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Northam Park Master Plan Implementation Ready to Kick into High Gear

The community is invited to participate as proposed programming elements for the park are finalized

With just a few final parking lot and gateway landscaping touches remaining to complete Phase I of the Northam Park redevelopment, the pace is picking up relative to next steps. This comprises plans for infrastructure improvements and programming enhancements within the park itself.

As is the case for other elements of UA's aging infrastructure, significant park upgrades are required to prepare the park for the decades ahead. To that end, the City has already identified funds within the 10-year Capital Improvement Program for some significant projects, including the park infrastructure and reconfiguration, a new aquatics facility, relocation of the tennis courts and playground replacement. Plus, with the support of the Upper Arlington Community Foundation, the Upper Arlington Schools and the Upper Arlington Public Library, we hope to take Northam Park from good to great in the next few years.

A Northam Park Master Plan, created in 2013 by the firm MKSK, sets forth a vision for Northam Park that addresses significant



Above is the most recent rendering—which will undergo additional refinements in the coming weeks—of what could be at Northam Park. It reflects feedback received from presentations to community groups in late 2013/early 2014, from Schools and Library representatives, and from outreach by the Upper Arlington Community Foundation. While still a work in progress, some notable changes include increased sports field space and retention of the tennis courts within the park. It also allows for ongoing exploration by the Foundation for launching a fundraising campaign to enhance some of the programming areas within the park and to possibly expand upon Tremont Elementary's plans for a new gymnasium in order to provide some level of indoor fitness and recreational space for use by the community.



The new parking lot features extensive landscaping and pedestrian connectivity.

drainage and infrastructure issues and reimagines a central community park that maximizes functionality. City Staff, MKSK, along with Schools, Library and Foundation representatives have been hard at work turning the master plan concepts into more detailed plans that will provide City Council with the information it will need in order to set direction to Staff and to trigger the start of Phase II.

Reconfiguration of the Park

A primary concept around which the master plan is built involves the centralization of the City- and School-owned sports fields. The plans call for a multi-use path that circumnavigates the sports fields, with opportunity for other facilities and programming areas around the perimeter of the park. The result is flexible space that can support sports leagues and special events, and that addresses flooding issues by working more effectively with the natural sloping and drainage within the site.



The structural issues found at Tremont Pool last fall became abundantly clear in the spring when part of the pool deck collapsed.

The original concept developed within the Master Plan was presented to multiple stakeholder groups beginning just over a year ago and as recently as the start of this year to various interested parties. From these discussions, we heard a number of concerns that have resulted in several significant changes to the plans.

First and foremost, the desire for expanded sports field space came through loud and clear. Many also expressed a desire to retain key programming components within the park, such as the Tremont Pool and Northam Park Tennis Courts. To help accommodate these desires within the confines of the available space, many indicated that we should reduce the gardens at the south end of the park.

Tremont Pool

After approximately 60 years of service, it had been clear for some time that Tremont Pool's days were numbered. For more years than expected, our Aquatics Staff was able to make repairs that kept the facility in service but as the pool closed each fall, many wondered if it would be able to reopen come the next Memorial Day Weekend.

Unfortunately, an underground infrastructure issue was discovered after the 2014 season that proved too extensive to justify a repair attempt. Since that time, as you can see by the picture above, sections of the pool deck have collapsed as a result. Since the location of a new pool would be somewhat different to the current footprint, the old pool is scheduled for demolition this summer.

Participate in the Northam Park Discussion

In order for a community project of this magnitude to be successful, it requires community input and support. Continuing the City's previous outreach and public involvement efforts during past phases of the planning process, we have scheduled additional opportunities for you to learn about and give us feedback on the evolution of our plans for the park. Read on for details:

Presentations

Throughout the months of May and June, City Manager Ted Staton and Parks & Recreation Director Todd Younkin are meeting with various stakeholder groups to provide updates on the plans. This includes representatives from the UA Swim Club, the Field Sports Advisory Group, Northam Park Tennis Association, the Senior Advisory Council at the Senior Center, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Cultural Arts Commission and City Tree Commission.

City Manager Coffees

Ted Staton is continuing his informal discussions on the issues of the day at various community locations. Please join him on one or more of the following dates:

- 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 3, Panera Bread at Five Points
- 7:45 a.m., Wednesday, June 10, Starbucks on Henderson Road
- 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 17, dining area at the Kingsdale Giant Eagle
- 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 24, La Chatelaine on Lane Avenue

Board of Zoning and Planning Work Session

6:30 p.m., Monday, June 1

3600 Tremont Road

Any park redevelopment of this nature requires a review by the Board of Zoning and Planning. At this June 1 meeting, Staff will present the proposed reconfiguration and programming elements, with input from the Board expected relative to items such as parking requirements, lighting and

accessibility. A date is yet to be set for a formal review and recommendation on final plans.

Community Meeting

7 p.m., Wednesday, June 10

3600 Tremont Road

Please join staff and representatives from MKSK to see the latest plans first-hand, and to share with us your feedback and ideas.

"Northam Park—From Good to Great" Online Community Forum

Live May 25 – July 3 | www.uaoh.net

With the help of MKSK, we have launched an online community forum dedicated to the Northam Park planning process. Using a tool called mySidewalk (formerly MindMixer), you can study the programming elements being considered and participate in a community discussion to help us make our plans for the park even better.

On the site, you will find numerous topic areas and visuals, including:

- **Sports fields:** We want your feedback on our plans for the sports fields, such as quantity, configuration and spectator needs, as well as access to restrooms, storage and parking.
- **Miscellaneous park features:** What would you like to see in the way of pathways, benches, bike racks, water fountains and other features to help complete the park.
- **Picnic/garden area:** To accommodate different types of park users, passive recreational space is a key component. Let us know your thoughts for this space.
- **Playground:** What features would make a playground irresistible to your children and keep you coming back?
- **Pavilion structure:** The plans propose a gazebo or pavilion structure that could be used for rentals, concerts and more.

We do hope you will become engaged in our online community forum, so that you can hear from your neighbors and be part of this exciting discussion on Northam Park's rebirth.

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Follow the City on Facebook or Twitter for quick updates on Northam Park, or check in at www.uaoh.net and look for the Northam Park Master Plan link on our homepage.

Northam Park Redevelopment Plans

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In keeping with the findings and sentiment arising from a 2009 study of the Tremont Pool, the proposed replacement will be similar in size and nature to the old facility.

Upper Arlington Community Foundation

While the City has funds identified within the Capital Improvement Program to implement a significant portion of the Northam Park redevelopment in just a few years, it does not currently include funding for a number of park enhancement features and “value added” amenities that have been identified within the Master Plan.

The Upper Arlington Community Foundation has been exploring the potential for undertaking a fundraising campaign to help take the Northam Park redevelopment project from good to great. Some initial findings have indicated that there may be support for marrying its efforts with Tremont Elementary School's plans for adding a new gymnasium in order to provide some level of indoor recreational space for use by the community.

Implementation Timing

In the short term, it will be the recommendations and costs associated with addressing the core infrastructure upgrades and sports field reconfiguration that will come before Council, along with recommended timing for the relocation plans for the Northam Park Tennis Courts and reconstruction of the Tremont Pool.

Pending City Council approval as plans are finalized and costs determined, the park reconfiguration is tentatively scheduled to begin in the spring of 2016, with full completion by the fall of 2017. Likewise, we would anticipate the new Tremont Pool beginning construction in the spring of 2016, with an opening on Memorial Day Weekend 2017. A timeline for the tennis courts is not yet known.

Of course, another significant challenge that lies ahead will be making plans to accommodate the many sports leagues and special events that typically frequent Northam Park in a given season while construction is underway.

Holiday Refuse Collection Delays

Solid Waste.....583-5370

- **Independence Day, Friday, July 3**
– no service delay
- **Labor Day, Monday, September 7**
– delays collection by one day for all zones. Normal service resumes the following week.

Yard Waste

Solid Waste.....583-5370

Yard Waste Program guidelines:

- Place yard waste in approved biodegradable yard waste bags, bundles or refuse cans. Plastic bags and yard waste mixed with refuse are not accepted.
- Containers should not exceed 50 pounds or 35 gallons.
- Place at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day.
- Bundles cannot exceed five feet in length or 50 pounds and should be tied with biodegradable string.
- Each bundle/container requires one Solid Waste Sticker.

Free Yard Waste Drop-off

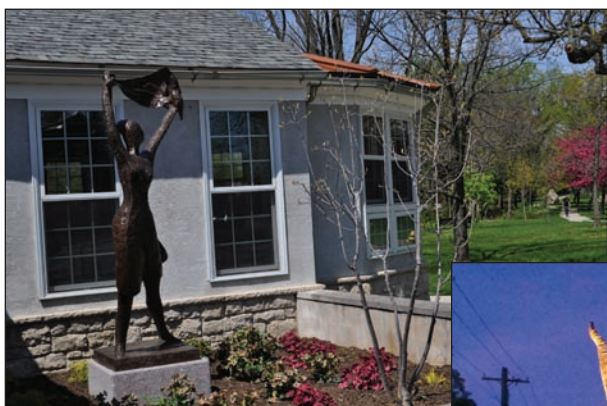
Ohio Mulch.....921-9335

Residents may drop off acceptable yard waste free-of-charge at the Regional Composting Facility, at 4120 Roberts Road. The following items are accepted: Grass; sod (just dirt not accepted); brush; leaves; trees cut to six-foot lengths, trunks/stumps no greater than 18-inch diameter; shrubs (no wire baskets or plastic containers); flowers/vegetables (no plastic containers).

