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## Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan Findings

April presentations of the study findings highlight strong support for the parks system, with the emergence of key wants/needs to maintain and enhance amenities and programming

The Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan review and planning process is a vital step in guiding future decision-making on how to get the most value from our limited parks and the facilities within them, while fulfilling the recreational wants and needs of the community.

The work of PROS Consulting and its team thus far, has been conducted over a period of approximately nine months. This process has included extensive resident input and a detailed study of existing conditions, combined with comparisons with other communities and industry trends. The results of this extensive data gathering process was shared with the community in April via presentations made to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, City Council and at a dedicated Community Meeting.

### Community Engagement Process

Opportunities to be part of the process and the response from residents has been impressive.

- Over 300 residents participated in stakeholder interviews, focus groups and a first community meeting. This included representatives from field sports organizations, the Senior Advisory Council, Cultural Arts Commission, Northam Tennis Advisory Committee, Tree Commission, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, City Council, and various other public entities and civic groups.
- A quick questionnaire fielded at the beginning of the process which was



available at various community events and online—was completed by 885 residents.

- The goal of attaining 350 participants for a statistically-valid survey—conducted early in 2018—was far exceeded, with 653 responses.
- An online version of this survey open to all in the community—available in March—was completed by 721 people.
- A youth survey was completed by 168 students.

### Key Findings

From the wealth of information gathered through the process to date, some key themes have emerged.

#### Satisfaction With UA Parks System

An overarching theme emerging from this process is the passion and pride that our residents share relative to the community's park system and the programming provided by the Parks & Recreation Department.

"I have led many studies across the U.S. over the years," said PROS Consulting President, Leon Younger, "It's rare that we see community involvement and support at such a high level."

Of note, as shown by the graphic above, survey respondents indicate a high level of satisfaction with the overall value provided by the parks system, much higher than the national average.

The survey also brought to light just how active residents are, with 81% of respondents stating that they have participated in multiple program offerings in the past year (see graphic top right on page 3). And of those who have participated in one or more programs, 90% rate them as good or excellent.

The survey identified a number of programming areas that should be a priority: adult fitness and wellness programs, nature programs and special events. Medium priority program areas included various fitness, sports and wellness



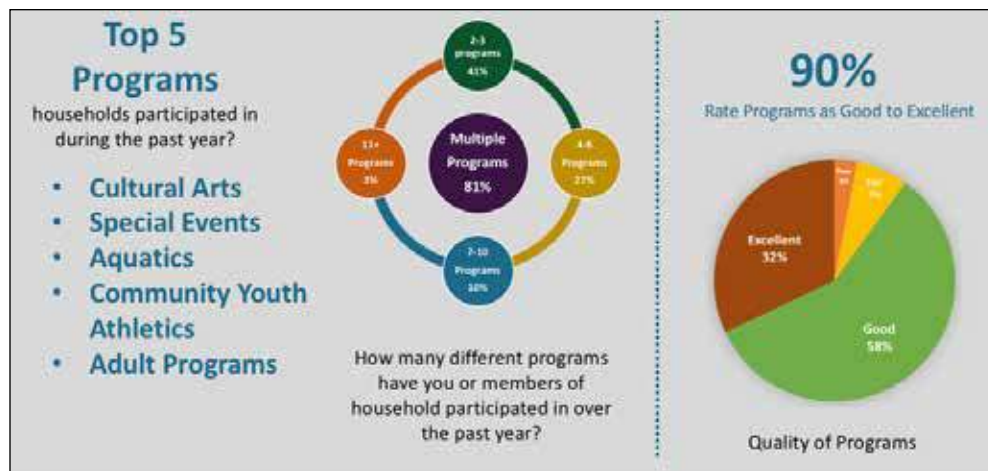
programs for all ages, family programs and trips to attractions and events.

From research of the Parks & Recreation Department's programming practices and a comparison with industry best practices, some initial recommendations shared in the April presentations included:

- Standardization of department policies across divisions;
- Development of new programming reflective of emerging trends;
- An annual review of the "lifecycle" and cost considerations for existing programs, to keep programming fresh while meeting cost recovery goals.

### Desire for City to Preserve and Enhance Existing Parks and Facilities

Appreciation and support for the community's park system came through loud and clear at all points in the data gathering phase.



Survey respondents indicated a high level of parks and facilities usage, with Northam (52%), Thompson (42%) and Fancyburg (36%) parks emerging as the facilities used the most, and Devon Pool (8%), the Senior Center (8%) and Northam Park Tennis Courts (4%) the least used facilities.

Ratings of the overall condition of the community's parks and facilities demonstrated some correlation between age and rankings of Excellent or Good. The Amelita Mirolo Barn (98%), Tremont Pool (97%), Reed Road Water Park (96%) and Sunny 95 Park (95%) received the top marks. Still in the 90s were Thompson Park (91%) and Fancyburg Park (90%). In the 80s were Northam Park (86%), Reed Road Park (85%) and Northwest Kiwanis/Burbank Park (85%), all still impressive rankings for overall satisfaction.

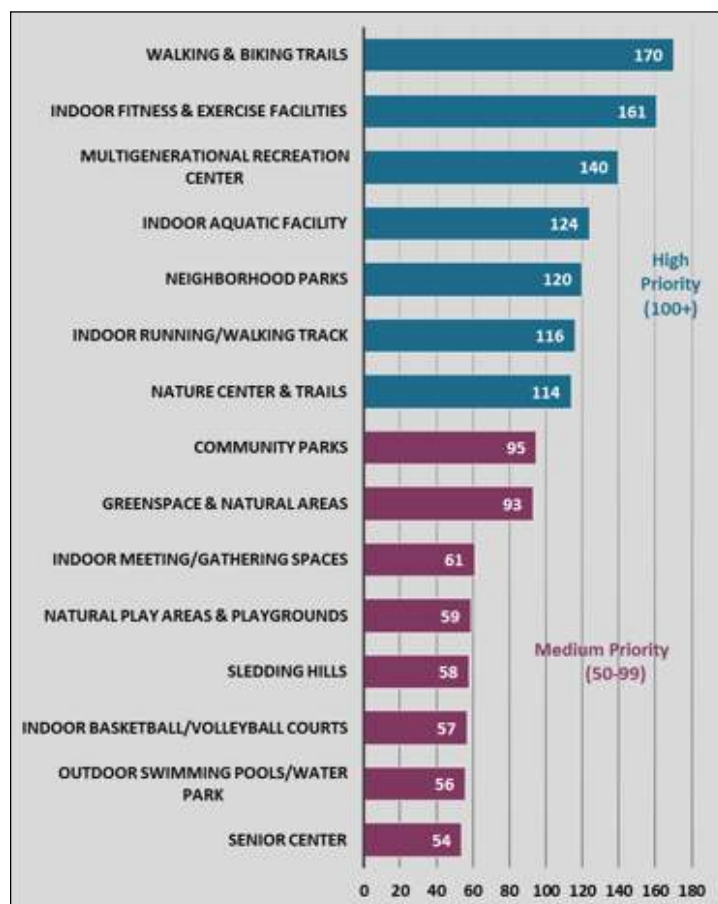
A series of questions sought to identify areas that should be a priority for the City. Relative to our parks and outdoor activities, respondents identified a need for a nature center, more walking & biking trails, greenspace and natural areas. When asked about the importance of various facilities, the top three selected by survey respondents were neighborhood parks (47%), walking & biking trails (43%) and community parks (34%).

Per the chart below left (and, for now we focus on outdoor amenities), it emerged that top priorities for the City should be walking & biking trails, neighborhood parks, and a nature center, with community parks, and greenspace & natural areas ranking as medium priorities. When asked, respondents indicated they would be most supportive of City investment in the development of new walking/biking trails & sidewalks (86%), upgrades to existing neighborhood & community parks (84%), and the acquisition of property to redevelop into open space (70%).

Based on findings from parks and facilities assessments and the emerging community sentiment, some initial recommendations shared in April include:

- Enhance park pathway systems and add trail connections;
- Develop parks and facilities maintenance standards to preserve assets;
- Address park drainage issues to increase sports field playability;
- Create design standards for uniformity (benches, picnic tables, bike racks, signage, etc.)

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### Lack of Indoor Recreation Space

It's widely perceived that the City's indoor recreation space is limited to the Senior Center and some smaller spaces such as the Amelita Mirolo Barn and some park shelters. This fact, and a strong desire by residents for the City to work to address this deficiency emerged throughout the various components of community engagement.

