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New Pool at Northam Park Edging Toward Reality

Watch for details of a ground breaking celebration in August

At the Monday, May 2, 2016 Council Conference Session, Capital Projects Manager Alan McKnight provided an update of the Northam Park Phase II plans, following a second round of community engagement. The schematics shared show in greater detail different components of the overall design for Phase II.

New Tremont Pool

Based on extensive feedback on the pool, the size grew from that envisioned by a 2013 park master plan—and will be similar in size to the old pool to accommodate residents' desired features. The new facility will include more lap lanes, diving, a toddler area, shade, grassy areas and a shelter area that can be reserved for small pool parties.

The toddler pool area will be divided from the main pool by a walkway/lifeguard wall. While still part of the same filtration system as the main pool, the water will be cycled through this area more frequently. This decision was made for several reasons:



To accommodate an expanded pool area and still keep all the ball fields in play, the playground will be built to the south, next to the Library and a small reading garden. The shaded areas show the many trees that will be preserved, enhancing play and providing shade.



Many of the existing trees in and around the pool will be saved, with new plantings planned to enhance the landscaping and provide natural shade in addition to other planned shade structures.

- To work within a limited footprint while maximizing the size of the pool;
- Modern-day public pools rarely feature a separate toddler pool, with many parents preferring to be in shallow water with their toddler while still able to watch and interact with their older children as they enjoy the rest of the pool;
- Since 2012, the majority of “biohazard” incidents at UA’s public pools—of which there have been very few—have occurred in the main pool areas (and not the toddler pool since toddlers wear special pool diapers);
- To help save on construction and ongoing maintenance costs.

Some additional, low cost amenities will be included to appeal to older youth, in the form of a climbing wall and play area. Support facilities, such as restrooms, changing areas, concessions, storage and

mechanicals were designed to conform to code requirements and modern-day standards. The concession stand will be in a separate building adjacent to the sports fields so that pool and park users can purchase concessions, and will include restrooms that will be open to all park users.

Playground

With an expanded pool design the direct result of resident input, its footprint will extend further south than the previous pool. To accommodate this change, the new playground will be moved closer to Tremont Library. This keeps all the existing sports fields in play and allows playground users to enjoy the shade of the mature trees that will be retained in the area. The design will allow for a variety of play structures, both traditional and more natural in nature—with room for expansion—and will feature a low, decorative fence along the parking lot side for child safety.

Park Entry Area

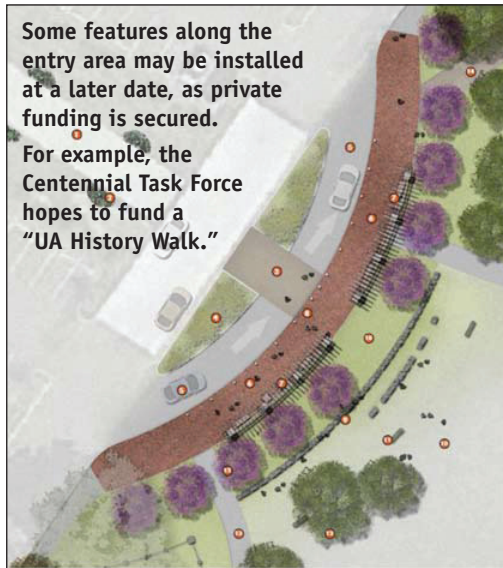
The park entry area (pictured at right) includes a one-way drop-off lane set away from the main traffic area, to increase safety for families when unloading a car of children and recreational items for use in the pool or park. It also features a wide pedestrian walkway adjacent to this lane, with easy access to the pool entrance to the north and the playground to the south. The walkway area has been designed so that various features can be installed at the onset or incorporated over time. These include an overhead structure with seating below such as swinging benches, space for a privately funded Centennial History Walk, picnic tables and extensive landscaping.

Library Reading Garden

Located immediately adjacent to the southeast side of the Library, the Reading Garden incorporates low cost landscaping enhancements, a raised seating wall, garden furniture, a flat lawn area and allows for inclusion of three sculptures already donated to the City by internationally renowned artist Alfred Tibor.