Summer hours are as follows:

- Monday - Saturday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tibor Sculptures “Light Up” at Miller Park Library



In mid-April three donated sculptures by nationally renowned artist, Alfred Tibor, took up residence at Miller Park Library, with stunning results. In mid-May, lights were installed within the Miller Park traffic circle to illuminate the piece “Ribbon Dancer.” It’s well worth a walk, bike ride or drive to enjoy this exceptional addition to the Cultural Arts Division’s Arts in Community Spaces Program.



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If the answer is no, you're missing out on quick, easy access to updates on City services, community news, special projects and more!



FROM CHAMBERS

Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

Options for Enhancing the City's Solid Waste Program to be Explored

The City's contract with Republic Services for the provision of trash, recycling and yard waste collection will be up for renewal in 2016. It has been several years since the City last made adjustments to the delivery of this critical municipal service, and Staff is readying to explore the availability of new technologies and approaches that may enhance service while hopefully also helping to contain overall costs. As part of this review, it may also be determined that it's in the City's best interest to put this service back out to bid to be sure we are partnering with a service provider that best meets our needs.

Over the coming months, Staff will endeavor to learn more about the approaches used by other communities and explore the availability of enhanced service delivery from the solid waste providers within Central Ohio. There will also be a



2015 Upper Arlington City Council

Front row (from left):

David DeCapua;
Debbie Johnson (Vice President), Donald B. Leach (President), John C. Adams

Back row: Kip Greenhill,
Mike Schadek;
Erik F. Yassenoff

community outreach component to this exploration of options. Residents will be invited to participate in an online survey designed to provide feedback on the current level of services and any issues that may be associated with it. Once Staff has identified which approaches might work best for our community, City Council will receive an update on the review and research process, along with Staff's

recommendation on how to proceed. During this phase of the process, public comment will be welcomed.

Watch for details this summer as the review process gets underway. If you have questions, please contact the City Manager's Office, at 583-5040.

City Retains Triple A Ratings

For the eighth consecutive year the City has achieved the highest possible financial ratings – Triple A – from two national ratings agencies. Moody's Investors Service has rated the City Aaa and Standard & Poor's has reaffirmed the City's AAA status.

These ratings were last affirmed in the summer of 2014 with the caveat that in order to retain Triple A status in future years, it would be critical for the City to receive voter support for an increase in the income tax rate and to make other adjustments to adapt to our new fiscal realities. Clearly we accomplished that goal when the community voted in favor of Issue 23, providing a funding stream to address our infrastructure needs and allowing the City to continue the work of containing our general operations costs. As a result, the City's position today is extremely stable.

The Triple A rating is the highest that can be attained and is considered the gold standard for government entities when selling bonds to finance projects. As a result, the City recently took advantage of our reaffirmed rating by issuing bonds valuing approximately \$26 million to finance the Capital Improvement Program.

To retain top ratings from both of the nation's finest rating agencies is an impressive achievement. We owe this milestone to the strong leadership and vision of both our present-day and previous City Councils and the hard work of our Finance & Administrative Services Department.

Reminders for Safe, Responsible Use of Golf Carts Over Fourth of July

A popular trend that is becoming a tradition with many is the rental of golf carts for use over the course of the Fourth of July holiday period. It sounds like a fun idea, but there are requirements and potential consequences associated with this practice, since golf carts fall within the City's laws for motor vehicles.

In years past, our Police Division has exercised restraint when encountering golf cart violations. However, with golf carts hitting the streets in increasing numbers and safety concerns likewise increasing, residents should be advised that certain violations will not be tolerated. To be sure you don't put yourself or your family at risk for unwanted consequences, we are asking that you brush up on the requirements and issues that are likely to be acted upon by our officers if they encounter them.

A fuller explanation of the requirements can be obtained under the **Headlines** section of our homepage at www.uaoh.net, or by calling 583-5150, but here are examples of violations that will be acted upon by our officers:

- Driving without a valid driver's license or while under suspension
- Vehicular assault
- Reckless operation
- Failure to obey traffic control devices
- Driving while under the influence
- Hanging outside the vehicle
- Violations of child restraint laws

Here's to a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July weekend for all.

BUILDING BLOCKS

OSU Wexner Medical Center Project at Kingsdale

Negotiations for the sale of the City-owned, approximately five-acre site along Zollinger Road at the Kingsdale Shopping Center to make way for the construction of a 100,000 square foot, five-story Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center facility (OSUWMC) are now complete. OSUWMC plans to break ground in June with an opening scheduled for the close of 2016.

This project is a win-win for UA. It represents a boost in the availability of quality medical services, such as family medicine, general internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, behavioral health, heart care, surgery, physical rehabilitation, imaging/radiology, laboratory/blood draw services and internal medicine specialties.

OSUWMC has stated that a primary goal is to establish a long-term, mutually beneficial health and wellness relationship with the City and the community of Upper Arlington.

From a fiscal perspective, we are realizing our goals for a professional office use at



Kingsdale that more than justifies the City's investment in and holding of the site since 2011. Our projections indicate that once operational, 80 percent of the facility will initially be occupied, with 155 employees generating a significant level of annual income tax revenue to the City. Additionally, OSUWMC business projections indicate that the remaining 20 percent of the space will be built out and occupied within five years, further enhancing revenues.

Last but not least, the Kingsdale Shopping Center merchants, restaurants and services stand to benefit significantly from patronage by the new employees who will be onsite each day, as well as the facility's patients.

UA History Featured in WOSU Documentary



Upper Arlington has long celebrated its illustrious history, with numerous efforts undertaken to capture and memorialize the people, traditions and culture that have set our community apart. Now UA is part of a TV documentary series that has been celebrating the history of the neighborhoods and communities that make up Central Ohio. WOSU Public Media's *Columbus Neighborhoods* project is in the midst of a second six-part series—with Upper Arlington featured alongside Marble Cliff and Grandview Heights, as part of the Tri Village episode.

The Tri Village episode first aired on TV in May and we hosted a special screening May 21 in partnership with the Library and the Historical Society.

There's one more date on the horizon for the community to gather and enjoy this fascinating glimpse into UA's past. The three entities are jointly hosting a "Movie in the Park" screening of the documentary for all to enjoy during the summer—no reservation necessary—and what better timing than the week of Fourth of July?

The evening coincides with a Miller Park Library concert—Songs of America by RMT—scheduled for the evening of Thursday, July 2. The concert begins at 7 p.m., with the "movie" screening following at dusk.

To learn more about the *Columbus Neighborhoods* series, visit www.columbusneighborhoods.org. On the site, a section is dedicated just to Upper Arlington, where you can upload historic photos, stories and videos. Since we are in our official countdown to celebrating our Centennial in 2018, now's a great time to start digging through the family albums and sharing images of your family that may just have a historical significance too.

CITY STREETS *Updates on Road Improvement Projects*

Tremont Road, Phase I

Begins early July

Resurfacing work between Fishinger Road and Tremont Road, and full reconstruction from Fishinger south to Ridgeview Road.

Street Reconstruction Program

Scheduled to begin mid May

Complete replacement of curbs and gutters, driveway approaches and road surface for sections of: Club, Edgemont, Elgin, Leighton, Oxford and Sherwin roads.

Derby Road Waterline

Scheduled to begin early July

Street Maintenance Program

Scheduled to begin early May

Replacement of the top surface of the roadway, with some spot curb and gutter work. Homes on the affected streets are to receive a postcard notification in advance of the work. Visit our website for a list of streets.

Full details can be found at www.uaoh.net under **Living in UA | Road Construction Updates**. You can register for e-mail updates on some projects. Additionally, we share frequent updates throughout the construction season via our Facebook and Twitter pages.



Thank you UA!
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 Building For UA's Future: www.uaoh.net/cip



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Theodore J. Staton

Testing the Water for More Baseball Fields at Fancyburg Park

In early May, we brought to Council a preliminary proposal from UA-based Bear Cub Baseball and the Mirolo Charitable Foundation for expanding youth baseball facilities at Fancyburg Park. As part of this proposal, Bear Cub Baseball would donate \$75,000 and the Foundation \$150,000 toward construction costs. Council agreed the idea was worth considering in greater detail but that a public outreach and feedback process should be part of this exploration before any final decisions are made.

The response from many in the community has been extensive before the true vetting process has even begun. After receiving several emails from residents that oppose or support the proposal, I thought I would offer an explanation of the genesis of this idea and what formal process will be used to accept public input as we move forward.