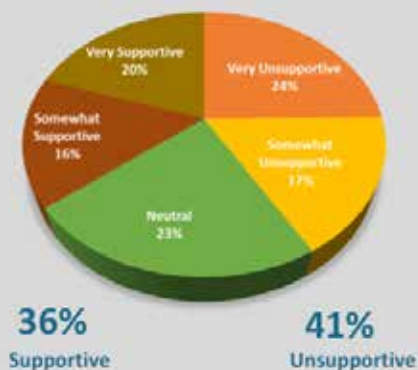
When asked about unmet needs, several components associated with indoor recreation emerged as top priorities (see the chart on page 3): fitness & exercise facilities, multi-generational recreation center, aquatics, running/walking track. Meeting/gathering space and indoor basketball/volleyball courts emerged as medium priorities.

Part of the survey addressed the issue of indoor recreation space directly, per the following line of questioning:

*Feedback received from a questionnaire and discussions with community stakeholders, recreation-affiliated entities and residents indicates an interest in a multi-generational indoor recreation facility. The existing Senior Center requires more than \$2 million in critical repairs, with no expansion of facilities or programming resulting from such an expenditure. The City would like to gauge the community's level of interest in and desire for an earnest exploration of options for indoor recreation space.*

- How supportive would you be of the City replacing the current Senior Center with programming space for older adults, without indoor recreation space for other segments of the population?
- How supportive would you be of the City undertaking a process (which would include public involvement) to explore the feasibility of an indoor recreation facility that serves all ages and segments of the population?

Replacing Senior Center with older adult programming space



As can be seen from the pie charts above, 36% of respondents were Very or Somewhat Supportive of replacing the Senior Center with space for older adults only. The support for further study of indoor recreation space that would serve all ages was strong, with 81% of respondents Very or Somewhat Supportive. A cross comparison of the support from different households provided additional insight on the level of support:

- Households with children under age 10 – **93%**
- With children ages 10-19 – **86%**
- Households ages 20-54 (with no children) – **79%**
- Households ages 55+ (no children) – **70%**

### Next Steps

PROS Consulting is now preparing a final report that will provide a detailed review of all the data collected and develop an overarching vision for UA's parks system, with recommendations, priorities and implementation strategies to help guide the Parks & Recreation Department in the months and years ahead.

Exploring feasibility of an indoor recreation facility for all ages



The results of the final phase of this extensive process will then be shared with the community, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and City Council. Pending any final adjustments to the plan and subsequent support from City Council, work will begin to program physical improvements within the City's 10-year Capital Improvement Program, and to implement programming enhancement strategies.

"This is proving to be an invaluable process for our department," said Parks & Recreation Director Debbie McLaughlin. "We take great pride in our service to Upper Arlington residents, so it's extremely gratifying to know our work is appreciated. Having the community help us map out what's next for our parks system will make sure we continue to provide and maintain quality parks, facilities and programs in the years ahead."

To view the key findings presentations, or to learn more about the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan process, visit [www.uaoh.net/parksplan](http://www.uaoh.net/parksplan).

## FROM CHAMBERS

*Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions*



### 2018 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

### Council Communications

At its retreat early in the New Year, Council members began discussing ways to enhance how it communicates with residents. These discussions resumed in April, with the Community Affairs Office highlighting how Staff has been expanding its outreach efforts in response to feedback from the 2017 Community Survey. This has included increasing the frequency of the *UA Insight* newsletter to six issues per year and the *City Insight* e-newsletter to twice a month. Council was also shown a preview of the City's next generation website, which will be going live in the coming weeks.

At Council's request, residents who follow the City on Facebook are now receiving a heads up on agenda items of interest that are coming up at the next Council Meeting or Conference Session, followed by a brief summary after each meeting. In early April, Staff also began live-streaming the Council meetings on Facebook, in advance of considering higher quality video options with archiving and tagging capabilities for specific agenda items.

Council members also are considering ways that individual members can be more accessible to residents. Some ideas being explored include hosting informal meet and greets in advance of meetings, coffees in the community and ways to share City news with constituents.

Watch for news of these communications enhancements as they occur. And if you're yet to like the City on Facebook, find us at @CityofUA, so that you can start seeing updates on Council agenda items. Likewise, if you wish to receive our e-newsletter, you can register at <http://tinyurl.com/uanewsletter>.

## CITY SERVICES

### Solid Waste Program Updates

Local Waste Services .....614-583-5370  
[www.localwasteservices.com](http://www.localwasteservices.com)  
[request@localwasteservices.com](mailto:request@localwasteservices.com)

#### Solid Waste Sticker Reimbursement

**DEADLINE: Friday, June 1, 2018**

If you still have any unused Solid Waste Stickers from the old program, time is running out to return them to the City for reimbursement. You must complete a Sticker Reimbursement Form and submit it by mail or in person by June 1 with the correct number of stickers for which you are seeking reimbursement. A discount will be reflected on your next semi-annual utility invoice from the City. The form can be downloaded at [www.uaoh.net/trash2018](http://www.uaoh.net/trash2018).

#### COMING SOON: Summer Semi-Annual Utility Invoice

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

The Solid Waste fee applies to every household—single family homes, apartments and condominiums. The fee runs with the property and the City will not prorate the amount due should the property change hands during the year. This fee is all inclusive, i.e. trash, recycling, yard waste and bulk items are all collected by Local Waste at no additional charge.

#### Program Reminders

Here are some other useful service reminders to help you get the most out of our new program:

- Place all items for disposal at the curb between 6 pm the night before and 7 am on your regular collection day. Keep trash and recycling containers at least three feet apart from other items to provide easy access for the collection equipment. Lid openings should face into the street. Containers must be removed from the curb by 7 am of the day following collection.
- **Screening Requirements** - Households should keep trash and recycling containers out of view from the street—in a garage, shed, screened behind a fence or landscaping, etc.—except when putting them at the curb the night before or by 7 am on collection day.
- **Yard Waste** - Place yard waste in approved biodegradable yard waste bags, bundles or trash containers clearly marked as "Yard Waste," and place at the curb by 7 am on your regular collection day. Plastic bags or yard waste mixed with trash are NOT accepted. "Yard Waste" decals are available at the Municipal Services Center and UA libraries.



## River Ridge/Kingsdale West Study Update

Planning NEXT was engaged to study the River Ridge/Kingsdale West residential district, to make sure we are providing an appropriate policy framework that supports the district's unique character. From late 2017-early 2018, many residents participated in the process—via meetings and online surveys—sharing their ideas on housing trends, neighborhood connectivity, pedestrian access, safety, traffic and more. Following a January 31 Open House, the results were presented to City Council on March 26.

The report is scheduled for further discussion at the Monday, May 7 Council Conference Session, which begins at 7:30 pm at 3600 Tremont Road.

The full list of recommendations and other useful documents, can be found at [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net).

## Veterans Memorial Project Update



A group of residents, including several veterans of the armed services, are collaborating to enhance the Veterans Memorial at Mallway Park, to create an inviting and attractive place for reflection and appreciation of the men and women who have served their country.

Following a first round of community engagement, which included several meetings and an online survey, the planning team has taken the feedback received under consideration, and is making design revisions. A second round of outreach will be scheduled soon so that the community can see and comment on the revisions. Once this complete, plans for the proposal will be shared with Council.

Please watch for updates.

## Crime Stoppers Officer of the Month

Our congratulations to Police Officer Josh Luke, who received a Central Ohio Crime Stoppers Bryan Hurst/Tony Luzio Officer of the Month Award in April. This was as a result of his successful efforts to apprehend a robbery suspect at CVS Pharmacy on February 11. The suspect had a pellet gun with him, and Officer Luke showed tremendous restraint and good judgement as he safely handled the situation.

A job well done, and we are proud to have Jason on our team!



## Wildlife Reminder

It's often the case that issues with wildlife are the result of human oversight, so the City advises all residents to take the following measures to dissuade unwanted visitors as a matter of routine practice:

- Regularly cut grass and weeds in the growing season.
- Haul away any leftover building/project materials.
- Stack firewood on racks or pallets that are at least six inches off the ground.

### Trash and Recycling

- Place trash and recycling out weekly for pickup.
- Place in containers with securely fitting lids.
- Replace damaged containers or lids.
- Place containers at the curb no sooner than the evening prior to your regular collection day.
- Once collected, return containers to an enclosure, such as a garage or shed.
- Do not over fill containers.

