volunteer task forces have taken deep dives into priority issues for the City and the community.

and one-time task force groups that help

to guide the work of the City.

Of these, two were focused on the City's financial picture, ensuring that our local municipality is running efficiently and helping the City set the stage for addressing much needed reinvestment in its infrastructure. Thanks to these efforts, we are entering the seventh year of an expanded Capital Improvement Program that is bringing our streets, water and sewer lines, and our parks up to the high standards we expect and deserve.

The third task force addressed the issue that I hope will drive you to the voting booth on May 4, if you haven't already voted early or by absentee ballot - the proposed community center.

When the 16 volunteer members of the Community Center Feasibility Task Force signed on to this effort in the summer of 2019, little did they know they were about to embark on an 18-month journey. Throughout the process, they demonstrated a level of commitment, attention to detail and expertise that would make any professional team proud, and thanks to their hard work all aspects of the issue

before voters has been thoroughly vetted.

While these special, issues-focused groups may be formed infrequently, approximately 80 resident volunteers give of their time and skills year-round as members of the City's regular boards and commissions. The impacts of these groups may be more subtle, however over time they have helped shape the City and the community that we know and love today:

- UA's rich and verdant urban forest has evolved in part thanks to the leadership shown by past and present members of our City Tree Commission. Over the years, they have helped the City earn and retain its Tree City USA status, devised mitigation plans to address the arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer, and have developed educational Tree Trek tours for our City's primary parks.
- The arts are alive and well here, thanks to the commitment of Cultural Arts Commission members.
   From the annual Labor Day Arts
   Festival to the recent completion of an Arts & Culture Master Plan with summer concerts and gallery exhibits in between - residents are afforded many cultural and enrichment opportunities in any given year.
- Perhaps our hardest working board is the Board of Zoning and Planning, This group typically meets twice a month to review and rule on residential or commercial building proposals that don't fall within the City's zoning code requirements, and major site plans for proposed redevelopment projects, and other related items.
- Our Board of Health helps to oversee policy and public health

- activities provided by Franklin County Public Health in support of residents' wellbeing,
- Our community's medical practitioners provide supervision, training and support of our paramedics in the Fire Division through the Medical Advisory Board.
- The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board helps guide the many programs and amenities offered through our Parks & Recreation Department.
- Our newest entity the Community Relations Committee - is still finding its feet, but already shows great promise in its efforts to support Upper Arlington as an inclusive community of opportunity for all people.

All of these entities benefit from the diverse professional and life experiences of their volunteer members. In turn, through their community service, these residents make new friends, make a difference in the issues and programs that are meaningful to them, and gain a greater understanding of their local government at work.

I applaud and thank our board and commission members, both past and present for their positive impacts on community life.

I encourage anyone who has been considering ways to give back to your community to consider applying to serve on a board or commission that interests you. Full details of each entity and an online application form can be found on our website, under the *Boards & Commissions* section of the *City Council* page, at *upperarlingtonoh.gov*.

# **CITY STREETS**

# **Northwest Blvd Storm Drainage**

Stormwater improvements between Barrington & North Star.

# **McCoy Road Phase I**

Between Woodbridge & Kenny - pedestrian safety improvements, dedicated parking for Thompson Park, replacement of the sidewalk along the park with an 8' shared-use path, street resurfacing, spot curb/gutter repairs, waterline replacement between Kenny & Mountview, and between Oxford & Clairmont.

#### **Street Reconstruction**

Complete roadway reconstruction, replacement of all curb/gutter, driveway improvements and ancillary improve-

ments as necessary, such as storm sewer enhancements for sections of Chester Road; Guilford Road; Northwest Blvd; Somerford Road; Vassar Place.

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#### **Street Maintenance**

Road resurfacing and spot curb/gutter repairs are scheduled for sections of the following streets: Bayford, Beecham, Burbank courts; Bristol, Clairmont, Grenoble, Lear, Mountview, N Devon, Waltham roads; Chevy Chase Avenue; London, Longeaton, Mackenzie, N. Parkway drives; Oxford Alley.

# **Brandon Road Improvements**

Road widening, new perpendicular parking on east side of road, expansion of existing sidewalk to 8'.

#### **Sustainable Sewer Solutions**

#### Estimated cost \$1.2M

Rehabilitation of sanitary sewers in the area bounded by Johnston Road, Bickley Place, Anson Street/Donna Drive, and Surrey Hill Place.

#### **Sidewalk Maintenance Program**

Repair work in the area bounded by Zollinger Road, Tremont Road, Lane Avenue/Northwest Bldv, and North Star Road.

Full project details - including an interactive GIS Story Map can be found under the *Construction Updates* page, at **upperarlingtonoh.gov**.

# **Resources for Victims of Domestic Violence**

Domestic violence is perhaps the most insidious of all crimes. The City has a number of resources available to assist victims of domestic violence and other violent crimes.

# **Victim Assistance Program**

The Victim Assistance Program begins as soon as a domestic violence incident has been reported to the Police Division. A prosecutor is assigned to help the victim, answer questions, guide them through the court process if a charge is filed seeking a Temporary Protection Order, and to provide information on additional support resources including the CHOICES counseling program and the Contact an Advocate program.