Sometime in the last year, community volunteers who serve on the board of Bear Cub Baseball, along with members of the governing body of the Mirolo Charitable Foundation, began discussions with former Parks & Recreation Director, Tim Moloney, about expanding, and perhaps consolidating, baseball fields in UA. The conversations centered around Fancyburg Park, since it was believed by those involved that it might be the best option for adding fields.

The groups that have initiated this proposal are not outside entities with no stake in the community. For 55 years, Bear Cub baseball has been giving children aged six-12 in UA the opportunity to enjoy spring and summer fun, learning and playing a game commonly referred to as America's past time. Each year, approximately 900 boys and girls have a chance to play ball without regard for their athletic ability—everyone

With exploration of the proposal still in the early stages, opportunities for public input will lie ahead. Visit www.uaoh.net and look for the Fancyburg Park link on our homepage, where you can learn more about the proposal and complete an online feedback form. By sharing your email address with us, we will be sure to send you electronic updates and news of future public meetings.

who wants to play gets to play. In fact, everyone gets to play relatively equal amounts of time. Bear Cub volunteers provide instruction, coaching and league coordination services. They even maintain the fields and chalk the diamonds before play. They are part of the rich culture of volunteerism that is evident in every corner of community life. Without efforts like these, the range and quality of programming available to our youth would be greatly reduced, since the costs to provide them through the City would be significant.

The Mirolo Charitable Foundation, while preferring to remain in the background of community projects in which it is involved, is also very community minded. The Foundation was responsible for the lead and largest gift to preserve and expand the Amelita Mirolo Barn at Sunny 95 Park. The Barn now hosts upwards of 400 events and activities each year. I believe both Bear Cub Baseball and the Mirolo Charitable Foundation have only the best of intentions.

I would also observe that those that have come forward to express concerns and opposition are also articulating what they believe to be the best interests of the City and their neighborhood. Active citizen engagement is also a long-standing tradition in UA.

With the departure of Mr. Moloney earlier this year—who left to become Executive Director for the Columbus & Franklin County Metro Parks—I began to be more directly involved in discussions about the proposal with other City staff and representatives of Bear Cub Baseball and the Foundation. We asked some of the same questions and expressed some of the same concerns that are surfacing now in the community. How many fields are enough? Too many? Where do park users park vehicles? How do neighbors and other park users continue to enjoy Fancyburg Park?

It was my recommendation to begin a public vetting of the proposal. This is the tradition in UA and we have volunteer citizen advisory boards that help carry out that tradition. Two of those groups, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and the Board of Zoning and Planning, will likely review this proposal in public meetings over the next several weeks.

The very first step in this public vetting process was the May 4 discussion with City Council, which represented the beginning of the public process. Council did not draw any conclusions about the merits of the proposal, they supported the exploration and public outreach process that is now underway.

As we move forward, it would be my hope that those who have strong and closely held views about this plan would express them with civility and recognize that those on both sides of this issue are acting in what they believe to be the best interests of the community.



NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holiday:

- **Friday, July 3** – Independence Day
- **Monday, September 7** – Labor Day

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 583-5030

Check the "Public Meetings" link under Upcoming Events on the City's homepage for a current listing of City Council meetings and agendas, plus upcoming Board and Commission meetings.

City Manager Blog

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 583-5040

For regular updates on UA happenings from the City Manager's perspective, check out Ted Staton's blog at www.uaoh.net. As well as hearing from Ted, this is an easy way to share your feedback on the topics at hand. We hope you enjoy being part of the conversation.

Mosquito Awareness

**FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
www.myfcp.org 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.

Safety Town Spots Still Available

POLICE DIVISION 583-5150
Sessions: June 15-26, July 6-17

Safety Town is a two-week summer preschool program that teaches children all aspects of safety. They learn how to make wise decisions in potentially dangerous situations and how to handle emergencies in their young lives. Spots on two sessions remain. You can register online at www.uaoh.net.

Garage/Yard Sales

CODE COMPLIANCE 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 a.m.-8 p.m., with items placed for display in a garage or backyard. Any signage should meet a set of guidelines, which can be found at www.uaoh.net under the Planning Division section of the Community & Economic Development Department.

Grass/Weed Control Guidelines

CODE COMPLIANCE 583-5070

The proper 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 with this guideline will result in notice from the City to rectify the situation within five days, at which time the City will make arrangements to cut the grass/weeds at the owner's expense.

Block Party Permits

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 583-5040

Planning summer fun on your street? Be sure to allow at least one week to get your block party permit approved. There is a nonrefundable \$50 fee for block party permits. You can file your permit online at www.uaoh.net or stop by the City Manager's Office, 3600 Tremont Road.

Shelter & Amelita Mirolo Barn Rentals

PARKS & RECREATION 583-5300

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

2015 Police Survey Coming Soon

POLICE DIVISION 583-5150

With a number of law enforcement issues in the national spotlight these days, our Police Division is placing even greater emphasis than usual on gauging resident opinions on police performance and overall satisfaction with safety services. In this light, it is

again time for the division to conduct its Police Community Survey, a process that is conducted every three years.

We hope the community will give special consideration to this year's survey, so that the results yield timely insights for our Police Division and to help officers understand which safety issues concern residents the most, and to identify any emerging trends that should be addressed moving forward.

The survey is being administered online, and will be available through Friday, June 19. Just visit www.uaoh.net and look for the link on the homepage. If you do not have access to a computer but would still like to complete a survey, please call 583-5027 to request a hard copy.

Finance Awards for 2013 Reports

FINANCE & ADMIN. SERVICES 583-5280

The City's Finance & Administrative Services Department is the recipient of an Award for Outstanding Achievement from the Government Finance Officer's Association for its 2013 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) and for its 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The 2014 edition of the PAFR is scheduled for distribution to UA households in July. The PAFR provides a user-friendly summary of the City's financial activities and



UA Parks & Recreation's Spring/Summer Activity Guide has everything you need to welcome warmer weather!

Grab a copy at the UA libraries, City buildings and other local drop-off points.

Visit our website to view our Activity Guide flipbook. All you have to do is click on the class title and you are taken straight to a simplified online registration process.

Don't miss out on all the fun you could be having with UA Parks & Recreation!

www.wemakefunhappen.org



Miller Park Tree Planting

After volunteers from Friends of UA Parks had previously spent many hours removing invasive, non-native plants such as honeysuckle from Miller Park, a follow up crew of volunteers returned this spring to plant approximately 120 native sapling trees and bushes within the park's wooded area.

standing from the previous year. Electronic versions of previous PAFRs and other financial documents can be found at www.uaoh.net.

Building & Development Website Enhancements

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

583-5070

The Community & Economic Development Department enhanced its section of the City website to provide a more effective and efficient user experience. You can find the following:

- Online permit record search;
- A map of current development projects;
- Online informational brochures to assist with project planning, from decks and

fences to full home reconstruction;

- Access to most of the department's application forms.

City Receives CVS/pharmacy Prescription Drug Collection Unit

POLICE DIVISION

583-5150

The City has been awarded a grant from CVS/pharmacy to install a Drug Collection Unit at the Municipal Services Center (3600 Tremont Road). The Unit provides a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medication, including controlled substances.

Applying for and installing the Drug Collection Unit is just one step in the process of reducing the amount of unneeded medicine in residents' homes and decreasing prescription drug abuse. Such efforts, including raising awareness of drug abuse in UA, are attributable to a joint effort between the Police Division, Leadership UA Class of 2015, The Stand Project and UA Schools among others.

The new Drug Collection Unit can be found in the lobby area and is open to the public, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked. For more information about prescription drug abuse and drug drop off locations in close proximity to Upper Arlington, visit the Police Division's web section at www.uaoh.net.

Citizen Police Academy

POLICE DIVISION

583-5159

September 10 to November 29

Applications due Friday, August 28

Each fall, the Police Division hosts its annual Citizen Policy Academy, a chance for interested residents to take a behind-the-scenes look at the division. Applications are now being accepted for the academy's 10th season. Visit the Police section at www.uaoh.net for details and to access an application form.

The Number to Call in an Emergency is 9-1-1

FIRE DIVISION

583-5100

Our Fire Division wishes to remind residents that it's always best to call 9-1-1 in an emergency situation. One of our fire stations may be just around the corner, but if you call there or even show up for help, there's no guarantee anyone will be there – they could be out on an emergency run.

City Providing IT Services to Grandview Heights

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

583-5100

The City's Information Technology Department recently entered into a shared services agreement with the City of Grandview Heights to provide support services such as help desk functions, server support, computer repair and basic Microsoft Application support. It is anticipated that this support could average 20 hours a week, with the potential for generating approximately \$50,000 annually.

City Manager Coffees

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

583-5040

City Manager Ted Staton will be out in the community in June, ready for coffee and conversation with residents. If you would like to discuss park plans, road improvements, economic development progress or any other matter concerning the City, please join him on the following dates:

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- 7:45 a.m., Wednesday, June 10, Starbucks on Henderson Road
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Schools*i*NSIGHT

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS



UA Schools Focused on Smart Future Planning

The Facilities Task Force, a team of community volunteers and business professionals, is hard at work helping Upper Arlington Schools lay the groundwork for a full-scale master planning process for its facilities. The two-year, three-phase process will begin in earnest this fall, and all residents will be welcome to join.