### Composting

- City Code § 935.03 requires that composting containers be fully enclosed with no opening greater than 1/4-inch in any direction. Failure to use such container is hereby declared a nuisance.
- The compost bin should be the furthest distance possible from your home.
- Follow recommended practices for effectively maintaining a compost bin.

### Maintain Your Yard

- Don't let yard waste piles accumulate (leaves, branches, brush, etc.).

### Remove Possible Food Sources

- Clean up any pet waste daily.
- Store any food kept outside or in your garage in rat and mice-proof containers, such as galvanized cans with tight-fitting lids.
- Limit how much birdfeed you place in feeders. Put out only enough for the daytime and regularly remove any birdfeed that falls to the ground.
- Don't put out food for wildlife, such as peanuts or stale bread.
- If you feed pets outside, only leave the food out for as long as it takes for your pet to finish eating.
- Pick up any fallen tree fruit or garden vegetables.

The City has a webpage that provides tips on recognizing the various signs that different species may have taken up residence on your property and what to do to solve the issue. We also provide useful links and phone numbers for additional assistance.



## CITY MANAGER UPDATE

**Theodore J. Staton**

### Avenues for Supporting Residents in Need Continue to Grow

Just when you think our community has done all it can to watch out for citizens who may need a little extra assistance, and two more wonderful programs are launched.

#### Upper Arlington Neighborhood Bridges

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

The idea is so simple, you can't help but wonder why it took so long for a program like Neighborhood Bridges to launch. This online tool connects needs in a community with those willing and able to help—that's it!

Neighborhood Bridges began in Westerville early in 2017. In its first 11 months, more than 700 families received support from others in their community. As the program caught on, other communities have welcomed the opportunity to launch their own Neighborhood Bridges, and the program now exists in Dublin, Gahanna, Grove City and Worthington. Most recently, on April 12 the Upper Arlington Neighborhood Bridges Program was launched.

Recent examples of the help provided through existing programs include donations of second-hand sports equipment so that a child can be part of a league, used backpacks for students, clothing for a family that experienced a house fire, funding school lunches for a student, donations of baby furniture for a single mom-to-be, and supporting a young family whose father is suffering from a terminal illness. The program enables members of a community to directly help out when their neighbors are in need, with tangible acts of kindness.

The program works by creating community advocates—school counselors,

teachers, clergy, fire & police, support agencies such as Syntero, and the Commission on Aging. These advocates create accounts on the website and once registered, they can request the needs on behalf of people in our community that are brought to their attention. The needs are then posted to the website, and pushed out through social media and email feeds—making sure to keep the recipients anonymous. Community members that have subscribed to Neighborhood Bridges as potential helpers can then indicate if they are in a position to fulfill a need.

To help get Upper Arlington Bridges off the ground, a Steering Committee was formed early in the year, bringing together representatives from the City, Schools, Library, various service organizations, civic groups and churches in our community. From this work, two residents volunteers have stepped forward to lead the program as co-directors—Michaela Burriss and Krystin Macaluso. This team will continue to work together to grow the number of advocates, and all on the Steering Committee will be helping to spread the word.

In founder Rick Bannister's words, "kindness is catching." I encourage you to visit the Neighborhood Bridges website to learn more, and to reach out to the team if you wish to be involved.

#### CARES Special Needs Registry

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

The Fire Division's Community Assistance, Referrals and Education Services program—otherwise known as CARES—has been in operation since the fall of last

year, and it's a program that appears to be going from strength to strength.

CARES is a community paramedicine program designed to create new and evolving models of community-based health care, in which paramedics function outside their typical emergency response roles to facilitate a more tailored use of emergency care resources. CARES focus is on education, injury prevention and building community partnerships to help improve the lives of Upper Arlington residents.

A newly added component to CARES has our team in Fire extremely excited. They have launched the Special Needs Registry to help minimize the impact of injuries, illness or emergencies experienced by members of our community with special needs. The Special Needs Registry is voluntary, free-of-charge, and adaptable to each individual's need.

At a family's invitation, members of the CARES team will make a home visit to gather information about the needs of the individual, to perform a basic home safety inspection, and to collaborate with the family on how to prepare for possible emergency situations. The information gathered by the team—all confidential—will then be used to educate our EMS and fire responders, so that they know how they can provide the best possible level of care to individuals on the registry should they experience an emergency situation. To make sure emergency responders are aware they are going to a home with an individual on the Special Needs Registry, the registry is tied into the Fire Division's mobile computers via our dispatching team at the Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center.

To find out more about the Special Needs Registry, contact Dave Wisner, [dwisner@uaoh.net](mailto:dwisner@uaoh.net).

## Centennial Updates

*There's a whole lot of Centennial going on this Spring, with a series of community events celebrating UA's 100th anniversary in special ways!*

### Support Our Centennial Year Celebrations

#### Centennial Fund

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

A Centennial Fund has been established at the Upper Arlington Community Foundation as a convenient place to make a tax free donation to support the Centennial, including a limited number of opportunities to support The History Walk. Call 614-583-5040 to be connected with a member of the Centennial Task Force today.



#### Centennial Sandwich Stroll

10:30 am-Noon, Tuesday, May 1

Amelita Mirolo Barn, Sunny 95 Park

SENIOR CENTER

614-525-5320

The Centennial Sandwich Stroll celebrates the path our community has walked over the course of 100 years! Take a stroll along the paved paths through the gardens of Sunny 95 Park and collect your food. Finish at the Amelita Mirolo Barn with live music by the "Turbo Accordions." Rain or shine event, so prepare with hat, umbrella or sunscreen as needed. Cost: \$5. Advance registration required.



#### Raise the Roof

7-11 pm, Friday, May 4

Amelita Mirolo Barn

UA COMMUNITY

FOUNDATION



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

Enjoy an evening of music, refreshments, a live auction and more in support of the Upper Arlington Community Foundation. This annual fundraiser supports the many funds and philanthropic activities of the Foundation, in support of community beautification projects, the arts, safety programs, and more. Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased online.

*For full details of UA's Centennial celebrations, visit:  
[www.uaoh100.org](http://www.uaoh100.org)*



As the community celebrated UA's 100th birthday on March 20 at the Tremont Library, event goers got a sneak preview of the Centennial Plaza bronze bears, courtesy of a small scale version produced by local artist Alan Hamwi, pictured here with Centennial Task Force Vice Chair Erik Yassenoff (left) and Council President Kip Greenhill.

With work on the Legacy Project at Northam Park about to begin, community leaders gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony. From left: State Senator Stephanie Kunze, State Representative Jim Hughes, Centennial Task Force members Charlie Groezinger and Erik Yassenoff, Council members Carolyn Casper, Michele Hoyle, Sue Ralph, Brian Close, City Manager Ted Staton, Council Member Jim Lynch, Council President Kip Greenhill, and Council Vice President Brendan King.







### Spring Fling

11 am-2 pm, Saturday, May 19

Sunny 95 Park

Parks & Recreation 614-583-5300

Our Centennial Spring Fling celebration promises fun and festivities for all the family. Activities include:

- The Ohio School of Falconry brings a trio of bird—an owl, falcon and hawk—with falconry experts demonstrating their power and prowess!
- Touch A Truck is better than ever—kids and adults alike can explore a variety of City service and safety vehicles, and meet the people who bring outstanding services to the community!
- A reminder to all budding fishermen—ready your poles and nets for our annual Fishing Derby.
- Inflatables, carnival games, arts & crafts, balloon sculpting, live music and more.
- Previews some of this summer's Recreation programs.



### Wall of Honor Ceremony

3 pm, Sunday, May 20

3600 Tremont Road

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

The City and the Upper Arlington Historical Society are pleased to induct four worthy former Upper Arlington residents onto the Wall of Honor, as part of an expanded, Centennial induction ceremony:

- J.W. Jones, a teacher and former UA Schools Superintendent, after whom Jones Middle School was named.
- Clark Poston Pritchett, Jr., a local attorney and former President/Mayor of City Council.
- Jeanne (McCoy) Purnhagen Schaal, the first female President of the Northwest Kiwanis Club and a community business advocate.
- Jacob L. "Jake" Will, a businessman and army veteran who took pride in supporting his community through numerous philanthropic endeavors.