#### **Contact an Advocate Program**

# 614-398-1540 | uatext1@gmail.com

This is an information/referral service designed to assist domestic violence victims and other victims of crime and provides an additional option for communicating with a victim advocate. Text 614-398-1540 or send an email to uatext1@gmail.com to reach out to the City's victim advocate so that you may

be guided to the appropriate resources. You should expect a response within 48 hours or the next business day. It's important to note that if a victim is experiencing an emergency situation, this program is not a substitute for emergency services.

#### Text to 911

For victims of domestic violence, the ability to send a 911 text could be the safest way to get immediate help, without the abuser becoming aware. To minimize the risk of escalation, Upper Arlington Police recommend that the victim provide as much key information in the text as possible, including what's happening, the address, who the abuser is, if there are children or others in danger, and if it's unsafe for dispatchers to text them back. As soon as the text has been successfully transmitted, the victim should delete the text to prevent the abuser from discovering the request for help. Dispatchers will know to notify responding officers of what is happening, so that they arrive prepared to respond appropriately.

Information on these and other court related programs can be found on the City Attorney's Office page of our website. A *Victim Assistance Guide* provides additional details on the typical court process for cases of domestic violence, Temporary Protection Order information, safety tips for victims and an extensive list of support services for victims and their families.



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# **Summer Plans With UA Parks & Recreation**

Despite the many challenges presented by COVID-19 in 2020, the City's Parks & Recreation Department was able to safely provide more summer programming opportunities than many other communities, and plans are in the works to expand opportunities for the upcoming season.

# 2021 Pool Operations & Swim Lessons

All three outdoor pools will open, beginning Memorial Day Weekend. An online reservation system will be used again this year but pool capacity will be expanded to 300 per location. Season passes and daily admissions will be available.

# **Northam Tennis**

Northam Tennis will open for the season on schedule, beginning with an Open

House on Saturday, April 24. Play will be available through an online reservation system, Season passes are available with daily admissions limited to four visits per person per year.

# **Summer Day Camp**

Summer camp will be held at eight locations, with the ability to accommodate 193 campers. At press time, the majority of spaces had been filled.

# **Senior Center Update**

While it's not yet possible to reopen the Senior Center, the department has its health and safety operations plan in place, and is ready to begin a phased



reopening as soon as state guidelines permit. Initially, just Studio 55 will reopen, using a reservation system.

For additional details on these and other programs, visit *upperarlingtonoh.gov*.

# FROM CHAMBERS

Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

# **Police Body Worn Cameras**

On a national level, the events of the past year highlighted the importance and value of transparency in community policing. Police departments are increasingly embracing the use of body worn cameras, both as a protective measure for their officers and for the communities they serve. With Council's support for the investment necessary to implement a body worn camera program through its adoption of the 2021-2022 budget, Upper Arlington is readying to take this important step.

There are many policy and procedural considerations associated with the planning and implementation of a program of this magnitude. This includes adherence to public records laws counterbalanced with privacy issues, operational guidelines for officers, and collaboration with the community.

The team developing UA's operational handbook for body worn cameras has been studying programs already



2021 CITY COUNCIL (from left): President Brendan King, John Kulewicz, Vice President Kip Greenhill, Michele Hoyle, Michaela Burriss, Jim Lynch, Brian Close

in existence, benefiting from lessons learned and putting together a road map of best practices that will help ensure a successful launch.

A community meeting was held in April to provide an overview of the program goals and to gather feedback and questions from the community to better understand the issues our community wants the Police Division to address in this process. A video of this meeting was then shared on the City's website – with

an invitation to submit questions to the division - throughout the month of April.

Watch for details of a second Community Meeting this summer, at which time Police Chief Steve Farmer will be sharing details of the policies and procedures, as well as an update on the program launch.

If you have questions about body worn cameras, please contact the Police Division, at *city.police@uaoh.net*, or call 614-583-5150

# News**BITES**

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

# **Public Holidays**

City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

- Memorial Day Monday, May 31.
   Solid Waste collection is delayed by one day for all zones.
- Independence Day Monday, July 5 (observed). Solid Waste collection is delayed by one day for all zones.

# City e-News

Get timely service news and special project updates from the City by e-mail:

- City Insight weekly e-news on City services, special projects & events
- Activity Link monthly programming updates from Parks & Recreation
- Arts Link monthly art updates
- **Sentinel** monthly program updates from the Senior Center

Visit the *Connect* section of our website, at *upperarlingtonoh.gov*, to register.

# **Public Meetings**

#### CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

614-583-5030

A full list of public meetings can be found on our *Events* calendar, at *upperarlingtonoh.gov*. Highlights of upcoming Council agendas are shared on Facebook, with meetings livestreamed. Follow *@CityofUA* for updates!

# **Summer Utility Invoice**

#### **FINANCE**

614-583-5291

Watch for your second semi-annual utility invoice from the City in late June. This invoice includes the Solid Waste Fee, the Stormwater Utility fee and, in some cases, a Neighborhood Lighting Utility fee.

# **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 *upperarlingtonoh.gov*.

# 2019-2020 Budget Document

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

614-583-5290

The finalized 2021-2022 Budget Document has been adopted by City Council and is available under the Finance Department section of our website, at *upperarlingtonoh.gov*.

# **2020 Income Tax Filings**

# Deadline: Monday, May 17 ritaohio.com/Individuals/Home/File

The 2020 tax filing deadline has been extended to Monday, May 17 In UA, all residents aged 18 years and over must file an annual income tax return with the City, regardless of whether any tax is due. The City uses the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) for the processing of UA income taxes. RITA's MyAccount platform allows taxpayers to electronically file their taxes, update their accounts, send and receive secure messages, make payments and more.