Some features along the entry area may be installed at a later date, as private funding is secured.

For example, the Centennial Task Force hopes to fund a "UA History Walk."



Next Steps

Phase II is on track for completion within an estimated budget of \$6.9 million. Final numbers will be known once detailed plans are approved and construction bids obtained. Pending final authorization from City Council to proceed, we anticipate breaking ground on the pool in August and remain hopeful that we will be inviting the community to a grand opening celebration over the 2017 Memorial Day Weekend.

The 2016 community outreach and communications process for Phase II represents one of the most extensive efforts taken to date on a project of this size. Residents responded to the first round of engagement activities with approximately 2,000 participations. While fewer participated in the second round, the response to the new schematics has been mostly very positive, with many residents expressing their desire for this project to move forward as soon as possible.

When putting the entire effort into perspective, with the expert support of OHM Advisors and its team, Staff is confident that we crafted a community engagement process that provided numerous opportunities for participation and that yielded the feedback needed to design facilities that will best meet the needs of the broader community for many decades to come.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the planning process in some way.

Full details of the Northam Park Phase II project can be found at www.uaoh.net.

BUILDING BLOCKS

Early Construction Statistics

Point to Record Year

From January through April of this year, permits have been issued for approximately \$36 million in construction value. This is more than double the value reached during the same period in 2015, which ended up being our record year for construction.

While a large percentage of this is attributable to commercial projects, such as the OhioHealth project starting to take shape just north of Five Points on Tremont Road, home renovations, expansions and a smaller percentage of new builds make up the majority of the projects passing through the Community Development Department's doors.

Population predictions for Central Ohio within MORPC's Insight2050 plan have been expanded significantly. If trends continue, the region could be home to approximately three million people by the year 2050, versus the previous estimate of two million.



The new Columbus Aesthetic and Plastic Surgery facility takes shape on Arlington Centre Boulevard.

Encouragingly for UA, the region is seeing a move back into the central city, with more and more redevelopment and infill projects meeting the shift in demand. With our location, exceptional Schools, City services, housing stock and accessibility to the region, UA is becoming ever more

desirable to prospective residents. And for those of us who are already in on the secret, we are reinvesting in our homes in record numbers because we know that not only will we get to enjoy more modern amenities, when we do come to sell, the improvements will more than pay for themselves.

Let's Get Recycling Right!

For many years, UA has been a leader in great recycling habits, but our current practices are not aligned with the items accepted at the Rumpke Recycling Facility—the only available facility in the region. Recent monitoring has shown that up to a quarter of the material found in UA recycling containers is actually trash.

In May, the City began expanding recycling enforcement and we encourage residents to become informed about how to recycle correctly. If you mingle the wrong items with your recycling it may not be collected and could contaminate accepted recyclables – the result? It could all end up in the trash.

If for some reason your recycling has not been collected, make sure you are using the correct type of container, check that all items can be recycled, then put recyclables back out in time for your next regularly scheduled collection day.

Recycling Containers

Recycling containers must have rigid sides, be clearly marked for "Recycling" and be between 18–35 gallons in capacity. Most local hardware stores in UA carry recycling totes and cans. If you have an open tote and don't want your paper to fly away, place loose paper and lighter items near the bottom.



Rumpke uses a recycling sorting machine and prefers that recyclables arrive loose and co-mingled. Plastic bags are not accepted because they can clog the sorting machine and cause delays. While cardboard boxes are recyclable, they should not be used as a recycling container as they can get wet and fall apart. PLUS the use of boxes defeats the object of delivering "loose" recyclables to Rumpke.

Good intentions don't always equal great recycling. Visit www.uaoh.net/recycling for more tips on doing your part to help UA get recycling right.



Glass

Glass bottles and jars of any color are accepted. Empty and rinse the bottles or jars of liquid or food. No need to remove the labels. Be sure to remove lids and caps. Reuse jars, jugs and bottles when possible.



Metal

Aluminum and steel beverage cans should be emptied and rinsed. Flatten or crush the cans when possible - no need to remove the tabs. Remove caps and nozzles from empty aerosol cans once filled with non-hazardous materials.