### Memorial Day Run

9 am, Monday, May 28

Starts at Reed Road Park

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

Join UACA for the 47th Annual Memorial Day Run! This 5-mile course races through the streets of UA for serious and casual runners. There is also a 1-Mile Fun Run, open to adults and free for children 14 & under.

Children 14 & under who complete a registration form will be timed with no additional fee required. And, UACA will provide a donation to the PTO/school with the most participants.

All paying runners registered by Wednesday, May 16 receive a Centennial-themed t-shirt in their specified size. A limited inventory of sizes will be available between May 17 and race day.

Don't miss your chance to participate in the oldest running/walking event in Columbus!



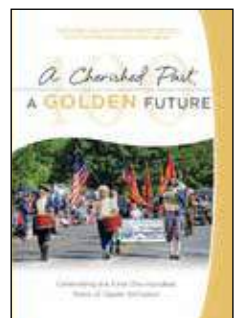
Next time you drive by Kingsdale, take a second look at the water tower, which now proudly displays our Centennial Bear!

### UA History Book

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

A lot has happened in 30 years, since a history of UA was last memorialized in a book for the community. Keeping with the tradition of capturing the progression of our community, the Historical Society—with the assistance of the Upper Arlington Library—embarked on the task of researching and writing a new historical celebration of our community. If a copy has not yet found its way to you, visit [uahistory.org](http://uahistory.org) to place an online order OR purchase copies directly from:

- Municipal Services Center
- First Merchant Bank branches (Reed Road, Tremont Center, Grandview Avenue)
- Fresh Crafts Gallery (Mallway)



# NewsBITES

## CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

### Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holiday:

- **Monday, May 28** – Memorial Day. Solid Waste collection is delayed by one day for all collection zones.

### Book the Barn for Your Event

**PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300**

Since opening in 2011, the Amelita Mirolo Barn has become a popular, year-round venue for weddings, birthday parties, retirements, baby and wedding showers, corporate events and more! Book the Barn at [www.amelitamirolobarn.com](http://www.amelitamirolobarn.com).

### City INSIGHT eNews

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 614-583-5040**

Get updates from the City, with information similar to what you find in this newsletter sent directly to your inbox? To register to receive our twice monthly e-newsletter, go to <http://tinyurl.com/uanewsletter>.

### Swamp Romp

**ENGINEERING 614-583-5360**

The call is out for area Scout groups to participate in this year's Swamp Romp, scheduled for Saturday, May 12. The morning starts with breakfast and conservation demonstrations, before teams head out to clear trash from various natural waterways in UA. Contact Jim Palmer (614-583-5360, [jpalmer@uaoh.net](mailto:jpalmer@uaoh.net)) to register.

### Prescription Drug

#### Take Back Day

**10 am-2 pm, Saturday, April 28**

**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 Police Division also participates in Drug Take Back Days coordinated by the Drug Enforcement Agency. Drop-off old and unused prescription drugs drive-thru style.

### UA High School Junior Achievement Club Partners With Equal UA

<https://tinyurl.com/equaluajac>

# EQUAL

TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER

In partnership with Junior Achievement Club at UAHS

Junior Achievement is the world's oldest and largest nonprofit organization preparing K-12th grade kids for the business of life. In the 2017/18 school year, UAHS students founded a Junior Achievement Club, which teaches kids about business by creating and running a business of their own. For their business, they have chosen to partner with Equal UA to promote an inclusive climate that encourages all people to feel welcome in our community. The club is selling Equal UA shirts, stickers, and wristbands in support of this cause. This business idea not only helps them learn how the running of a business works, but it allows them to spread the word and make a difference in the community. Items can be ordered at the above link if you wish to support their endeavor.

### Dublin's Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center (NRECC) Receives Accreditation

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) has designated NRECC—which now provides UA's emergency dispatching services—as an accredited agency for Public Safety Communications. Accreditation is awarded for a period of three years, and demonstrates a commitment to the highest professional standards, effective management and up-to-date training techniques.

### Grass/Weed Control Guidelines CODE COMPLIANCE 614-583-5070

The care and maintenance of property and landscaping benefits the entire community. City code specifies that grass must not exceed 10 inches in height and should be kept free of noxious weeds. Failure to comply will result in notice from the City to rectify the situation within five days, at which time the City will make arrangements to cut the grass/weeds at the owner's expense.

### 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 8 am-8 pm, with items placed for display in a garage or backyard. Any signage should meet a set of guidelines, available at [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net).

### Block Party Permits

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

**614-583-5040**

Planning for some summer fun on your street? Be sure to allow at least one week to get your block party permit approved. There is a nonrefundable \$50 fee for block party permits. You can file your permit online at [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net).

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## Fire Hydrant Flushing

**Ends May 4**

**FIRE DIVISION**

**614-583-5100**

Fire hydrant flushing is occurring weekdays through May 4. This annual test is part of a maintenance program that keeps hydrants in operable condition. Visit [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net) for details.

## Mosquito Awareness

**FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH**

**www.myfcp.org**

**614-525-BITE**

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

## Internet Exchange Meetup Site

**POLICE**

**614-583-5150**

Who doesn't love a good deal on a quality kitchen table or a bicycle that has only been ridden twice? These are just some of the countless items available through Internet marketplaces such as Craigslist, Letgo or Facebook Marketplace. But with little to no regulation, conducting business transactions with people you don't know can lead to unwanted theft or a dangerous proposition. To assist, the Police Division has established an Internet Purchase Exchange Location in the parking lot on the southeast side of the MSC, 3600 Tremont Road. The area is marked by a sign labeled "Meetup Spot: Internet Purchase Exchange Location." It is within a few steps to the UA Police Division and is under 24-hour video surveillance.

## Public Meetings

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**

**614-583-5030**

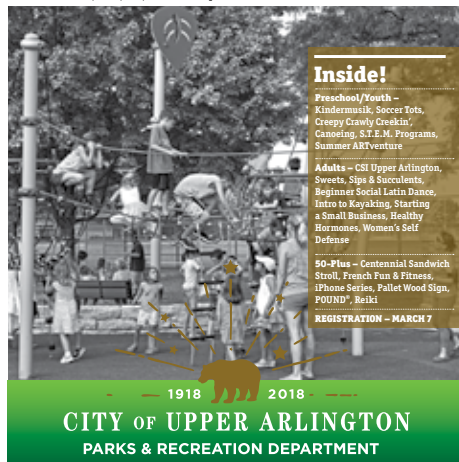
A full list of upcoming public meetings of City Council and its various Boards and Commissions can be found under the Event Calendar at [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net).

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

## Activity Guide

Spring/Summer 2018

Schedule of Youth | Adult | 50+ | Summer Pool Programs



View the **Activity Guide** online, at:  
**www.uaoh.net**

## Parks & Recreation Seeking Summer Seasonal Staff

**PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300**

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/uaoh/>

The Parks & Recreation Department is seeking applicants to serve as pool lifeguards, day camp staff, and more. Visit the above link for details.

## Senior Center May Luncheon

**11:30 am, Tuesday, May 8**

**SENIOR CENTER**

**614-583-5320**

Enjoy lunch and the talented duo of Gary and Linda Sclafani performing popular music with acoustic guitar and dual voices. Cost: \$10, advance registration required.

## Northam Park Tennis

**Courts Open Sunday, April 29**

**PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300**

The Northam Park Tennis Courts are ready for play. An early season of reduced hours begins Sunday, April 29, and the regular season kicks-off Monday, May 12. The community is invited to an Open House from 1-5 pm, on Saturday, April 28 (rain date Sunday, April 29). This is an opportunity to play and to inquire about team tennis, early morning round robins, junior programs, open play, mixed doubles, instruction, to talk with

members of the Northam Park Tennis Advisory Committee, meet the staff and purchase a season pass. Mike Haddow, the Head Tennis Pro, will be available to discuss details about programs, as well as bootcamp and Junior and Adult Tournaments.

## Half-Day Summer Camps

**PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300**

Our popular Summer Day Camps fill up more quickly than most activities offered in UA. If you were unable to reserve a spot or would like something less than full time, our Parks & Recreation Department has the perfect solution: Half Day Camps. A variety of programs are available for children to learn, have fun and socialize with their peers. Whether your child has interest in engineering or robotics, the urge to ride horses, is a budding artist or big sports fanatic, Summer Half Day Camp has something for everyone. See page 19 in your copy of the *Spring/Summer Activity Guide* for full details.