UA Parks & Recreation is seeking seasonal employees for youth camps, days at the pool, tennis programs & more! Positions exist for teens, college students, teachers, adults & retirees looking to support their community and fill their summers with rewarding experiences. Positions include:

- Pools management, office support, lifeguards
- Summer camp directors & leaders
- Parks maintenance
- Tennis support positions
- Rental facility support positions

#### Why UA?

- Positions available for ages 15 & up
- Competitive wages & eligibility for end of season bonus\*
- Lifeguard certification fees are covered\*\*



Scan this code to apply today!

**SUMMER IS ON & WE NEED YOU!** 614-583-5300 | upperarlingtonoh.gov





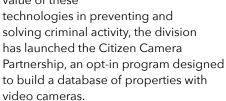
RITA is NOT offering in-person assistance this tax season, but encourages the use of online filing and payments.

The City's Finance Department will accept information and documents. They can be mailed or placed in the City's dropbox in the Kenny Road parking lot of the Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road.

# Citizen Camera Partnership POLICE 614-583-5150

The increase of home security video devices has helped the Police Division identify

and prosecute several incidents. Recognizing the value of these



By registering, residents and businesses are simply letting UA Police know that cameras are in use on their property, with Police only requesting access to video footage following a crime or other notable safety incident in the immediate area. The database is secure, with participants' information kept private and confidential.

Visit the Police section of the City's website to register.

# Spring/Summer Activity Guide

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# PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

The Spring/Summer Activity Guide is your guide to the events, programs and recreational opportunities offered by the Parks & Recreation Department. View the online version at *parks.uaoh.net*.

# **Garage/Yard Sales**

#### CODE COMPLIANCE 614-583-5070

Residents may conduct one garage/ yard sale during any six-month period, not to exceed three consecutive days or two days on two consecutive weekends. Sales may be held from 8 am-8 pm, with items placed for display in a garage or backyard. Any signage should be placed on private property only and should not exceed eight square feet.

# **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 *upperarlingtonoh.gov*.

# **Tree Damage**

#### PARKS & FORESTRY 614-583-5340

If a damaged tree is a threat to public safety, or obstructing the street or sidewalk, call Parks & Forestry during office hours. After hours situations can be reported to 614-459-2800. For immediate emergencies call 9-1-1.

Following severe weather, the City is responsible for clearing debris from street trees in the public right-of-way. Debris from private trees is the property owner's responsibility, however, the City may clear private debris from streets or sidewalks to abate immediate hazards even if privately owned trees are involved. Emergency and storm cleanup is prioritized using several criteria, and your patience is appreciated.

Do not approach downed or damaged power lines. Call your utility company or the Fire Division non-emergency line, at 614-583-5124, for assistance.

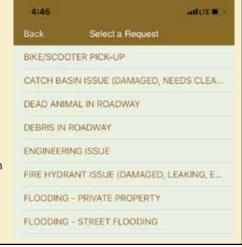
# Outdoor Dining Permitted in the City Right-of-Way

# **DEVELOPMENT** 614-583-5070

In an effort to support the community's restaurants during the pandemic, the Community Development Department has established a permit process allowing the use of the public rightof-way for outdoor dining. Interested businesses must complete an application process to receive the Outdoor Dining Permit. Some restrictions are included to protect public health and safety (pedestrian/sidewalk clearance, etc.). As a further aid to businesses, the \$150 fee is being waived in 2021. The application can be found on the City's website, under Resources | Permit Portal Outdoor Work & Construction in City's Right-of-Way.

# **UA Click2Fix**

Visit the AppleApp or GooglePlay store and search **UA Click2Fix** to download our new smartphone reporting app. Residents can use the app to submit requests or notify the City of issues such as potholes, streetlight outages, damaged street trees, etc. You can also view the construction update map and contact staff using the app's Directory. Call Public Service at 614-583-5350 if you have any questions.



# **Reduce Food Waste This Spring**

With the return of warmer weather, many are looking to (safely) get out of the house and back into our community. This change in routine can be accompanied by a change in food habits. Luckily, the new Save More Than Food awareness campaign can connect residents with resources to reduce food waste. Visit <code>SaveMoreThanFood.org</code> and sign up for the campaign newsletter to learn more and stay connected!

In Franklin County, nearly one million pounds of food waste arrives at the landfill every day. Through reducing our waste, composting and recycling, we can all help redirect materials that would otherwise end up in a landfill.

# **Tips to Reduce Food Waste**

 Shop Smart, Plan Meals - Before you head to the store, make note of



what you already have on hand so you don't end up with duplicates, some of which may go bad before you can use them. Find meal planning tools on *Save More Than Food* to cut back on unnecessary food purchases and save money.

 Imperfectly Perfect Food - That crooked carrot, the apple with the slightly odd coloring, the tomato that's less than round - these oneof-a-kind produce items are just as delicious. Look for the 'imperfect produce' section at your local grocery or consider shopping with some online food retailers that specialize in selling food that would have otherwise gone to waste.

- Love Your Leftovers Leftovers make for quick and convenient next-day meals, but they also can be easily forgotten in the back of your fridge. Set yourself up for a quick and delicious meal by freezing leftovers in single-serving containers.
- Get Creative Don't like eating the same meal twice? Find a recipe that helps you use up the odds and ends in your refrigerator by googling the ingredients/dishes that need to be used.