Another community advisory committee, the Efficiency and Productivity Work Team, recommended the master planning process after delving into the district's finances and operations during development of the new strategic plan. The work team found that the district's aging buildings are maintained on a year-by-year basis and identified significant deficiencies with deferred maintenance items. The team also noted that the buildings have a limited capacity for flexibility in meeting modern educational standards. In its briefing paper for the Board of Education, the team recommended that the district engage the community in a comprehensive and proactive planning process as soon as possible, calling it "essential to the long-term financial health of the district."

In the months since the work team presented its report, the district has moved quickly to begin the planning process. Last fall the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission sent a team of architects and engineers to evaluate the current status of all buildings. The review, valued at more than \$100,000, was provided by the state at no cost to the district and serves as foundational information for the master planning process. Another critical step took place this winter when the Facilities Task Force was formed.

"We feel very fortunate to have a group with this level of skill and knowledge helping to lead us through the master planning process," said Chris Potts, executive director of



Facilities Task Force:

Back row, from L-R: Beth Wiltberger Ullum, Lianne McGlade, Rich Simpson, Brian Steigerwald, Greg Comfort, John Royer, Brett Harper

Front row, from L-R: Yanitza Brongers, Peter Hahn, Jennifer Mason, Patrick Scott

Not pictured: Jim Kaparos

business services for the schools. "They are committing a lot of time to this work, and it's clear they are passionate about ensuring the district is on a wise financial path when it comes to facilities."

This fall, the planning process will pick up speed as research teams are formed at each of the nine school buildings. Parents, staff and all community members will be welcomed to join the teams, which will work with a design firm, construction agency and the Facilities Task Force to prepare reports for the Board of Education on the current condition/assessment and future needs of each structure.

Phase two of the planning process will begin next winter. The information from the building team reports will be used to identify possible solutions for each building, which could range from modest maintenance projects to renovations or even replacement. Cost estimates for each possible solution

will be identified so that the community can weigh in on which option makes the most sense long-term.

"We know there will always be a cost associated with school buildings," said Potts. "There is no zero-cost option, but this planning process will allow us to make sure we are minimizing costs over the next several decades so we can focus our resources on our students and their educational experiences."

In the third and final phase of the process, community volunteers with expertise in the financial sector will form the Financial Advisory Committee. This group will review the recommended solution plan and advise the Board of Education on funding options and the timing of implementation.

To learn more about the master planning process for facilities, please visit www.uaschools.org/facilities or email cpotts@uaschools.org.



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff

“I have been to Oz, and the world is in color now.”

One of our very talented, veteran teachers said that to me after a recent visit to a school outside Minneapolis that provides a computer to each of its students in what's known as a one-to-one technology program. But this teacher wasn't talking about the technology. What he described as “astounding” was the freedom and flexibility the technology provided for students.

“The technology was just a tool – an invaluable tool,” he said. “It sparked a whole new way of learning by liberating students from having to sit at a desk and passively receive information. The students were actively engaged, and the teachers were able to individualize instruction.”

As a part of our new strategic plan, we will bring a similar experience to the students of Upper Arlington. During the next three years, we will begin providing each student with some type of device – tablet or laptop – that they can use in school and at home.

For parents, it's clear that our children are digital natives. Sometimes that's a good thing, and sometimes it is frustrating for us. But as author Ian Jukes once said, “We need to prepare students for their future, not our past.” Like it or not, the future is full of technology. A modern-day, world-class education must teach students to harness the power of these devices and use them safely and responsibly.

The addition of one-to-one technology also enables our teachers to better embed lessons about digital citizenship, which are becoming increasingly important for all of us. These days, knowing how to stay safe online is almost on par with knowing to look both ways before crossing the street. It's also important for students to understand that the digital footprint they create as

children can follow them on to college, career and beyond.

As important as technology is to the future of education, nothing is more important than the relationship between a student and a teacher. Technology simply allows the two generations to share a common language that engages students in their own learning. As the talented teacher I mentioned earlier said, technology is just a tool, but it's an invaluable one in our mission to challenge and support every student, every step of the way.

Implementing a one-to-one technology program requires careful planning and great attention to detail. A dedicated team of secondary teachers and administrators is working on everything from selecting the right device to designing instructional support for colleagues. We are reinforcing our network infrastructure, developing plans for student tech support and engaging in a sensible budgeting process that keeps us living within our means.

Families of students in grades six through 12 will begin to hear much more about the program this fall. At the same time a team of elementary teachers and administrators will be analyzing the secondary work and adapting it to meet the needs of our younger learners. We expect elementary students to begin receiving devices during the 2016-2017 school year.

For more information on the process and research phase of our one-to-one program, I invite you to watch the presentation from the April Board of Education meeting by visiting www.uaschools.org/technologypresentation. And, as always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at superintendent@uaschools.org or 487-5030.

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

As the school year comes to a close, it's a good time to reflect on progress made to address efficiency and sustainability in the district's finances and operations.



In the fall of 2013, the district embarked on an Efficiency Project and committed to implementing measures to improve its bottom line by \$4.5 million by 2017. I'm pleased to report we are nearly 80% toward that goal. Several steps, most notably moving to a self-insured medical plan, have added up to approximately \$3.6 million in savings. As we continue to work toward our goal, you can follow along at www.uaschools.org/efficiency.

Another part of the Efficiency Project was the formation of a Productivity and Efficiency Work Team. This group of local business leaders looked at our financial records and operating procedures. The team provided the Board of Education with a briefing paper with recommendations for further efficiency efforts. That paper became part of the foundational work for the district's new strategic plan.

We have begun work on several of the team's recommendations. Most notably, we are preparing for a community-wide facilities master planning process to address the team's main area of concern - the cost of maintaining our aging school buildings. We have also implemented new document management and online registration systems to reduce paper waste, cut printing costs and streamline workloads.

Another notable step came in joint efforts between the district and its two associations, the Upper Arlington Education Association and the Ohio Association of Public Schools Employees Local 201. We negotiated new agreements within the last 18 months, finding ways to save more than \$500,000 in insurance costs during the next several years. Salary schedule freezes are also helping us operate more efficiently. The payment structure in the new UAEA contract alone will save about \$3 million.

If you have questions about our efficiency efforts, please contact me at 487-5000 or treasurer@uaschools.org.

BITES From the Apple

SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



UACA Golden Apple Awards

In the spring of every year, the Upper Arlington Civic Association solicits nominations from public and private high schools, middle schools, elementary schools and preschools located within Upper Arlington for the most deserving teacher in each school. Nominations are made by students, parents and peers. The nominations are reviewed by the UACA directors and the "Golden Apple" recipient is selected for each school. In April, personal presentations are made to each of the teachers in a surprise classroom visit. Each winner receives a plaque from the UACA and public recognition among the community. Congratulations to the Upper Arlington City Schools' 2015 Golden Apple Award recipients.

- Katie Benton, Barrington Elementary School
- Holly Cline, Greensview Elementary School
- Linda Gordon, Tremont Elementary School
- Amanda Mangini, Jones Middle School
- David Monseur, Hastings Middle School
- Beth McCormick, Windermere Elementary School
- Kristin Rodriguez, Wickliffe Progressive School
- Rob Soccorsi, Upper Arlington High School

Students Compete in the Ohio Youth Institute

Many Upper Arlington High School students presented their research and recommendations on how to solve key global challenges during the Ohio Youth Institute competition in April. The event is a state level competition to select six delegates to represent the State of Ohio in The World Food Prize Global Youth Institute held in Des Moines, Iowa in October. This individual competition includes a 3,000 word essay, a presentation of findings and small group discussions with local experts that culminates in interviews for the top candidates. The Upper Arlington students

claimed nine out of 15 interviews and ultimately three out of the six delegate spots. They will join more than 200 other high school students and teachers from across the United States and around the world for a program that draws more than 1,000 global leaders from 75 countries each year. There they will present their research and recommendations to these global leaders and other student leaders. Student papers are subsequently published in the Global Youth Institute Proceedings. Participating students are eligible to apply for a prestigious Borlaug-Ruan International Internship working with world-renowned scientists and policy makers at leading research centers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

Congratulations to students Alison Chapman, Alessandra Derick, and Jordan Zimmer on being selected as delegates to represent the State of Ohio at the Global Youth Institute. Additionally, Drew Wilson was chosen as an alternate with the opportunity to join the others in Des Moines.

Students Participate in National Robotics Challenge

Thirty-nine students from Hastings Middle School and nine students from Upper Arlington High School competed in the National Robotics Challenge in April. The successful showing at the competition was the culmination of months of hard work designing and building robots. Since November, students have been working during lunch periods, after school and on the weekends. Teachers say the robotics challenge provides students a fun way to apply the skills learned in their classes and to learn additional skills such as computer programming concepts, basic and advanced electronics, electrical circuitry and advanced fabrication techniques. This year Hastings students won gold in the middle school Heavyweight Sumo Challenge, silver in the Rescue Robot Challenge, and bronze in the Robo Hockey Challenge.