## Make the Most of Pool Season

**Pools Open Saturday, May 26**

**PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300**

It's time to grab your goggles and invest in a 2018 pool pass for your family. Between our three facilities, you can enjoy lap swimming, diving, play features, areas for the toddlers and more. Swim lessons are offered through the SafeSplash Swim School, with online registration available.

If you are planning a party and want to do something a little different, it's possible to rent Reed Road Water Park on Saturdays, or Tremont Pool on Fridays, from 8:15-10:15 pm. Plus, the Tremont Pool shelter can be rented for smaller celebrations in two-hour increments throughout the season.

Two "Swim Under the Stars" nights are on the schedule for Friday, June 15 at Tremont Pool, and Saturday, July 21 at Reed Road Water Park, with free admission after 7 pm, in celebration of UA's Centennial.

See page 71 of the *Spring/Summer Activity Guide* for full details.



# Schools<sup>★</sup>iNSIGHT

A BI-MONTHLY PUBLICATION FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS



## Construction to Begin on Tremont Fields as Work Continues on Building Designs

As community members, staff members and students continue to work together on the design for the six new or renovated school buildings, construction is about to begin on the Tremont athletic fields, which is the first step in the complex process of making room to rebuild Upper Arlington High School.

### Tremont Athletic Fields

Later this spring, work will begin on the Tremont athletic fields on the district-owned land behind Tremont Elementary School adjacent to Northam Park. The project will build a turf field, softball and baseball diamonds, and a support structure while also addressing stormwater drainage issues on that land—currently grass fields used by junior varsity sports.

“We plan to begin construction after spring lacrosse season ends,” said Chief Operating Officer Chris Potts. “We expect to have the turf field completed by August for the start of the fall sports season. The softball and baseball diamonds will follow, with an expected completion for the start of the spring 2019 sports season.”

The \$1.8 million project is part of the \$230 million bond issue that Upper Arlington voters approved in November 2017 to implement the first phase of the community’s master plan. MSA Sport is designing the fields, and the district is in the process of selecting a construction firm for the project.

Beyond its use as transitional and permanent athletic space for high school sports, the Tremont athletic fields will also be an additional recreational space for



residents, Superintendent Paul Imhoff said. “We plan to maintain the park-like setting and want this to be a place our community can enjoy when not in use by the athletic teams.”

### School building designs

Thanks to the work of hundreds of community, staff and student volunteers, the expansive process of creating initial interior and exterior designs for a new high school and five new or renovated elementary schools is progressing on schedule.

“Staying on schedule is key to ensuring we get the most value out of our community’s investment,” said Treasurer/CFO Andrew Geistfeld. “I’ve been impressed with the teams’ dedication as well as their attention to the details.”

The initial site and building plans are being created using input by the Building Steering Committees and feedback from the Community Building Teams.

All residents are encouraged to share their thoughts on these initial designs by attending the next Community

Building Team meeting in May. The evening session will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 8 in the cafeteria of Upper Arlington High School, 1650 Ridgeview Road. The morning session will be held at 9 am on Wednesday, May 9 at Mountview Christian Church, 2140 Fishinger Road.

“It’s crucial that we hear from as many community members, staff members and students as possible so we can take all of that feedback and refine the designs,” Imhoff said.

“We also encourage you to mark your calendars for this summer’s community meeting—with sessions in the morning and evening of Monday, July 9. You can look for a postcard with more details arriving in June.”

With the design process for the six new or renovated buildings progressing on schedule, construction on the high school site to build a new Marv Moorehead Stadium is expected to begin in December 2018. Work on a new high school building as well as four new or renovated elementary schools (Greensview, Wickliffe, Barrington and Tremont) will

begin in spring 2019. Windermere will follow approximately a year later.

The Board of Education has approved Ruscilli Construction Company as the construction manager at risk (CMR) for the high school project. Pending board approval, the CMRs for the elementary projects will be Gilbane Building Company for the Barrington, Wickliffe and Windermere projects and Elford Inc. for Greensview and Tremont.

"These buildings will truly be a reflection of the work of our community and all of the volunteers who have been part of this historic process," Imhoff said.

For more information on the design process and a detailed estimated timeline for construction, visit [www.uaschools.org/facilities](http://www.uaschools.org/facilities).



## SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

**Paul Imhoff**

### Safety Audit Under Way for all Nine Schools

Safety has always been a top priority in Upper Arlington Schools, but it is an area in which we can and must do more.

At the end of February, more than 500 people filled the high school auditorium and spent more than three-and-a-half hours at a town hall meeting on how to keep our students safe at school. UA Police Chief Tracy Hahn and UA Fire Chief Lyn Nofziger joined us to share their perspective and exchange ideas.

It is our strong partnership with the UA police and fire divisions that will be our most important tool as we move forward. Together, we have launched a safety audit of all nine of our school buildings as well as our current procedures. The audit is being conducted by Safeguard Risk Solutions, and when it is completed, we will share as much as we can about the results and the additional steps we will take to improve the safety of our schools.

Most importantly, as members of our community, we encourage you to stay involved in this dialogue on school safety.

If you have any questions or ideas regarding school safety, please share those with us at [safety@uaschools.org](mailto:safety@uaschools.org). These important messages will be seen by our entire Board of Education as well as district administrators.

If you have an immediate safety concern, we fully believe in the importance of "see something, say something." In those cases, we urge you to reach out to the police or use the anonymous reporting system available on our website, [www.uaschools.org](http://www.uaschools.org), by accessing the first link "Report a Student Safety Concern" under the Students & Parents tab. Or you may call 1-866-listen2me.

For the full recording of the town hall meeting on safety in February, please visit [www.uaschools.org/safety](http://www.uaschools.org/safety).

## Treasurer's Notes

**Andrew L. Geistfeld**

Providing clear and transparent communication about the state of the district's finances is one of our major commitments to the community, and we take that commitment very seriously.

We are pleased to provide our community with our third annual financial



update, a document that is meant to offer a clear and concise look at our district's finances. This report details the sources of our funding, how that money is used and many other topics that might affect district finances.

We encourage you to look over the 2017-2018 Financial Update. As with all district publications, we want the community to provide feedback so we can continue to refine the report each year.

In addition to our internal report, we also rely on external, third-party reviews of

our finances. Each year, the state auditor's office sends a team to audit our district, delving into financial records and reviewing our practices. I'm proud to say that we earned a clean audit opinion and the Auditor of State Award again this year.

If you would like to learn more about the district's finances, please look through all of the resources available on our website or contact me at [treasurer@uaschools.org](mailto:treasurer@uaschools.org).

# BITES From the Apple

SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



## Hastings Mathletes Count Two Historic Achievements



Doing more math before 9 am than most people do all day, as their shirts say, adds up to a successful year for the Hastings Math Counts team. The team took first place at the regional competition in February and third place at the state competition in March—a first for an Upper Arlington Schools team, believes Hastings teacher Lauren Pinnno, who coaches the team along with Kelli Leinbaugh. The four students who represented the team at states were: eighth-graders Evan Huang, Hera Chung and Alex Gardener and sixth-grader Kevin Wang. “This is a huge accomplishment, and Kelli and I are so proud of the students and all of their hard work,” Pinnno said.

## Tremont Students Learn About Immigrant Experience

A new unit on immigration being developed by fourth-grade teachers at Tremont Elementary School has students thinking about what it’s like to be a new face in a new place.

“We start with a lesson that is conducted by a teacher who only speaks

Chinese, and this helps the students understand what it might be like to attend a new school in a new country,” said teacher Kristin McClellan, who has been working to develop the unit with fellow fourth-grade teachers Jenny Porterfield, Kathy Rekstis and Katie Lesseuer.

Since then, students have written an “All Things About Tremont” guide that will be translated into multiple languages and published for families new to the school.

To wrap up the unit, students visited the Federal Courthouse in downtown Columbus to observe a naturalization ceremony, “an amazing way to finish the unit,” McClellan shared. “One of the biggest student takeaways I heard was students noticing how proud everyone is to become an American citizen.”

## Community School Chats with Award-winning Author

An interest in studying the opiate crisis led students in the Upper Arlington High School Community School to “Dreamland” and its award-winning author, Sam Quinones. Thanks to a connection through The Stand Project, students were able to speak via videoconference with Quinones and ask him questions about his experience researching “Dreamland,” the winner of the National Book Critics Circle award for nonfiction. The book focuses on the devastation of the opiate crisis in Portsmouth, Ohio.