Paper

Newspapers, magazines, mixed office paper, envelopes and telephone books. Prepare items by removing plastic caps and straws, then breaking them down if possible. Pizza boxes without food residue are accepted.



Plastics

Rumpke only accepts plastic items with a smaller mouth than base. Empty, rinse, crush and reattach the lid.



NO



Window glass or glass from shower doors, glassware such as drinking glasses, light bulbs and broken glass. Some lights bulbs are hazardous waste and should be taken to SWACO's Household Hazardous Waste facility.



Car parts, construction debris (such as nails and screws), old pots and pans, bed-frames and used "sharps." You might be able to donate some items to charity.



Foam or paper egg cartons, or foam cups are not accepted. For old books, contact your local school, church or library as they may have a book drive. Paper plates, cups, napkins and pizza boxes with food residue should go the trash.



Yogurt containers, plastic cups, take-out/food "clamshells" and plastic bags. Return plastic bags to the grocery store or buy reusable bags. Whole Foods on Lane Ave can recycle #5 plastics.



We now have free "Recycling" stickers for your containers, available at City and Library buildings.

FROM CHAMBERS

Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

Longtime Community Advocate & Volunteer Joins City Council

In January of 2016, Mike Schadek left his position on Council in order to pursue an exciting employment opportunity with the City of Columbus administration. Shortly thereafter, Council began accepting applications from residents interested in filling the vacant seat.

From an initial candidate pool of nine, Council chose to interview six candidates, a process that occurred in early May. Ultimately, Council members unanimously selected Sue Ralph as their seventh member. She was sworn into office at the May 16 City Council Meeting.

Ms. Ralph is well known in the UA community as an active volunteer and advocate for many quality of life issues. She recently became a member of the Library Board of Trustees, a position from which she resigned effective May 10 in readiness for her new civic role. Previously, she served as Executive Director for the Upper Arlington Community Foundation, and was a board member for the Upper Arlington Education Foundation for many years.

City on Track Implementing Citizen Financial Review Task Force Recommendations

It's been approximately two years since the Citizen Financial Review Task Force (CFRTF) concluded its detailed study of the City's financial picture and presented a series of recommendations to City Council.

The most notable accomplishment to emerge from this work was the community's support of an income tax increase of .5% in November of 2014, with 100% of the funds generated dedicated to infrastructure maintenance and improvements. From this, the City was able to begin fulfilling other CFRTF directives, namely implementation of the 10-year Capital Improvement Program, and managing updates to the program in such a way that is allowing us to catch up on deferred maintenance and remain current in the years ahead.

Several other recommendations were included in the final report, and in the



2016 Upper Arlington City Council

Front row (from left):

Sue Ralph;
Debbie Johnson (President),
Kip Greenhill (Vice
President), Carolyn Casper

Back row: David DeCapua,
Brendan King, John C. Adams

spring Staff provided an update to Council on the progress made in these other areas. They included:

- **Do not make further cuts in staffing or programs that would negatively impact the quality of life:** The City has adhered to this recommendation.
- **Do not pursue additional tax revenues for general operating expenses:** No new tax revenue increases have been pursued or deemed necessary to support the City's General Fund. The community will likely be asked to support renewal of the Police and Fire Pension levy in November 2016, but with increased property valuations since the last levy in 2012, it is anticipated that the requested millage will be set at a lower rate.
- **Continue to seek out effective ways to streamline services and contain costs:** Several efforts have been undertaken, including a trial year for outsourced pool management in 2015 (brought back in-house for 2016), a partnership with the Schools and Library for a fiber network, expanded fleet maintenance agreements with Grandview Heights, Franklin and Norwich townships, and simplification of many application and permitting processes. The containment of healthcare costs has been addressed in several ways: restrictions have been put in place for spousal insurance coverage; premium contributions have been restructured; and an employee wellness program was implemented to help lower health insurance claims.