Art Students Fare Well in Exhibition

The Ohio Governors Youth Art Exhibition is open to all of Ohio's 1,112 high schools with nearly 12,000 entries annually. Of the 12,000 entries, 300 are selected



for the actual exhibition, with 25 of the 300 chosen to receive the Governor's Award of Excellence. Students also have the ability to qualify for various scholarships provided by over 30 universities and colleges of art.

Upper Arlington students have participated in the exhibition for many years and have always done very well. This year's exhibition is no different. Of the 25 entries chosen for the Governor's Award of Excellence, six of them were given to Upper Arlington students some of them with numerous entries. In addition, 14 UA student's were selected as winners at the regional level.

Congratulations to students Jack Campise, Delaney Walquist, Mack John, Mackenzie Patrick, Daniel Rehl, and Lauren Oberlin on being selected for the Governor's Award of Excellence. In addition, 14 students were selected at the regional level.

THE UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Highlights of the Upper Arlington Board of Education



2015 Upper Arlington Board of Education

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

Front row: Stacey Royer, Carol Mohr, Robin Comfort

Thanks to a partnership with the City of Upper Arlington, Board of Education meetings are held in the Council Chamber of the City's Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road. In general, meetings begin at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Some exceptions apply and last-minute scheduling changes are possible. Please refer to the district website, www.uaschools.org, for the most up-to-date information.

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, June 9, 6 p.m. – Council Chamber
- Wednesday, June 24, 7:30 a.m. – District Office, 1950 N. Mallway Drive

- Wednesday, July 15, 8 a.m. – District Office, 1950 N. Mallway Drive
- Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 6 p.m. – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 6 p.m. – District Office, 1950 N. Mallway Drive
- Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 6 p.m. – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 6 p.m. – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 6 p.m. – Council Chamber

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

LifeCare Alliance Honors Windermere Elementary School

LifeCare Alliance honored Windermere Elementary School with its School Spirit Award in April. Approximately 30 Windermere students and their parents volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program, which provides hot, nutritious meals for older adults and the chronically ill. Windermere principal Julie Nolan credits parent volunteer Stori Rex for coordinating the program and says it "gives our students an invaluable opportunity to interact with community members and learn the importance of serving those in need."



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Congratulations to the UAHS girls swimming team on winning its 10th state title.

UAHS students Nick Amore, Jenny Jiao, George Li and Daniel Wang won the Ohio Economics Challenge.



Fifth graders at Wickliffe Progressive School participated in a poverty simulation. This exercise challenged students to use their math and collaboration skills, as well as think about what it's like to walk in the shoes of someone who struggles daily with the challenges of poverty.



Eighth graders from Hastings and Jones middle schools enjoyed an inspiring visit from Holocaust survivor, Eva Kor.



Fifteen UAHS student athletes signed letters of intent to participate in college sports in April. Congratulations, Golden Bears!



Students at Jones Middle School participated in Purple Day - the culmination of The Purple Project. This student led effort, organized by teacher Adam Oliver, raised funds and awareness for the Epilepsy Research Center at Nationwide Children's Hospital.



Students from several schools marked Spread the Word to End the Word day on March 4. The students collected pledges from classmates and teachers who are committed to promoting the inclusion and acceptance of all people.

UAHS teacher, Lynn Reese, and students Alexandra Hoey and Kylie White were selected to meet Dr. Jane Goodall during the Leadership Summit in Costa Rica.



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Third graders at Windermere Elementary School participated in the Windermere Invention Convention after studying the invention process, identifying a problem and developing a solution to the problem.

Bol Aweng leads Hastings students in a walkathon for South Sudan as part of a year-long service learning project.



Burbank Early Childhood School students aid in a tree planting ceremony on Arbor Day to honor late staff member, Nikki Friel.

OSU football players read to first graders at Greensview Elementary School as part of the 2nd and Seven program. It was their way of saying thank you for the good luck cards the students created for the team before the national championship game.



Fifth graders at Barrington Elementary School enjoyed a visit from retired NBA star Lawrence Funderburke as part of his program Mr. Fundy's Math Basketball Challenge.



Students from Tremont Elementary School participated in World Read Aloud Day. Tremont welcomed guest readers from the Upper Arlington Public Library and students from UAHS.



First graders at Tremont Elementary School hosted visitors from the Ohio Bird Sanctuary of Mansfield, Ohio, which included a peregrine falcon and a great horned owl.

UAHS science research students earned a district trophy at the regional Science Day competition. Many students also qualified to move on to the State Science Day competition!



2015 KEY SCHOOL DATES

Memorial Day – Monday, May 25

Upper Arlington High School Commencement

Sunday, May 31

2 p.m., at the Jerome Schottenstein Center

Last Day for Students

End of Fourth Grading Period and Second Semester

Wednesday, June 3

Staff Professional Day – Thursday, June 4

First day for students for the 2015-2016 school year

Wednesday, August 19

Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday – Friday, August 19 – 21

Sustained Enrollment Growth Prompts Tremont Addition

Student enrollment at Tremont Elementary has been growing for more than five years, and soon the school itself will be growing in order to meet the needs of its students.

Construction

crews will begin work this summer on the first phase of an addition to the building, which will include academic classroom spaces and a new media center. Phase two of construction will begin in the summer of 2016 and include the cafeteria, gymnasium, music rooms, and a renovated main office with a secure entrance.

Tremont served approximately 600 students during the 2014-2015 academic year, an increase of 62 students since 2009-2010. Projections indicate that enrollment will continue to grow for at least 10 years, reaching 654 students by 2024-25.

“Our staff has been great at utilizing every available space in the building,” said Tremont principal Brett Gambill, who noted that staff areas like the copy room and conference area have been moved to a modular unit outside of the building to free up inside space for students. “We are very excited for the opportunities to grow and better meet the needs of our students.”

The addition will be funded by the permanent improvement levy put in place by the community and the Board of Education in 2007. In recent years these funds have been used to address similar needs at Barrington and Greensview elementary schools.

For more information on the Tremont Elementary School project, please contact Chris Potts, executive director of business services, at 487-5000 or cpotts@uaschools.org.



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 Memorial Fund of the Upper Arlington Education Foundation.

Congratulations to our 2015 scholars!



Miriam Alghothani

Julianne Ali

Nicholas Amore

Chloe Amsterdam

Graham Anderson

Owen Auch

Harshal Bakshi

Katharine Baldwin

Hannah Barker

Jackson Barker

Mackenzie Baumgartner

Kevin Baxley

Andrew Bennett

Nicole Blevins

Matthew Blossom

Wynn Brown

Caroline Buse

Liam Campbell

Maria Cantemir

Jason Chalmers

Kelly Chian

Michael Chung

Shoshana Cohn

Abigail Crum

Olivia Dieker

Marissa Donadio

Eric Dong

Sagel Dubey

Erin Eastwood

Jane Eskildsen

Abigail Eubank

Sophia Fisher

Caroline Fulmer

Becina Ganther

Sarah Gibson

Jacob Glaser

Alison Graver

Nikolas Grotewold

Anna Grumman

Yiqing Gu

Ian Hamilton

William Hansen

Cameron Hayes

Conor Hayes

Jack Herd

Katelin Highman

Devon Holland

Matthew Holodnak

Tyler Holsopple

An-Chi Huang

Lingxiao Huang

Elise Hummel

Carl Jacobson

Matthew Jeffers

Jenny Jiao

Caroline Jipa

Genevieve Johanni

Yijun Kang

Julia Klebe

Maureen Kleinhenz

Hope Klingensmith

Nicholas Kochanek

Olivia Komp

Ella Koscher

Demetra Koutras

Myungwoo Ku

John Landolfi

Brian Lee

George Li

Jinghui Li

Yijia Liang

Shuo Liu

Grace Long

Xiao Ma

Meara Maccabee

Aarti Mathur

Caroline Mead

Lindsey Meredith

Caroline Mollmann

Baker Moran

Vishal Nallanagulagari

Chloe Nelson

Eleanor Nielsen

Lauren Oberlin

Emma Ortquist

Annabelle Pan

Mackenzie Patrick

Hannah Peale

Charles Pei

Julia Pei

Abigail Petrecca

John Plasket

Molly Plasket

Audrey Pottschmidt

Alexandra Price

Molly Quinn

Theodore Randolph

Barbara Reed

Clara Rhodehamel

Emily Root

Miranda Ross

Caroline Sarno

Monika Satoskar

Kristen Seely

Ayah Shehata

Lindsey Shi

Disha Shidham

Katherine Shipman

Sarah Shroyer

Sophia Silver

James Smart

Anna Smoot

Emily Song

Jack Stummer

David Sturges

Elvia Suli

Kathryn Thompson

Jasmine Toorchen

Victoria Van Benschoten

Jacob Walsh

Daniel Wang

Rachel Williams

Sophia Xu

Chun Yang

Library **iNSIGHT**

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2014 Annual Report

2014 was a big year for the Upper Arlington Public Library. Between facility improvements, new programs and services, and the expansion of our catalog, staff kept busy to ensure that patrons continue to have an exceptional user experience.