“The students’ biggest takeaways were the amount of time and effort it took

to thoroughly research and write this book,” language arts teacher Melissa Hasebrook said. “They were impressed by his doggedness in gathering information.”

## Spanish Students at Jones Aim to Help Puerto Rico



Jones Middle School Spanish students are reaching out to help students and teachers at a school in Puerto Rico after learning about the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria.

Following Hurricane Maria back in September, students expressed interest in doing something to help,” Spanish teacher Becky Searls said.

As part of their research for a service-learning project that would help the people of Puerto Rico, students learned more about the U.S. territory and its extensive recovery needs.

On March 26, seventh-grade Spanish classes launched a two-week school supplies drive with the hope of sending needed supplies to a school in Puerto Rico.

For students, Searls said, a project like this “reinforces their choice to study a global language by demonstrating a real-world use that meets a genuine need.”

## Finley Succeeds Dugger as UA+Ed Executive Director

The Upper Arlington Education Foundation began the month of April with a new executive director after longtime leader





Joanie Dugger passed the torch to Alice Finley. Finley has nearly a decade of experience with the foundation, most recently serving as the program and project specialist.

"We have such an incredible team," Dugger shared, citing the work of colleagues Finley and Megan Potts, donor records specialist. "When I look back I am most proud of helping educators secure extra funding allowing them to provide really extraordinary educational opportunities for our students."

Of Dugger, Finley said, "I've learned so much from working with Joanie. She and I share a passion for the schools, students and the mission of our organization. It will be my pleasure to work closely with our trustees, school employees and all of the generous donors in our community as we continue to enhance the education of students in Upper Arlington."

### Barrington Pioneers Mindful Music Program in UA

For a moment each day, Barrington Elementary School students and staff are hitting pause after the lunch hour to calm their bodies and their minds by focusing on a piece of classical music.



"Mindful Music Moments has had such a positive impact on the Barrington community," school counselor Erin Bowden said. "It is enjoyed and appreciated by students and staff." Barrington began piloting Mindful Music Moments in February. The program partners with Ohio performing-arts organizations such as the Columbus Symphony and Opera Columbus to provide a daily recording with a prompt and a snippet of classical music. "Students have expressed that after getting wound up over the lunch hour and recess they look forward to Mindful Music because it calms them and helps them transition into afternoon work time," Bowden said.

## 2017-18 KEY SCHOOL DATES

**No School for Students and Certified Staff**  
**Tuesday, May 8**

**UAHS Commencement**

**Sunday, May 27**

*9:30 am, the Jerome Schottenstein Center*

**Memorial Day**

**Monday, May 28**

*No school for students and staff*

**Early Dismissal (K-12), Last Day for Students**  
**Wednesday, May 30**

- *Morning kindergarten ends at 10:05 am; afternoon kindergarten begins at 11:05 am; no LIFT classes*
- *Dismissal at 1 pm for elementary students; 1:30 pm for secondary students*

**Staff Work Day**

**Thursday, May 31**

*Additional early release dates for Middle School only (Grades 6-8): May 16*

**2018-2019 First Day of School for Students**  
**Tuesday, August 14**

**To see the full 2018-2019 school year calendar, visit [www.uaschools.org/calendars](http://www.uaschools.org/calendars).**

## Alumni Spotlight

**Katie Falkenberg, UAHS Class of 1999**

### College/Career Experience

I went to Warren Wilson College, a small liberal-arts school in the mountains of North Carolina, where I worked on the college farm and majored in studio art. My dad was a photojournalist, so I grew up around photography all of my life and was always interested in it. It wasn't until my senior year of college that I realized I had a stronger passion for it than anything else and that I wanted to try to make a career out of it. I graduated in 2003, and began my career freelancing in Washington, D.C., covering the White House and Capitol Hill. I eventually landed

on the staff of *The Washington Times*, where I continued to cover politics, but also national and international stories. In 2011, I was offered a job at the *Los Angeles Times* and have been here ever since. In 2017 I was a Pulitzer Prize finalist in Feature Photography for a photo essay from Brazil titled, "Motherhood in the Time



of Zika."

### How Did UA Schools Prepare Her for Success?

UA Schools taught me the importance of discipline and hard work, both in academics as well as in athletics. In high school, the wide range of classes offered, particularly of art classes, helped me find my strengths and passions. Mr. Scott Wittenburg, whom I took photography classes from, taught us the foundations of photography, the technical aspects as well as the aesthetics, but also encouraged us and gave us the freedom to experiment and hone our eye and personal style. I took that with me into my college photo classes, as well as into my career.

# SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



The Upper Arlington High School Bear Bots won the Rookie All-Star Award at the Buckeye Regional FIRST Robotics Competition, earning the team a place in the world championships at the end of April. The team has received sponsorships and grants from organizations that include the Upper Arlington Education Foundation, the UAHS PTO, Tri-Village Rotary and NASA.



UAHS students Anna Macintosh and Lizzy Macintosh were named members of the 2018 OMEA All State Orchestra. Joining them were teachers Ed Zunic and Chris Lape, the OMEA All State Orchestra chair.



Students filled the hallways of Windermere Elementary with books and iPads for the second annual Reading Train for Read Across America Week.



Some fans of snow days and Superintendent Paul Imhoff greeted him with posters at a special Beatles-themed town hall meeting at Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School.



An ESPN crew captured swings by a few players from the UAHS girls golf team for a segment that aired during the NCAA Women's Final Four.



Tremont Elementary "super-fans" had a special workshop with best-selling author Liesl Shurtliff.



Windermere Elementary students tried their hand at illustration during a visit with author Rafael Rosado.



# SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Barrington Elementary School students showed a lot of heart by taking part in Jump Rope for Heart, a school-wide service learning project for the American Heart Association.



Students in grades 3-5 at Greensview Elementary School culminated their annual Hoops for Heart service-learning project with some fun basketball games.



## High School Culture Fair

The third-annual Culture Fair at Upper Arlington High School immersed students in the traditions, music, art and foods of 21 countries. The fair is a day-long event organized by students serving on the high school's Culture & Diversity Student Leadership group and its advisers, teachers Tricia Fellinger and Julia Voegt-Brooking. Students are able to visit the fair "booths" at any time during the school day and participate in special sessions such as a performance and workshop with the Noori Mahroo Samulnori Group, a local Korean drum group.





## Cum Laude

Membership in the Cum Laude Society is the highest academic recognition a high school student can achieve on a national level. The society was established in 1906 to recognize academic excellence, justice and honor. It was modeled after Phi Beta Kappa. The Upper Arlington chapter of the Cum Laude Society is supported by the Dr. Charles Wade Moulton Fund of the Upper Arlington Education Foundation. Congratulations to our 2018 scholars!



Gabrielle Adams  
Ariana Angelis  
Steven Bair  
Brianna Barrett  
Daniel Beyer  
Robert Brandes  
Ryan Bridgeport  
Leon Brodsky  
Mingqi Cai  
Hannah Caldwell  
Alexandra Callanan  
Alec Caswell  
Philip Chalmers  
Katie Chong  
Grace Clingan  
Spencer Cobb  
Joshua Cole  
Oscar Coppola  
Matthew Cramer  
Zanovia Criss  
Megan Crouse  
Ava D'Herete  
Sarah Dabbs  
Samantha Davis  
Kasey DeWalt  
Thomas DiBlasi  
Hannah Dible  
Abigail Dietrich  
Theodore Dimitrov  
Eileen Dunn  
Alyssa Dunsizer

Leon Durrenberger  
Peter Edwards  
Caroline Favret  
Rachael Feinberg  
Jacqueline Fisher  
Michael Fleming  
Sophie Gallucci  
Elizabeth Geil  
Haley Gillespie  
Garrett Gilliom  
Lily Goldberg  
Grace Golembiewski  
Kathryn Gomez  
Avery Grow  
Katrina Hadley  
Kush Hari  
Zoltan Hartmus  
Joseph Hayek  
Nathan Hellstedt  
Sami Hidmi  
Cannon Hoffman  
Haley Hofmann  
Audrey Holman  
Allen Hu  
Daniel Ibba  
Emily Ji  
Katherine Ji  
Erin Karap  
Ava Keethler  
Frances Kirk  
Russell Klebe