Find more tips for reducing food waste, using up leftovers, composting and more, at *SaveMoreThanFood.org*.

# **Tips for Maintaining Sanitary Sewer Lines**

The sanitary sewer system is comprised of underground pipes that carry sewage and grey water from toilets, showers, sinks, dishwashers, washing machines and other home or business plumbing components to a wastewater treatment plant, where it is filtered, treated and discharged. The water produced inside a building is used in part to help transport other solids through the sanitary sewer. Solids, such as toilet paper and ground up food from sinks equipped with a garbage disposal, are easily handled by the sanitary sewers.

Other solids, such as grease and rags, can also make their way into the sanitary sewer and are common sources of blockages that in turn, reduce capacity of the sanitary sewer and can cause basement backups.

Toilet paper is designed to break down when exposed to water. While they are often marked as flushable, baby wipes and other disposable wipes don't break down quickly or as easily as claimed. These rags can get caught on roots, deposits, jagged pipe edges, or other areas of the sewer. As they accumulate, they cause a flow restriction and over time can cause a complete blockage.

While it might be tempting to dispose of hot grease and oils produced from cooking by dumping them in the sink, these materials turn solid as they cool and attach to the walls of the pipes. Over time, the build up of grease





reduces the sewer's capacity and can cause overflows or basement backups.

In both instances, homeowners should enlist the services of a plumber to remove any buildup or blockage. Better yet, you can prevent these issues from occurring in the first place by properly disposing of wipes and cooking grease in the trash.

The City has staff dedicated to ensuring that the public sewers are open and flowing. Reach out to the Upper Arlington Engineering Division, at 614-583-5360 if you have questions.

# Schoolsins GHOOL



Since the fall of 1956, the current Upper Arlington High School has sent off 63 graduating classes into their next chapter of life. This spring, the Class of 2021 will be the 64th - and final - class to graduate from the building at 1650 Ridgeview Road.

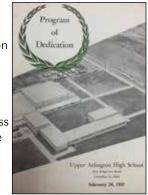
At the end of the 2020-2021 school year, the current Upper Arlington High School will close to make way for the opening of the new school - at 1625 Zollinger Road - in August.

"There's so much to look forward to, with this amazing new space for students, but we are also sad to see the old Ridgeview building go," said Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D. "Whether you're an alumni or a current student, a parent or a grandparent, or a resident of this community, you have memories of this building. It has been a hub for our community for many years."



Upper Arlington High School opened the doors of the Ridgeview Road building to students in September of 1956, and a few months later, in February 1957, the new school was officially dedicated at a community-wide ceremony in the avmnasium.

Jack Graf, the 2021 president of the Upper Arlington Alumni Association (UAAA), was among the first decade of classes to graduate from the current building - in 1965. By then, the school was in the process of expanding a second time and would eventually grow from the original 107,000 square feet to the nearly 294,000 square feet that exists today.



"As alumni, this building is a big part of our memories of high school," Graf said. "We performed and created, practiced and competed, and learned and grew as students and young adults - all in this building. We'll never forget this school or those memories."

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Graf and the UAAA were able to give alumni and community members one last chance to walk the hallways of Upper Arlington High School on April 18. For those who were not able to attend, the school district will be sharing a virtual tour at www.uaschools.org/facilities before the building is decommissioned following the final day of the school year, on May 27.



Construction on the new, 395,000-square-foot Upper Arlington High School is continuing on schedule and on budget to open for the start of the 2021-2022 school year in August.

"It's bittersweet - saying goodbye to the old high school - but I'm so excited to welcome our students and staff into the beautiful new building," Principal Andrew Theado said. "It will be the home of the Golden Bears for many generations to come."

This summer, work will begin to demolish the old building, which will be done with great care, especially in the area built on the site of the Litchford family cemetery.

Pleasant Litchford was a master blacksmith who had been enslaved in Virginia, bought his freedom and settled in the area

that is now Upper Arlington, purchasing the land that is now home to the high school as well as Northam Park and Tremont Elementary School. He made great contributions to the area, including donating land for a school for African-American children.

After the school district acquired that parcel of land in the 1950s, approximately 30 bodies were exhumed from the Litchford family cemetery and moved to other cemeteries in the area. An archaeological investigation in August of 2020 found that human remains were left behind - discovering one fully intact grave and two partially exhumed graves adjacent to the school.

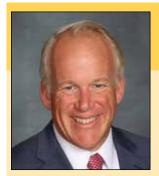
Archaeologists will be on site throughout the demolition process. The district also remains committed to working





with Litchford family descendants and community members to determine how to properly commemorate the contributions and legacy of Pleasant Litchford and the history of the site as the Litchford family cemetery - acknowledging and honoring our past as we celebrate our future.





# **SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES**

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

# District is Looking Ahead to Provide Support Students Need

We're quickly approaching the end of the 2020-2021 school year - and what a journey it has been!

Since the beginning of March, our school-based students have been back together for all-in learning. This is what we had been planning for and looking forward to since the summer of 2020, when we launched our Responsible Restart Plan. We also have students learning in the UA Online Academy for the final weeks of the year. We are incredibly excited to safely celebrate all of those important end-of-year milestones ahead with all of our students.

In all-in learning, we continue to have health and safety precautions in place. In addition, we are grateful to be able to partner with Nationwide Children's Hospital to offer COVID-19 vaccinations to our students age 16 or older. This is an important step for our schools and our community.