By the Numbers

Cardholders	40,603
Physical materials loaned	1,617,563
Downloadable items loaned	90,747
Staff members	117
Children's programs offered	673
Attendance at children's programs	27,597
Teen programs offered	53
Attendance at teen programs	870
Adult programs offered	109
Attendance at adult programs	5,191

Notable in 2014

- The UA Library joined the Central Library Consortium, which expanded the number of items available to our patrons to over 4.7 million.

General Fund

Beginning Cash Balance	\$2,431,617
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Transfers to Building Improvement Fund	-450,000
Encumbrances Remaining at Year-End	-213,565

Revenue	\$5,664,703
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Local Property Tax	3,108,852
Public Library Fund	2,392,247
Other Income	163,604

Expenditures	-5,313,808
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Salaries & Benefits	-3,723,265
Library Materials	-760,143
Other Expenses	-830,400

Ending Cash Balance	\$2,332,512
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- We completed an upgrade of the HVAC and lighting systems at the Main Library. We also upgraded lighting at the Lane Road Library. These changes resulted in lower energy costs.
- The Lane Road Library's roof was replaced.
- The Northam Park parking lot in front of the Main Library was reconstructed with proper underlayment and drainage, and repaved. It also has energy efficient lights thanks to a grant from American Electric Power.

- The Main Library added multiple exhibit spaces for the display of student and community artwork. Hanging art can be found in our Adult, Youth and Media Departments as well as in the hall near the Administration office. Display cases hold 3D art in the reading area of the Adult Department.
- We introduced Hoopla as a new way to stream or download movies, music and audiobooks.
- The Live at the Library music series debuted with performances by five diverse local bands. The response was such that it was brought back this year and will likely be a fixture each winter.
- Lynne Olson, author of six books about World War II, visited in April as part of the UA Author Visit series. She spoke on "Racing Against Time: Roosevelt, Churchill, and the Fight to Save Britain in World War II."
- We added the ability to use credit cards to pay fines online.
- Our Library Link newsletter won the Best of Show Award in its category from the American Library Association.
- We were named a Five-Star Library by Library Journal magazine based on our circulation, visits, program attendance, and computer usage per capita.

Browser Bear is Back!



After hibernating for a while, the library's official mascot Browser Bear is returning to meet kids and spread the love of reading!

Look for Browser this summer at a variety of events, including in-library programs, poolside storytimes and Taste of UA.

If you're lucky enough to spot Browser in the wild, snap a photo with him and post it to Instagram. Tag us with @uapl and use the hashtag #browserbear to share your encounter.

Welcome back, Browser!



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Chris Taylor

Cutting the Cable Cord for Online Streaming Options

According to PBS NewsHour "Over the past five years, more than three million American homes have canceled their cable subscriptions while plenty more have signed up for online streaming services to control when, where and how they watch their favorite shows."

Cutting the cable TV cord is becoming more popular whether the motivation is reducing your monthly bills, having more control to watch what you want when you want, or having access to channels not carried by your cable company. I know I wasn't too happy with my cable provider's recent decision to discontinue BBC America. As I start my research into how to find some of the shows I enjoyed, I'm finding that the options are staggering. From Netflix subscriptions that include movies and older TV shows and original series like *House of Cards* and *Orange is the New Black* to Hulu Plus, which offers shows from traditional

broadcast channels. Although Hulu Plus does not air shows when they are originally broadcast, one can satisfy their viewing desires but at a lower cost than a traditional bundled cable bill with hundreds of channels of which you actually only view a dozen or so. I currently watch some movies and TV shows on my television using my Wi-Fi enabled Blu-ray player and my Amazon Prime account. Apple, Sony and The Dish Network are also now looking to offer their own streaming subscription services.

Streaming video is quickly gaining traction in public libraries everywhere across the country as well. Library patrons are interested in learning about the format and inquire about its availability. The two most popular streaming video lending services are Hoopla and OverDrive. Hoopla is an online streaming service specifically designed for public libraries. It offers feature films, documentaries, TV shows, music albums and audiobooks. OverDrive has long been a provider of digital content,

mainly eBooks and eAudiobooks, to libraries. They launched their streaming video lending service in 2014, offering video titles of all kinds including independent films, children's videos, foreign films and documentaries to library patrons. Both Hoopla and OverDrive have mobile apps for Android and Apple which patrons can download to their devices. In addition these services are compatible with both PC and Mac computer platforms using an Internet browser.

A few more words about Hoopla: it offers a fantastic collection of movies, TV shows and full music albums. Through a simple interface, Library patrons have access to 13,960 audiobooks; 204,037 music albums, 5,379 movies, and 1,077 TV shows. Hoopla titles are always available so there is no waiting or holds/wish lists. Patrons can check out 10 Hoopla items per month.

What I really love about the Hoopla collection is that it includes some BBC productions that are not available on Netflix, titles such as *MI-5* and *Northanger Abbey*, and titles are always available without waitlists.

If you're interested in learning more about these streaming services or our other digital services, our Media Services staff will glad to assist you.

Pulitzer Prize Winner Anthony Doerr Visits UA

Sunday, October 11

Anthony Doerr, author of *All the Light We Cannot See*, will visit Upper Arlington on Sunday, October 11 as part of the UA Author series.

Doerr's novel won the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and was a finalist for the National Book Award. It was the top selling book of 2014 and the New York Times named it one of its 10 best books of the year.

He is also the author of the novel *About Grace*, the short story collections *Memory Wall* and *The Shell Collector*, and the memoir *Four Seasons in Rome: On Twins, Insomnia, and the Biggest Funeral in the History of the World*.



Two events are being planned for October 11. Doerr will speak at Upper Arlington High School in the afternoon and will be the guest of honor at a VIP reception at the UA Main Library that evening.

Tickets for both events will go on sale in early summer. Be sure to check the library's website at www.ualibrary.org for details.

The event is part of the UA Author Series sponsored by Upper Arlington Community Foundation, the Upper Arlington Public Library, the Upper Arlington Rotary, and the Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library.

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Escape the Ordinary with Our 2015 Summer Library Club

The Upper Arlington Public Library is bringing a new and improved summer reading experience to you and your family this year—the “Escape the Ordinary” Summer Library Club (SLC)! We aim to deliver a program that is simple to understand, fun to do, promotes reading and literacy, and encourages you to explore your world.

Joining is easy. Beginning May 26, either stop in at any UA library or go online to <http://www.summerlibraryclub.org> to register and create a Summer Library Club account.

To participate, keep track of the time you spend reading from May 26 through August 2. Log that time either in person at the library or online in your SLC account. If you would like a reading log to help you keep track, either download and print one directly from the website or visit any UA library to grab a copy.

New this year: activities! We’ve compiled 60 activities for you to explore throughout the summer. You’ll earn prizes by reading and completing activities. Here’s a hint:

If you read about 15-20 minutes a day and complete two of the activities a week, you will be on target to earn your prizes before the end of the program!

After logging 10 hours of reading and exploring 10 activities, you’re halfway finished and can come in to any UA library to grab a stack of coupons for use at a variety of local organizations and establishments. After logging a total of 20 hours of reading and completing a total of 20 activities, you’re done and you’ve earned your final prize—a new book! We’ll have a variety of excellent book choices available for participants of all ages. At completion, you will also be entered into the grand prize drawing on August 3.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for donating the resources to make this



program possible. And, thank you to Marvel Universe Live, Chipotle, Orange Leaf, City of Upper Arlington Parks and Rec, the Ohio State Fair, the Ohio Renaissance Festival, Ohio State Parks and Magic Mountain for their generous coupon and prize donations.

Grand Prize List for SLC 2015

- **Baby (Ages 0-3):** A basket of board books, baby superhero toys, and a plushy.
- **Preschooler (Ages 3-5):** A hardcover book about superheroes, a superhero matching game, and a set of superhero Mr. Potato Heads.
- **Elementary (Grades K-5):** Four tickets to the live action show Marvel Universe LIVE! Winner will also receive a hardbound Marvel Superhero book and poster.
- **Teen (Grades 6-12):** Two weekend passes to Comic Con.
- **Adult (Ages 18+):** A collection of gift cards to local establishments.

Feed Down Fines Helps Patrons and the Hungry

Got fines? Got food? We’ll clear \$1 of your existing overdue fines for every canned or boxed food item that you donate on Saturday, June 13 between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All three UA Libraries will serve as collection points.

All donations will go to First Community Church’s Heart to Heart Food Pantry. In 2014, Heart to Heart provided 84,007 meals to 4,465 children, 3,815 adults and 996 seniors.

High protein foods such as peanut butter and tuna are in high demand. Please check expiration dates in advance, as we can only accept unexpired goods.