Sara Kollaritsch  
Paige Kompa  
Jinwoo Ku  
Dante Landolfi  
SangYoon Lee  
Yoon Seo Lee  
Morgan Leff  
Angela Li  
Joanna Li  
Anna-Grace Lilly  
Joshua Lind  
Chiara Liotta  
Charles Little  
Daniel Liu  
Gordon MacDonald  
Kyle MacLaughlin  
Samuel Mahle  
Mark Malkin  
Masha Manilchuk  
Melanie Marszal  
Andrew Mastruserio

Clare Maves  
Elizabeth McKenna  
Giacomo Melaragno  
Allison Melnik  
Molly Morgan  
Abigail Morris  
Margaret Morris  
Lily Nelson  
William Nilges  
Madison Olvey  
Gabriela Ott  
Zain Luis Padamsee  
Kavya Pamulapati  
Michael Partridge  
Grace Peterson  
Paige Plagenz  
Catherine Powell  
William Redmond  
William Robbins  
Rachelle Rogers  
Zachary Root

Hannah Rose  
Erin Rosen  
Chloe Ruscilli  
Magnus Saebo  
Joseph Scheinberg  
Lydia Schlatter  
Faith Seely  
Stuti Shah  
Mallory Sharp  
Kendra Sheehan  
Matthew Shepherd  
Karlton Showe  
Asvena Siva  
Jackson Sloan  
Cole Smith  
Peter Stathulis  
Jordyn Stone  
Jamie Stummer  
Cindy Tang  
Isabella Triplett

Evan Turner  
Joshua Turner  
Gavin Voss  
Caitlin Walker  
Jonathan Wang  
Reid Watson  
Mitchell Weisberg  
Margaret Whipps  
Gwyneth Whitcomb  
Everett Andrew Will  
Christine Wu  
Minjue Wu  
Emma Wunderlich  
Sifei Yang  
Katie Zhao  
Alexander Zheng  
Gaven Zou

## THE UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION



### 2018 Upper Arlington Board of Education

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

**Front row:** Vice President Stacey Royer, President Carol Mohr, 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 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Some exceptions apply, and last-minute scheduling changes are possible. Refer to [www.uaschools.org](http://www.uaschools.org)

for the most up-to-date information.

### Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, May 15, 6 pm — Council Chamber
- Tuesday, June 12, 6 pm — Council Chamber
- Wednesday, June 27, 8 am — District Office, 1950 North Mallway Drive

## Schools<sup>INSIGHT</sup>

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# Library **iNSIGHT**

A BI-MONTHLY PUBLICATION FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



## 2017 Annual Report

In 2017, we celebrated 50 years as an independent library system, introduced a new fine-reduction program, began accepting credit card payments in-house, and survived eclipse mania.

### By the Numbers

Cardholders	37,698
Physical materials loaned	1,766,235
Downloadable items loaned	153,884
Staff members	119
Children's programs offered	723
Attendance at children's programs	29,692
Teen programs offered	61
Attendance at teen programs	1,395
Adult programs offered	255
Attendance at adult programs	7,970
Summer Library Club enrollment	4,109
Passports issued	1,654

### Notable in 2017

- We celebrated our 50th anniversary as an independent library system. Our fundraising campaign raised over \$20,000 for the creation of new group work and study space.
- The book *A Cherished Past, A Golden Future*, co-authored by the Upper Arlington Historical Society and the Library under the direction of Reference Librarian Sara Klein, was published.
- Jamie Ford visited as the featured author in the 2017 Upper Arlington Author Series.
- We partnered with the Burkhart Center to welcome author Glennon Doyle.
- Library Journal again named us a 5-Star Library. We also had the highest circulation per capita for our category.
- The reading garden opened.

### General Fund

<b>Beginning Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$2,633,913</b>
Transfers to Building Improvement Fund	(204,974)
Transfer to Special Revenue Fund	(100,419)
Encumbrances Remaining at Year-End	0
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,028,046</b>
Local Property Tax	3,173,521
Public Library Fund	2,567,627
Other Income	286,898
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$5,453,331</b>
Salaries & Benefits	3,938,874
Library Materials	750,887
Other Expenses	763,570
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$2,633,913</b>

- We worked with the City to debut the StoryWalk® at Fancyburg Park.
- We began accepting credit cards in-house for fine and fee payments.
- We hosted the Serendipity Garden Club Flower Show.
- We worked with local organizations to offer new kinds of adult programs in response to public suggestions. These included programs on social justice, substance abuse, and crime prevention.

- We held programs and distributed a thousand pairs of viewing glasses before the August solar eclipse.
- We introduced the Double Dollar Days fine reduction program during National Library Week.
- Freshened up the Main Library's vestibule with new paint and attractive display units.
- The City increased the parking available at the Miller Park Library, including paved street spaces on what used to be gravel.
- We joined the rest of the community at the annual Wall of Honor ceremony remembering the late John Dunkel, the Wall of Honor recipient who was the key figure in establishing the Upper Arlington Public Library system in 1967.
- A carriage step from the farm that James T. Miller, UA's first mayor, owned was installed on the grounds of Miller Park near the library.



# NewsBITES

## LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

### Quilt Display at Lane Road Library

The Lane Road Library is looking for local quilters or quilt collectors to share their pieces in the building's stairwell display area. If you have a quilt you're willing to display, contact Zach Parish (zparish@ualibrary.org, or 614-459-0273 ext. 380).

### Friends Spring Book Sale

Find a bargain and help the Library by shopping the Friends of the UA Library's Spring Book Sale May 6-20 in the atrium of the Main Library. You'll find used books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl records, magazines and more, with most items priced from 25¢ to \$2. A special members-only presale will be held on the first day, Sunday, May 6, from Noon-1 pm. Memberships will be

sold at the door for those who would like to take advantage of this benefit but are not yet members. On the final day of the sale, Sunday, May 20, Friends members can fill a paper grocery bag with books for just \$5. Nonmember price is \$10 per bag. Thanks to Huffman's Market for providing the bags.

### Book Buddies Teen Volunteers

All three UA libraries are seeking teens to help with our popular Book Buddies programs. Teens entering grades 6-12 are paired with a younger student and act as their "reading coach." Applications will be available on our website and in our buildings on Tuesday, May 1. Applications are due by Thursday, May 31 and can be dropped off at the preferred volunteer location.

### Passport Execution Fee Increase

The U.S. State Department recently raised the passport execution fee to \$35. Please note the increase if you visit the Main Library for passport processing. More information about obtaining a U.S. passport is available at the State Department's website, at travel.state.gov.

### New Storytime Added at Miller Park Library

By popular request, this summer Miller Park Library will offer an evening storytime for babies ages 0-24 months. The program will be held 6:30-7 pm on Thursdays, from June 7-July 26.

### Holiday Closings

All three UA Libraries will be closed on Sunday, May 27 and Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

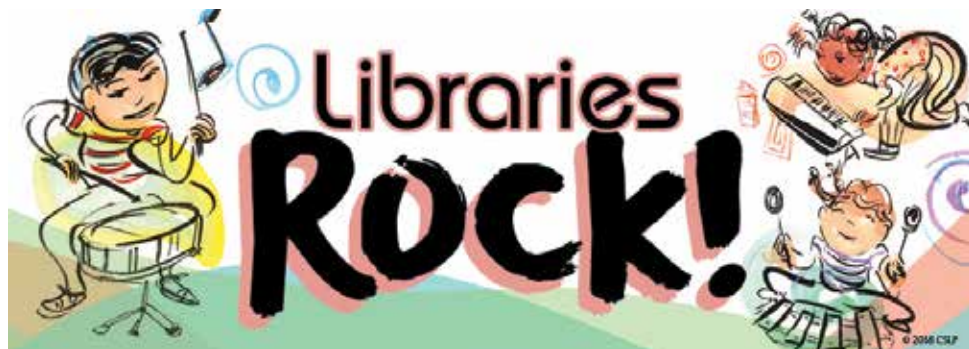
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## "Libraries Rock!" This Summer



The 2018 Summer Library Club runs May 21-July 31 at all three UA Libraries. Look for a fun music theme and a focus on reading and literacy activities, experiential, entertaining and educational programs.

Participants of all ages receive a log to track completed hours and activities. As you fill your log, bring it to any UA Library to have it stamped. You may also log hours and activities at <http://summerlibraryclub.org>. You receive a coupon prize pack after completing 10 hours of reading and 10 activities. After 20 hours of reading and 20 activities, you receive a free book and get entered into a grand prize drawing for your age group. Grand prize winners are chosen at random and notified August 1.