During these final weeks of the school year, we are focusing even more intently on providing our students with the highest quality educational experience - and any additional support they need.

We are spending time this spring gathering data on the social-emotional well-being of our students so we can ensure we're supporting the well-being of each and every child. This survey aligns with our strategic priority of well-being and will provide valuable insight into the student experience in our schools. The survey, which is being administered to students in grades 3 through 12, measures things like growth mindset, sense of belonging, and other skills and mindsets that students need to thrive. For middle school and high school students, there also are questions

about diversity, equity and inclusion - which is an important part of our well-being priority.

We are also looking ahead and planning for additional academic and well-being supports for students for the summer, the 2021-2022 school year and beyond.

In the short term, we will be building on and expanding existing offerings such as our Summer Reading program this summer for elementary students, and we will continue to offer immediate credit recovery for high school students. Throughout the summer, our staff will be working with the students with the greatest needs to offer further support. And we plan to provide free online resources throughout the summer that all students can access on their school-issued devices.

We are working to design additional offerings, with a focus on well-being and core academic subjects, for students at the elementary and secondary level both during the summer and throughout the upcoming school year. We are also exploring partnerships with other districts and in our own community to make all of this happen.

Many more details will be coming for families and students - you can watch our website for updates.

I'd like to conclude by thanking the families, grandparents and residents of our community for your partnership and support of our students and staff over the past year. We look forward to a great end to this school year - together as Golden Bears!

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D. is superintendent of Upper Arlington Schools. You can follow him on Twitter @imhoffpaul.



# Statement on AAPI Violence and Our Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

At Upper Arlington Schools, we believe in the power of diversity, the impact of equity, and the strength of inclusion.

In the past year, there have been nearly 3,800 acts of violence against members of Asian, Asian-American and Pacific Islander communities. These incidents are unmistakably acts of racism. At Upper Arlington Schools, we stand in support of our Asian colleagues, students, families, friends and all others impacted by these tragedies.

The Upper Arlington Board of Education has taken a strong anti-racism stance. In a resolution adopted in June 2020, the Board committed to eliminating racism, social injustice, bias and bigotry in our school community. In Upper Arlington Schools, we must take active steps to ensure that every child has a safe space to learn, grow and thrive without fear of prejudice or bias based upon race, color, ethnicity or national origin.

We remain committed to our mission of *challenging* and supporting every student, every step of the way.

# BITES From the Apple

# SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

# Help the UAAA celebrate the UAHS Class of 2021!

The Upper Arlington Alumni Association (UAAA) and the Upper Arlington Education Foundation (UA+Ed) invite the entire community to help celebrate the 478 amazing members of the Class of 2021 and welcome them to the UAAA.

Every \$10 tax-deductible donation will provide one senior with a "UA Alumni '21" t-shirt and a car window cling. In addition to your donation, you may share a note of congratulations to students in the Class of 2021 and welcome them into the UAAA.

"We want graduates to know that they will remain Golden Bears even after walking across the stage to receive their diplomas," said Jack Graf, 2021 UAAA President, UAHS Class of 1965. "We like to say, 'Once a Golden Bear, always a Golden Bear.' "

To celebrate a senior - or seniors - and make a donation, please visit https://givebutter.com/uahs2021.

# Register NOW for all-day kindergarten

The Upper Arlington Schools community is looking forward to welcoming the Golden Bears Class of 2034! Children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2021, are eligible for kindergarten during the 2021-2022 school year.





We strongly encourage families who want to register their students for kindergarten this fall to complete that process as soon as possible. This will help us with planning and staffing so we can provide the best possible experience for each student - and it will also help families get their preferred time for a kindergarten screening appointment. You can learn more and begin the registration process at www.uaschools.org/kindergarten.aspx.

# Nominations wanted for 2021 Alumni Awards

UAAA is seeking nominations for the 2021 Alumni Awards.

Outstanding and Distinguished Alumnus Awards have been

presented annually since 1993 and have honored many accomplished graduates.

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This year, UAAA has added an Inspirational Young Alumnus Award. This new award was inspired by the current UAAA board, which includes 13 graduates ranging from the classes of 1965 to 2014. In addition, there are seven "ambassadors," current students of Upper Arlington High School, who also sit on the UAAA board.

"There are young grads who are excelling in professional and personal accomplishments. By honoring them,

we highlight the School District's vision to cultivate 'uniquely accomplished students prepared to serve, lead, and succeed,' " said UAAA and Upper Arlington Education Foundation Executive Director Alice Finley.

Details and nomination forms can be found on the UAAA website, Bearalums. com. The deadline for nominations is May 31, 2021.

# 2020-21 SCHOOL DATES

No school for students; staff report per schedule

Tuesday, May 4

Primary Election Day

# Early dismissal (K-12), last day for students

### Thursday, May 27

- Morning kindergarten ends at 10:05 am (Wickliffe: 11:05 am); afternoon kindergarten begins at 11:05 am (Wickliffe 12:05 pm)
- Dismissal at 1 pm (Wickliffe 2 pm) for elementary students; 1:30 pm for secondary students

**Teacher Work Day** Friday, May 28

UAHS Commencement Sunday, May 30

For upcoming school year calendars, visit: www.uaschools.org/calendars.aspx

# Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

An important part of everything we do is our commitment to sound fiscal management. With that in mind, I'm



pleased to share that Upper Arlington Schools has once again earned the Auditor of State Award for excellence in financial reporting. This recognizes our effective and accountable financial practices and follows the clean audit opinion the district received after its annual external, third-party review of financial records and practices.