“Feed Down Fines is a big win-win,” says Christine Minx, the library’s Marketing and Community Relations Manager. “It’s a great way to clear fines so everyone can fully participate in our annual Summer Library Club. And, of course, the donations help to reduce hunger in our community.

Don’t have any fines but want to donate anyway? Bring your food items to us and we’ll see that Heart to Heart gets them.

Jennifer Faure, Library Community Engagement Specialist, and Lamar Graham, director of Heart to Heart Food Pantry, preparing to load donations from the January Feed Down Fines event.



Storytimes by the Pool

Your children’s librarians will be visiting the Upper Arlington swimming pools on select days this summer to deliver mini-storytimes during pool break after the whistle.

Bring the little ones and look for our library banner on the following Fridays.

- 4 p.m., June 5 at Devon Pool with Miss Sarah
- 2 p.m., June 12 at Reed Road Pool with Ms. Dena
- 4 p.m., June 19 at Devon Pool with Ms. Tracie
- 2 p.m., June 26 at Reed Road Pool with Ms. Sue
- 4 p.m., July 10 at Devon Pool with Ms. Dena
- 2 p.m., July 17 at Reed Road Pool with Ms. Tracie
- 4 p.m., July 24 at Devon Pool with Miss Sarah

OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

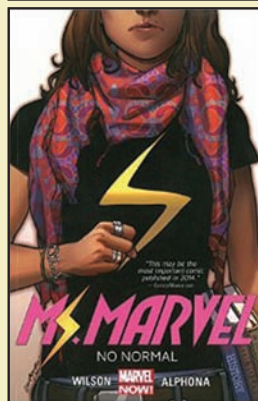
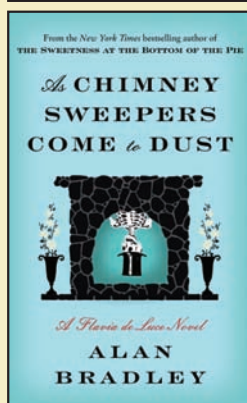
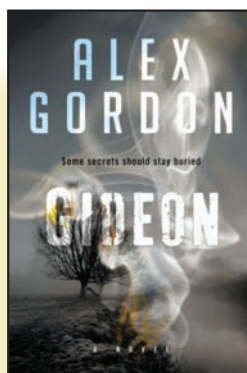
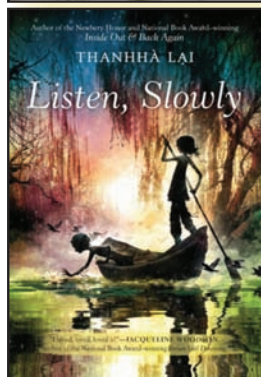
Hellstrip Gardening

By Evelyn Hadden

The hellstrip is the space between a street and a public sidewalk, which in this book finally gains attention as a space to add curb appeal to your home. This oft-ignored space can be reclaimed as a small paradise with environmentally friendly plants that thrive in tough situations and with limited water needs. Gorgeous color photographs of hellstrip gardens offer inspiration and visual guidance to tackle this new gardening frontier.

— Vita Marinello

Adult Services Manager



Ms Marvel. 1, No Normal

By G. Willow Wilson

Kamala Khan lives in New Jersey with her strict but loving parents and devout bother. Like so many, she feels keenly different because of her background. One night she discovers she has superpowers much like her hero, Captain Marvel. Kamala tries to figure out where she fits in while fighting crime and a curfew in this great graphic novel series.

— Tracie Steele, Youth Services

As Chimney Sweepers Come to Dust

By Alan Bradley

Mention the name "Flavia de Luce" and knowing readers will smile. In this eighth novel of Bradley's mystery series, Flavia has been banished (her term) to Canada to attend Miss Bodicote's Female Academy, her mother's alma mater. Far from her home in the English hamlet of Bishop's Lacey, nothing is as it seems. Has she been sent to Canada as punishment or to be trained as a member of a secret organization? Advised to trust no one, she tries to discover the identity of a mummified body, wrapped in a Union Jack, that has fallen from the chimney in her room. It's the best in the series so far and deserves a hearty "Yaroo."

— Alina Butler, Miller Park Library

Listen, Slowly

By Thanhha Lai

Mai thought she was going to spend the summer at the beach in her southern California town, but instead she has to help her Grandmother travel to Vietnam and settle the mystery of her missing Grandfather who disappeared during the Vietnam War. This charming and emotional tale will make you want to find your own journey to Vietnam.

— Stephanie Cofer, Youth Services

The Thing About Spring

By Daniel Kirk

Mouse, Bird, Rabbit and Bear are the lovable characters in this engaging picture book that demonstrates the changes in seasons as we slowly move from winter to spring. They all share what they like and don't like about spring in both funny and accurate assessments of some of the challenges we face with seasonal transitions. The book introduces topics such as the days getting longer, snow melting, and worms and flowers popping out in the spring. In the end they all agree on one thing: they are all happy that spring is finally here.

— Kate Albers, Miller Park Library

Gideon

By Alex Gordon

In the tiny town of Gideon, Illinois, a witch was burned at the stake almost two hundred years ago. Now, following her father's death, a young woman discovers that she descends from a long line of Gideon witches—and that the dark presence the town tried to destroy in 1836 is back and more dangerous than ever. Hounded by a demonic figure and threatened at every turn by Gideon's suspicious, grudge-loving townsfolk, Lauren Reardon must unravel the mystery of her father's past in order to save Gideon's future—and maybe the world's. Tightly plotted and thoroughly imagined, Gideon is packed with

unusual characters as well as some genuinely unnerving moments. Highly recommended for fans of Stephen King, Joe Hill, Dan Simmons, and Gillian Flynn.

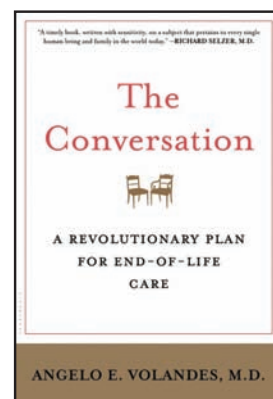
— Caitlin O'Sullivan, Adult Services

The Conversation: A Revolutionary Plan for End-of-Life Care

By Angelo Volandes, M.D.

The subject of our mortality is painful for many Americans to consider, let alone discuss with others. To highlight the need for each of us to plan for end-of-life care, the author explores the end-of-life experiences of seven seriously ill hospital patients. In this highly readable book, readers are advised of links to the latest online video resources to aid in having "The Conversation" about their preferences ahead of time with loved ones and doctors.

— Hari Ruiz, Adult Services



All About Automatic Renewal

On May 1, the Upper Arlington Public Library instituted automatic renewals for items on your account and increased the number of renewals to 10. This means that, if eligible, items coming due will automatically be renewed for you. If you already receive e-mail or text notifications, you will be notified when items are renewed and when they are next due. The notification will also let you know if there are items on your account that could not be renewed. This might include items that have reached their renewal limit or that are on hold for another patron.

There is no need to sign up for this new service, which means fewer errands for you and less money spent on overdue fines. Here are answers to questions that you may have about this service:

How many times will items be automatically renewed?

Eligible Items will automatically renew up to 10 times.

Materials borrowed from other libraries

may have different renewal limits. You can always log into your account or ask a staff member about how many renewals you have left on a particular title.

Are all items able to be automatically renewed?

Some items may not renew. For example, items on hold or items that have reached their renewal limit will not renew. Also, items will not renew on a patron card that has expired or has had their borrowing privileges suspended.

Materials borrowed from other libraries may not automatically renew. Check your account online or consider signing up for text or e-mail account reminders so we can let you know when all your materials are due back.

You can still attempt to manually renew any material that was not automatically renewed. The status of the item may have changed after the daily automatic renewal process was initiated. For example, another patron that had the item on hold may have

cancelled the request freeing the item up for renewal.

eBooks, Nooks, 2Go items, interlibrary loans and overdue items are not able to be automatically renewed.

When the item automatically renews, what will the new due date be?

The new due date will be extended from the original due date, adding another loan period.

Sign up for account reminders to be notified when your material has been automatically renewed and we will include information about the new due date when the item is renewed.

Does this mean that I won't get charged if I lose a library item?

You will still be responsible for lost library items that are over 28 days overdue and have been billed to your account (replacement cost of the item plus a \$5.00 processing fee).

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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Summer Book Sale

The Friends of the UA Library will hold its Summer Book Sale from August 16-29 in the atrium of the Main Library. You'll find a large selection of used books, DVDs, CDs, record albums, magazines and more. Most books are priced from 25¢ to \$2. A special members-only presale will be held on the first day, Sunday, August 16 from Noon-1 p.m. On the final day of the sale, Sunday, August 29, Friends members can fill a paper grocery bag with books for just \$5. Nonmember price is \$10 per bag. All proceeds benefit the UA Library, so find a bargain and help your library, too!

Library Offers Fast Track to New Books by Your Favorite Authors

Wouldn't it be great to be automatically placed on hold for new books by your favorite authors? Coming this summer

you will be able to sign-up for this service through the Library's website. All you will need to do is enter your card number and then choose your favorite authors from the list. You will automatically be placed on hold when a new title by that author is ordered.