Thanks to our generous sponsors for donating prizes: The Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library, the City of Upper Arlington Parks & Recreation Department, Chipotle, Cover to Cover Books for Young Readers, COSI, Flower Galaxy, Freeze Style, Kings Island, Magic Mountain, Pete DeLois' Recreations Outlet, Ohio Renaissance

Festival, the Ohio State Fair, and Ohio State Parks.

Visit <http://summerlibraryclub.org>, or come in to any of our locations to sign up.

### Grand Prizes

#### *Infants/Toddlers (0-3)*

A collection of developmentally appropriate educational toys, plus prizes from Cover to Cover and COSI.

#### *Preschoolers (ages 3-5)*

A collection of developmentally appropriate educational toys, plus prizes from Cover to Cover and COSI.

#### *Elementary (grades K-5)*

A gift card for a party of up to 20 kids at Recreations Outlet, plus prizes from Cover to Cover and COSI.

#### *Teens (grades 6-12)*

4 tickets to Kings Island

#### *Adults (ages 18+)*

2019 Upper Arlington family pool pass

## Screen-Free Week April 30-May 6

Screen-Free Week is an annual observance when communities rediscover the joys of life beyond the screen. Unplug from digital entertainment and spend that free time playing, reading, creating, and connecting with family and friends. The UA Library offers several options for the entire family during this special week, including:

### Book Character Scavenger Hunt

Drop by the Lane Road Library April 30-May 6 to find pictures of popular book characters hidden in the youth department. Pick up a scavenger hunt sheet at the youth desk and turn it in for a prize once you're finished. For kids of all ages.

### Family Outdoor Storytime

Join us outside the Main Library for a special storytime Monday, April 30 at 10:15 am. We sing songs, read stories, and play games. All ages welcome.

### Get Crafty

Kids can stop by the Main Library's Youth Department for make-and-take crafts anytime Tuesday, May 1.

Patrons of all ages can come to the Lane Road Library Wednesday, May 2 from 3:30-5:30 pm to make bookpage crafts out of our broken books.

Adults can get in on the fun by bringing their own craft project to work on in a group at BYOC: Bring Your Own Crafts on Thursday, May 3 at 11 am, at the Main Library.

Screen-Free Week falls just before Mother's Day. Visit the Miller Park Library between 10 am-5 pm Friday, May 4 to make a personalized card.

### Talk About It

Share your favorite reads and discover new ones at Book Chat Tuesday, May 1 at 11 am at the Miller Park Library, or the Free-Form, No-Homework Book Club on Wednesday, May 2 at 7 pm at the Lane Road Library.

Visit our calendar at [www.ualibrary.org](http://www.ualibrary.org) for additional event details.

## Poolside Storytimes

Join some of your favorite youth librarians at UA pools on select Fridays this summer! We'll have mini-storytimes during the 2 pm pool break (cancelled in the event of predicted or imminent rain, severe wind, or other problematic weather conditions).

- June 15: Ms. Tracie at Tremont
- June 22: Ms. Sarah at Devon
- June 29: Ms. Sue at Reed Road
- July 6: Ms. Tracie at Tremont
- July 13: Ms. Tracie at Tremont



- July 20: Ms. Sue at Reed Road
- July 27: Ms. Sarah at Devon

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



If you've admired the drawings on the Main Library's chalkboard door, meet the artist Erin Lynch. Erin is a student at UAHS and her colorful creations have brightened up our teen hallway for several years.



The Library partnered with the Community Computer Alliance to offer an electronics recycling event. It was quite successful, and we hope to do another one this fall.

Our libraries offer lots of opportunities for children to show their artistic side, including at Miller Park's recent Museum on the Move program, and Lane Road's Craft Palooza.



Writer and illustrator Rafael Rosado visited the Main Library to present stories and images from his new book *Monsters Beware!*



## Program Highlights

### Who's Choosing What You See Online?

Your online experience is becoming more and more influenced by what different companies know about you. Pervasive online tracking makes it possible to personalize a web experience, but it also gives companies the power to make decisions about what you see, influencing everything from your Google search results to your Facebook News Feed. How much personalization is too much, and what can you do to protect your privacy online? Learn more at the Main Library on Saturday, May 5 at 10:30 am with librarian Megan Sheeran. No registration is required.

### Mother's Day Crafts

Teens: don't know what to get Mom for Mother's Day? We've got you covered. Come to the Lane Road Library on Wednesday, May 9 at 3:30 pm for mug decorating,

candle designing, card making and more. For grades 6-12. Please register online.

### Gardening: Backyard Vegetables and Other Edibles

Want to grow some fruits and vegetables in your backyard, but not sure how to start? Franklin County Master Gardener Tisa Watts visits the Main Library on Tuesday, May 15 at 7 pm to present the basics: choosing the best location for a garden, preparing the soil, and deciding which plants offer the best "return on effort." We'll also discuss fruit trees and bushes, vines, and berries that thrive in Central Ohio's backyards. Create a place to grow food in your backyard this summer, and enjoy the harvest for years to come! No registration is required.

### Found Sounds

Help us create a thunderstorm! Visit the Main Library on Saturday, June 2 at 2 pm

for a found percussion workshop introducing the elements of a storm. Learn how to create the sounds of a storm using body percussion and homemade instruments. Registration opens May 19. Recommended for ages 4-12.

### Math Club

Join us for math activities especially for those in grades K-2 with the goal of making math fun! We'll meet at the Main Library each Wednesday from June 5 to July 24 at 2 pm, and registration is limited and required for each weekly session. Our topics will include glow-in-the-dark geometry, Olympics, spy training, and more. Registration opens two weeks prior to each program.

### Fairy House Building

Use your imagination to build a house fit for a fairy in the little woods of Miller Park on Saturday, June 23 at 11 am. We'll provide materials, and you may also bring natural materials from home. Registration opens June 9. Please register as a family group, with at least one adult attending. Meet in the youth area of the Miller Park Library.

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public. You can sign up to receive email notification of upcoming Board meetings at [www.ualibrary.org/pages/board-trustees](http://www.ualibrary.org/pages/board-trustees).

### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, May 15 at 5 pm
- Tuesday, June 19 at 5 pm

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### Concourse Gallery

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

#### Here and There: Faces of Columbus Raheleh Bagheri

May 4-June 22

Raheleh Bagheri applies her expressive talents to her new city, our growing Columbus metropolis, with portraits capturing the inner personalities of people at work and play in our coffee shops.

### Sandwich Stroll

10:30 am, Tuesday, May 1

Sunny 95 Park

UA Commission on Aging | 614-583-5326

### Raise the Roof

7-11 pm, Friday, May 4

Amelita Mirolo Barn, Sunny 95 Park  
[www.uacommunityfoundation.com](http://www.uacommunityfoundation.com)

### Spring Fling

11 am-2 pm, Saturday, May 19

Sunny 95 Park

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

### Wall of Honor

3 pm, Sunday, May 20

3600 Tremont Road

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

### UA Farmers' Market

3-6 p.m., Wednesdays beginning May 16  
(rain or shine)

1945 Ridgeview Road

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



### Memorial Day Run

9 a.m., Monday, May 28

Reed Road Shelter

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

### Music in the Parks

7-8:40 p.m., Thursdays

Sunny 95 Park

UA Cultural Arts, 583-5310 | [www.uaoh.net](http://www.uaoh.net)

June 7

Buzzard Kings

June 14

Ladies of Longford

June 21

Strung Up Bluegrass Band

June 28

Oswald & the Herringbones

### Movie in the Park

Dusk on Fridays, unless noted otherwise

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

Rescheduling Hotline: 614-583-5345

June 8

Charlotte's Web (G)

Mountview Christian Church (drive-in)

June 22

Honey I Shrunk the Kids (PG)

Family Camp Out, Sunny 95 Park

### Swim Under the Stars

7-10 pm, Friday, June 15

Tremont Pool

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

Free admission after 7 pm

### Fourth of July Celebration

All day, Wednesday, July 4

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

Start celebrating Independence Day at the 9 am Parade from Kingsdale down Northwest Blvd., then make your way to Northam Park for the evening's events—Party in the Park and a fireworks finale.

### Centennial Legacy Project Unveiling

7 pm, Wednesday, July 4

Northam Park

[www.uaoh100.org](http://www.uaoh100.org)

Don't miss this exciting unveiling of the Centennial Plaza and History Walk, as part of this year's Fourth of July celebrations.