Using our funding wisely is a crucial part of our commitment to being a good steward of taxpayer dollars for our community. Over the past year, our district has been carefully looking at our five year forecast to creatively seek out cost efficiencies while also preserving the overall student experience in Upper Arlington Schools. So far, we have achieved approximately \$4.6 million in cost savings, primarily through a hiring freeze on most new positions.

This was one approach that the Board of Education asked us to take due to the challenging economic situation for our state and our country at that time. At

the request of the Board of Education, we also dipped into our budget reserve. The district has a long-standing practice of maintaining a conservative budget reserve to help stabilize the budget in the event of a future crisis, and the Board felt that the economic challenges presented by the pandemic met the standards for tapping into this reserve.

Now, nearly a year later, several other factors are also helping stabilize our budget. Property valuations, insurance premiums and federal stimulus funds have helped our financial forecast in recent months, and the actual state revenue reductions were lower than forecasted. All of these factors have put us in a position to yet again consider the timing of our next request for operating funds.

During the March Board of

Education meeting, I reviewed all of this financial information and recommended waiting until the fall of 2022 to return to the ballot. The Board of Education voted in support of this recommendation.

We will be keeping a close eye on several things that may impact our finances in the future. This includes the proposed state budget and state funding for our schools, as well as revenue generated by local property valuations. We also continue to monitor our projected enrollment growth, and we expect that will likely be a significant factor in the financial future of our district over the next decade.

We will continue to responsibly plan for all scenarios so that we can ensure our students benefit from the highquality learning experiences they so deserve.

# **UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION**

# **2021 Upper Arlington Board of Education**

From Left: Lori Trent, Jenny McKenna, President Scott McKenzie, Vice President Carol Mohr and Nancy Drees

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. In the event that the COVID-19 pandemic necessitates the Board of Education conducting a regular meeting via video-conferencing, a live feed of the regular meeting will be available on the Upper Arlington Schools YouTube account. Please refer to www.uaschools.org for the most up-to-date information.

**Board of Education Meetings:** 

- Tuesday, May 11, 6 pm Hastings Middle School Auditorium, 1850 Hastings
- Tuesday, June 8, 6 p.m. Hastings Middle School Auditorium, 1850 Hastings
- Tuesday, June 24, 8 a.m. to be determined

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#### **BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS**

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# SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Jones Middle School Assistant Principal Aimee White greeted students on the first day of all-in learning on March 1.



Hastings Middle School students involved in Student Council and the B.E.A.R.S. student group welcomed their classmates back for all-in learning.



Tremont Elementary School custodian John Sopko Sr. has been bringing smiles to students' faces this year by creating sculptures - like the camera above - from the furniture in the common areas.



Students at Greensview Elementary School are enjoying the many reading spaces available in the new media center.



During all-in learning, schools are using cafeterias, common spaces, gymnasiums and even tents outside to ensure 6 feet of physical distancing at lunch.



Second-grade students work on a biography project.

# SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED







From left to right: The new Upper Arlington High School, new Windermere Elementary School and renovation project at Barrington Elementary School are progressing on schedule and on budget. These spaces will open for the start of the 2021-2022 school year in August.



# UA Vocal Music: "Something Rotten!"

And the show went on! Upper Arlington High School was excited to present "Something Rotten!" - with the option of several different viewing formats - for the Upper Arlington community during the months of March and April. UA Vocal Music's first-ever filmed musical movie production was presented during limited-capacity inperson screenings at the high school, at the South Drive-In Theater in Columbus, and via on-demand video. The production was a team effort - with UAHS students, alumni and community members participating in the staging, audio-recording, filming and editing process.





# Library INSIG HARNINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

# **Early Learning Play Area Coming Soon**

The Main Library's Youth Department is home to a new feature designed to educate and entertain young children through play-based learning.

Research shows that play-based learning benefits the whole child. It is generally self-chosen, unstructured, process-oriented, and enjoyable with no specific end goal. It enhances early learning skills like socialization, self-regulation, creativity, problem solving, and fine and gross motor skills.

Our new Early Learning Play Area contains a storybook cottage, puppet birdhouse, pretend garden, story spinner, letterbright board, photo booth, and other activities.



Library staff
have worked on the
project for the past
three years. The idea
started in 2018, with
major fundraising and
design taking place
throughout 2019. When
the pandemic hit, the
project was put on hold
until fall of 2020.

This project was funded entirely through donations. Our



lead sponsor is the Upper Arlington Community Foundation, with additional funds from The Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library, the Upper Arlington Rotary Club, Tri-Village Rotary Club, and other private donors. We could not have created this new space without their generous support.

At press time, we're planning to open the Early Learning Play Area on June 1 to coincide with the start of our Summer Reading Club. Certain activities may not be immediately available due to safety precautions.

# **Show Your Support for Library Funding**

Ohio has the highest library use per capita in the United States. Our state's success depends on the strong partnership between the state and the local library systems. In Ohio, public libraries receive money through the Public Library Fund (PLF). The Upper Arlington Public Library currently relies on the PLF for 43% of our annual budget.