Adult Volunteer Opportunities

We have adult volunteer opportunities available at all three libraries. Possible duties include shelf reading, pulling requests and shelving materials. For information, contact our Community Engagement Specialist Jennifer Faure at jfaure@ualibrary.org or (614) 486-9621 ext. 252. You may also apply online at volunteer.ualibrary.org.

Summer Library Link

Our summer Library Link program guide is available at all three UA libraries, at the

Municipal Building, and online at www.ualibrary.org. Check it out for the full schedule of summer activities for kids, teens and adults.

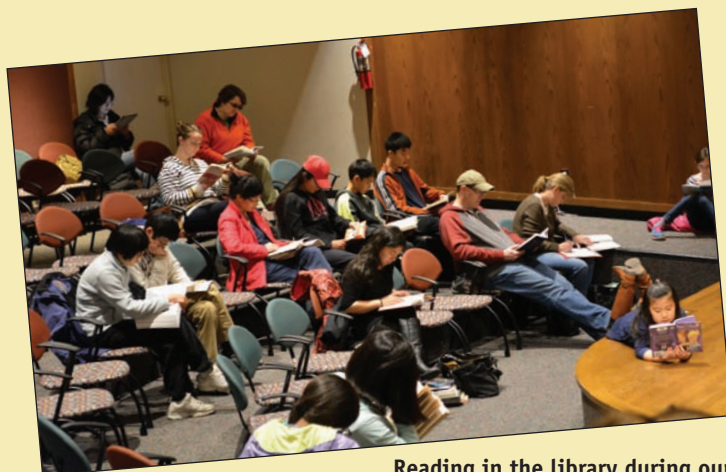
Get Social With the UA Library

Are you following us on social media yet? Find us on Facebook (@UAPublicLibrary), YouTube (@UAPublicLibrary), Twitter (@UAPL) and Instagram (@UAPL).

Friends Theater Closed in August

Please note that the Main Library's Friends Theater will be closed for renovations from August 1-31. No public meetings or library programs will be held in the theater during that time. Upon reopening, the theater will be more accessible for all patrons

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



Reading in the library during our semiannual Read Down Fines event is a great way to earn credit toward your overdue fines.



Young patrons create with LEGOs at our Family Books and Build program.



Twenty-eight non-profit organizations exhibited at the 2015 Volunteer UA Expo in April as a way to gain new volunteers.



Concerned parents, educators and other community members packed the Friends Theater for "An Honest Conversation About Drug Abuse" sponsored by this year's Leadership UA class.



With candy eyes and pretzel arms, these creations from the Lane Road Library's Marshmallow Robots program are the most delicious androids around.



Summer Program Highlights

Astronomy Series

Stargazers of all ages are invited to the Lane Road Library for our Summer Astronomy Series. Staff members from The Ohio State University's Department of Astronomy will present hands-on activities and lead some after-hours outdoor viewing, weather permitting. Perfect for anybody interested in astronomy or just looking to learn about some constellations. Adults, teens and families are all welcome. **Join us at 8:30 p.m. on June 4, July 9 and August 6.**

Portrait of an Artist Series

Ann Shifflet, instructor at the Columbus College of Art and Design, presents three programs, each focusing on an artist from a different period. All programs are on Fridays at 1 p.m. in the Main Library's Friends Theater.

- **June 12** — Although his name is not as widely known as Monet and Degas, Gustave Caillebotte was a pivotal figure in the development of Impressionism at the end of the 19th century. In this program, we will discuss Caillebotte's

role as a supporter of the Impressionists and collector of their works, but we will also explore his own fascinating, avant-garde paintings. We will discuss Caillebotte's interests in photography, Japanese prints, and perception, and why his scenes of life in Paris have enjoyed a rise in popularity since his death.

- **July 17** — We will look at the paintings of this extremely innovative and spiritual Russian artist who is a key figure in the development of abstract Modern art. Kandinsky enjoyed a long, varied career, and we will discuss his early works, his time with the Blue Rider Group, his tenure at the Bauhaus school and the end of his life in France. Many current historians believe Kandinsky was a synesthete, and we will explore the connections between color, music, sound and spirit in his art.
- **July 31** — Certainly one of the most mysterious and fascinating artists of all time, Bosch was a Dutch painter of the early Renaissance. In this program, we

will look at his many remarkable religious paintings, his moralizing scenes of contemporary life, and his impact on later artists. Although not much is known about his life, Bosch's works are impossible to forget as he created some of the most unique, fantastic, and sometimes terrifying images in all of Western art.

Songs of America

Come listen, sing and dance with us as local band RMT performs patriotic songs outside in Miller Park on **Thursday, July 2 at 7 p.m.** This program is a journey through over 200 years of U.S. musical history, including performances of classic American musical works such as "Yankee Doodle," "Follow the Drinking Gourd," "When the Saints Go Marchin' In," "This Land is Your Land," and "Fanfare for the Common Man." Feel free to bring blankets, lawn chairs, or even a picnic dinner to this annual tradition. In the event of rain, a duo from the band will perform this program inside the library, so we hope to see you rain or shine!

Not ready to go home? Stick around after the concert for an outdoor screening of WOSU's Columbus Neighborhoods: Tri-Village documentary. You may see some familiar faces!

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In general, meetings of the Upper Arlington Public Library Board of Trustees begin at 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in Meeting Room B of the Main Library. All meetings of the Board and its committees, with the exception of executive sessions, are open to the public. You can sign up to

receive email notification of upcoming Board meetings by visiting www.ualibrary.org and clicking the "Explore Newsletters" button.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, June 16 at 5 p.m.
- NO JULY MEETING
- Tuesday, August 18 at 5 p.m.

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Visit our Community Calendar at www.uaoh.net
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Concourse Gallery

M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 3600 Tremont Road
UA Cultural Arts Division, 583-5310

Beyond Photography

Through June 26

Beyond Photography brings together a diverse group of artists who use photography as an element of their work. Experience work by these artists stretching the boundaries of photography--Helen Hoffelt, Kathy McGhee, Duncan Snyder, Steve Elbert, Hiroshi Hayakawa, Denny Griffith and Barb Vogel.

Divergent Path

July 2–August 14

Featuring the artwork of Jonathan Johnson, Sue King, and Frauke Palmer, Divergent Path explores how artists are drawn to materials, styles, genres, and particular practices.

Beyond Limbs & Leaves:

Rekindling UA Ash

August 20–October 23

Reception: 7 p.m., August 27

In an effort to remember the Ash trees felled by the Emerald Ash Borer in Ohio, we invited artists around Ohio to create work showcasing the characteristics of ash wood.

UA Farmers' Market

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

1945 Ridgeway Road

UA Parks & Recreation | www.uaoh.net

Find local, straight from the farm produce at our popular weekly market.

Music in the Parks

7-8:30 p.m., Thursdays

Sunny 95 Park

UA Cultural Arts, 583-5310 | www.uaoh.net

June 4 **Harpeth Rising** (Banjo, Vocals, Violin)

June 11 **The Outer Vibe** (Indie Rock)

June 18 **Topher James and the Biscuit**

Brigade (R&B, Soul)

June 25 **Time Out** (High School rock band)

July 9 **Columbus Chamber Connection**

July 16 **Camp Rock**

July 23 **Jazz in July/with Columbus Jazz**

Orchestra

Movie in the Park

Dusk on Fridays, unless noted otherwise

UA Parks & Recreation | www.uaoh.net

Rescheduling Hotline: 583-5345

June 26 **Heavyweights** (PG)

Sunny 95 Park

July 2 (Thu) **Tri-Village Screening**

Miller Park

July 16 (Thu) **Jumanji** (PG)

Thompson Park

July 31 **Big Hero 6** (PG)

Mountview Baptist Church (drive-in)

August 14 **Paddington Bear** (PG)

Thompson Park

August 28 **McFarland, USA** (PG)

Thompson Park

Fourth of July Celebration

All day, Saturday, July 4

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

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

Summer Celebration

5-9 p.m., Thursday, July 16

Thompson Park

UA Parks & Recreation | www.uaoh.net

Enjoy inflatable games, sack races, arts & crafts and more.

Taste of UA

3:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, August 6

Northam Park

UA Area Chamber of Commerce

481-5710 | www.uachamber.org

The Chamber's popular summertime event showcases area restaurants and businesses.

Golden Bear Bash

7-11 p.m., Sunday, September 6

Tremont Center

UA Education Foundation

www.goldenbearbash.com

Enjoy live entertainment and great food, while supporting the UA Education Foundation. Reservations required.

Labor Neighbor Day

All day, Monday, September 7

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

Yet more UA Civic Association traditions are to be had, including kids' bicycle races, a pet show and whiffleball tournament.

Labor Day Arts Festival

10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday, September 7

Northam Park

UA Cultural Arts | www.uaoh.net

Featuring 200 plus artist exhibits, music, arts activities for all ages, refreshments and more. Free admission.