The PLF is currently set at 1.70% of the General Revenue Fund (GRF), but it will automatically be cut to 1.66% on July 1, 2021. Libraries across Ohio are asking lawmakers to make public libraries a priority in this budget and maintain the PLF at the current (FY21) rate of 1.7%. A drop of .04% may not sound like much, but it accounts for over \$98,000 of our annual income...money we use to maintain buildings, update technology, and pay staff.

You can voice your support of libraries by contacting our state legislators immediately, and asking them to keep the PLF at 1.7%. State Senator Stephanie Kunze (614) 466-5981 https://ohiosenate.gov/senators/kunze/ contact

State Representative Allison Russo (614) 466-9012 https://ohiohouse.gov/members/c-allison-russo/contact

Find more information on how you can help at www.ualibrary.org/support.

# **2020 Annual Report**

# **OUR 2020 PANDEMIC RESPONSE**

- March 14: UAPL closes after stay-at-home order issued
- April: All branches remain closed; chat service begins; fiscal office estimates a 30% loss of revenue from the State; virtual storytimes begin on YouTube
- May: Library part-time staff are furloughed; full-time staff get 5% pay cut; curbside service begins at Main Library
- June: Computer appointments begin; weekly Make It and Take It crafts debut
- July: Part-time staff brought back in phases; Governor's health advisory system launches; digital puzzle collection debuts
- September: Main Library atrium opens; Lane Road walk-up window opens; all staff have returned
- October: Hours and pay restored for all staff; resume limited Outreach homebound delivery service; virtual homework help
- November: Franklin County reaches level 4; Main Library closes atrium service; book delivery to UA elementary schools begins
- December: Intercom and tent installed at Main Library for curbside





#### ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

# **General Fund**

Beginning Cash Balance	\$3,516,324
Cash Receipts	\$6,164,316
Property & Local Taxes	\$3,217,261
Public Library Fund	\$2,764,681
Other Revenue	\$182,374
Cash Disbursements	\$5,246,902
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,768,969
Materials	\$738,134
Other Expenses	\$739,799
Transfer to Building Improvement Fund	-\$300,000
Ending Cash Balance	\$4,133,738

This is an unaudited financial statement.

#### BY THE NUMBERS

Cardholders	33,912
Total collection use	1,336,782
Virtual and live programs offered	257
Vehicles through curbside service	127,087
WiFi sessions	143,007



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# **OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS**

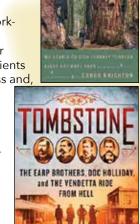
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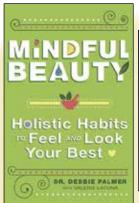
# By Debbie Palmer

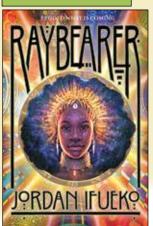
In Mindful Beauty, New Yorkbased dermatologist Dr. Debbie Palmer unveils her secrets to helping her patients develop more mindfulness and,

in the process, cultivate inner peace and outer radiance. Mindfulness is a simple change we can all make for better healthemotionally, physically, and spiritually. This book provides simple self-care tips and shows how to work with essential oils, crystals, chakras, nutrition, and more as you make positive changes in body, mind, and spirit.

- Melanie Stanley, Adult Services







baby thrown from a passing Nazi train. As the book unfolds, we find two parallel parents, and the Jewish parents who story and one that reminds us what

- Scott Potter, Adult Services

# Brothers, Doc Holliday, and the Vendetta Ride from Hell **Bv Tom Clavin** On October 26, 1881, the most famous

**Tombstone: The Earp** 

shootout in American frontier history took place. In a mere 30 seconds, three men were killed and more were wounded. This book looks at the legend and history of not only the shootout, but what factors lead up to the confrontation and the vendetta ride which took place after the initial dust had settled. Reading this book you can understand how Wyatt Earp, Doc Holiday, Johnny Ringo, and

others have stayed in our collective

- Matilda Davis-Northrup, Technical Services

# The Most Precious of **Cargoes**

consciousness to this day.

#### By Jean-Claude Grumberg

This is a fairytale-style novella set in World War II at the height of the Holocaust. Not to be taken lightly, Jean-Claude Grumberg's book is cleverly written. A very poor rural couple finds a

story lines: The poor couple, now instant tossed their baby off the train with hopes their newborn would survive. A masterful human kindness can inspire even during horrific times.

# **Leave Only Footprints**

# **By Conor Knighton**

Offering a brief yet insightful glimpse into each of our country's National Parks (except three that received this designation after the author completed his 2016 journey), this book is as much a primer on U.S. history as it is a travel guide. Throughout his year-long trek, Knighton not only hikes the trails, but spends time talking with a variety of people either employed by or visiting the parks, yielding many interesting stories and eye-opening facts. With parks grouped by category rather than

alphabetically or geographically, this is an easy book to read in segments at a leisurely pace, just as one would wander through the woods - or over a sand

dune – at one of our national

– Nancy Byron, Miller Park

# Raybearer

# By Jordan Ifueko

Tarisai has always wanted to belong. In the fantastical continent of Aritsar, she is raised in a compound by tutors who are scared of her and her power. Her mother, who she calls The Lady, is always away traveling. So when she is chosen to be part of the Crown Prince's Eleven, she finally has a chance to be part of a family: If only The Lady didn't magically command her to kill the prince. This young adult epic fantasy is perfect for fans of

Avatar: The Last Airbender, Tangled, and Ella Enchanted.

- Emma Root, Lane Road

# **Perestroika in Paris**

# By Jane Smiley

I haven't read a Jane Smiley book in a long time. What a pleasant surprise to fall into her whimsical story about a racehorse who wanders into Paris. How can a horse be unspotted in Paris? You need a good collection of animal buddies plus one or two humans aiding your adventure. Take a break and stroll through Paris with the horse Perestroika and her friends. Forget about our rocky world racked with the P's of pandemic and politics, and rejoice in living creatures and their desires, like all of us, looking for love and understanding. Enjoy a feel-good book, give yourself a hug, you probably need both.

- Vita Marinello, Adult Services

Get more suggestions at www.ualibrary.org/adultservices

# **News BITES**

# **LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION**

# **Check Out Items Through Our App**

The Library's app now lets you to check out items directly from your smartphone, allowing you to completely bypass our checkout terminals. It's simple to do. First, make sure your UAPL app is updated to the current version. On the app's home screen, click "Self Checkout" from the main menu, then click "Scan" and aim over an item's barcode. This process will work for items you find by browsing as well as those held for you.

# **Borrow a WiFi Hotspot**

You can now check out a T-Mobilepowered WiFi hotspot for up to 14 days from our Lane Road Library. These hotspots offer unlimited high-speed

data and can power up to 10 connected WiFi devices. Reserve a hotspot through our catalog at https://bit.ly/3cYFc7l. Note that these must be picked up and returned at our Lane Road Library walkup window.

#### **Red Cross Blood Drives**

There's a critical need for blood donations and you can help by donating at a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Main Library from 11 am-4 pm, Wednesday, May 19 and Thursday, June 10. Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org with sponsor code "UAPL."

#### Volunteen BINGO

Students in grades 6-12 can earn up to 12 service hours by completing our volunteer BINGO worksheet. Pick up a sheet in the Youth Department at the Main Library, at the walk-up windows at Miller Park or Lane Road, or download it at http://teensmakeadifference.ualibrary. org. To receive service credit, just take a picture of or scan the sheet and email it to teens@ualibrary.org.

# Friends of the UA **Library Book Sales**

The Friends of the UA Library have scheduled two book sales in the Main Library's atrium. Fiction books will be available for sale on Sunday, May 2 from 9 am -3 pm. Nonfiction books will be available on Sunday, May 23 from 9 am -3 pm. Face masks are mandatory, as is social distancing. Due to COVID, we may need to limit the number of people in the atrium at one time. We ask that people who are not shopping NOT attend in case we approach the limit.

# **Summer Reading Club Begins June 1**

Summer Reading Club is the perfect time to celebrate some great tales for all ages. It's easy to participate!

Visit http:// read.ualibrary.org between June 1-July 31 to register and be entered into a gift card drawing. Pick up, download, or create your own reading log, then track the days



you read. We recommend 15-20 minutes each day, but feel free to set your own goal.

For each week you read, you'll earn another entry into our gift card drawings. To enter and see the gift card options, go to http://read.ualibrary.org or call 614-486-9621 and ask for Youth or Adult Services. Total entries cannot exceed 10 per participant.

We'll notify all winners by phone by August 3, 2021. Logs do not need to be submitted or verified.

Even if you don't win one of our gift card drawings, you'll earn a free book if you read on 15 days more between June 1-July 31. To claim your book prize, watch our website or social media, or call for details starting August 1.



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# COMMUNITY ENTS & ACTIVITIES

This edition of our Community Calendar reflects what is known at this time for the summer's special events, and plans are subject to change based on COVID-19 health and safety guidelines. Please be on the look out for updates via our e-newsletters and social media.

# **UA Farmers Market**

# 4-7 pm, Wednesdays May 19-October 27 **Tremont Pool Parking Lot** getfreshmarkets.org

UA's popular Farmers Market will be held every Wednesday, rain or shine. Visit the Get Fresh Markets website for full details, including this year's COVID-19 health & safety guidelines.

BUY ANOTHER PROGRAM - this year's market will feature a "Buy Another" Neighbor Foods pilot program in partnership with First Community's Heart to Heart Food Pantry.

#### Music in the Parks

# 7-8:30 p.m., Thursdays **UA Cultural Arts | upperarlingtonoh.gov**

Enjoy our socially distanced, free summer concert series. Watch for event updates closer to June, as we may require advance registration (dependent on health & safety guidelines).

**The Moxie Strings** June 3

National Church Residences 2245 N. Bank Dr.

June 10 Red Healer 2245 N. Bank Dr.

June 17 Deuce 'n a Quarter 2245 N. Bank Dr.

June 24 Ladies of Longford 2245 N. Bank Dr.

July 1 **Largemouth Brass Band** Location TBD

July 8 **Victorious KayBirds** Location TBD

July 15 **The Deeptones** Location TBD

# **Memorial Day Run**

Monday, May 31

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org Visit the UACA website for updates, including registration details.

# **Movies in the Park**

7:30 pm Fridays In partnership with the UA Civic **Association** 

UA Parks & Rec | upperarlingtonoh.gov

June 11 Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (PG) Mountview Christian Church (drive-in)

June 25 The Secret Life of Pets (PG)

Family Camp Out, Sunny 95 Park



The Croods: A New Age (PG) Family Camp Out, Sunny 95 Park

**July 15\*** 

The Sandlot (PG)

Summer Celebration, Thompson Park \*Thursday, starts at 9 pm

August 13 Back to the Future (PG)

Thompson Park

# **Fourth of July Celebration**

Thursday, July 4

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