- **Where practical, fees for services should cover the costs for said services:** Many Parks & Recreation programs are priced to recover direct costs with 30-40% used to cover indirect and administrative expenses. Beginning in 2016, incremental fee increases are being implemented for aquatics and tennis fees to reach break-even operations within a few years.
- **Utility charges should be set at a level to cover operating and capital improvement costs:** Utility fees are evaluated annually at budget time, with the annual Solid Waste fee increased in 2016 to eliminate subsidies.
- **Make every practical effort to collect all income taxes due the City:** Efforts have been expanded to collect delinquent taxes, and in 2015 the Finance & Administrative Services Department was able to collect \$400,000.
- **The City should be open to new avenues of revenue to support City operations:** The Parks & Recreation Department has been structuring its programs and events in new ways to expand revenue opportunities.

Per a CFRTF recommendation, a fresh review of the City's financial position is slated to occur in the summer of 2017, although it's safe to say that our Finance & Administrative Services Department is constantly monitoring our operations budgets and revenues, and adjusting projections for the short- and long-term fiscal health of the City.

UA's Tree City USA Status Well Deserved

The Tremont Road Reconstruction Project is a great example of the City's ongoing commitment to expanding the community's urban forest. When the two phases are complete, Tremont Road will be home to about twice as many trees than graced this major roadway a year or so ago.

As our Parks & Forestry Division has overseen the planting of street trees, each year more trees are planted than have to be removed. An inventory of street trees shows that in 1990 UA had approximately 12,000 street trees. Today that number exceeds 16,800. The same is true for trees in our community parks, although actual numbers are harder to tabulate.

Add to this our long-held designation as a Tree City USA, the work of our City Tree Commission, and the extensive information we share with residents to help you make



Mayor Debbie Johnson presents a Proclamation to Windermere Elementary students, as they plant a zelkova tree to celebrate Arbor Day.
Photo courtesy of M. Johnson, Focus Group.

good choices when investing in new trees for your property, it's abundantly clear that we all recognize and appreciate their aesthetic and environmental benefits.

Have You Registered for ALERT Franklin County?

If the answer is “no,” you could be missing out on important severe weather alerts from the County, as well as seasonal mosquito updates from the City.



ALERT Franklin
County
Emergency Notification System



www.uaoh.net/alertfranklincounty



Holiday Refuse Collection Delays

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

- **Independence Day, Monday, July 4**
- **Labor Day, Monday, September 5**

Both holidays delay collection by one day for all zones. Normal service resumes the following week.

Yard Waste

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

Yard Waste Program guidelines:

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

Free Yard Waste Drop-off

Ohio Mulch.....614-921-9335

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

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event

8 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, June 25

Ohio History Center, 800 E. 17th Ave.

SWACO is providing a summer drop-off event for the safe disposal of old and unwanted household hazardous waste items, such as lawn chemicals, paint stripper, acids and insecticides.



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Theodore J. Staton

\$.5M in Grants Secured for New Shared-Use Paths

Thanks to community support, the City is making great strides in its efforts to address the backlog of infrastructure maintenance through our 10-year Capital Improvements Program. This is the third year of expanded funding, with continuation of the Tremont Road Reconstruction project progressing rapidly and many other projects underway.

While we may have a dedicated funding source for capital projects, that doesn't mean we have scaled back on efforts to find grants to help our dollars go further. I am pleased to report that we have secured State capital budget funding for two infrastructure projects, thanks in part to the continued support of Senator Jim Hughes and Representative Stephanie Kunze.

The first grant—in the amount of \$250,000—is for installation of shared-use paths as part of the Tremont Road Reconstruction Project. Tremont Road is the City's "Main Street" and provides connections to several adjacent facilities including the Tremont Library, Tremont Elementary School and Northam Park. It also serves two shopping centers and several restaurants, and COTA has four separate bus routes served by this corridor. The shared-use path will connect the bike and pedestrian facilities in Tremont Road Phase I to the new Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center facility and other popular destinations. It will be comprised of 1,430 feet on Zollinger and another 1,465 feet on Tremont Road for a total length of 2,895 feet. With these two connections, there will then be multimodal transportation connections along Tremont from Kenny Road south to Lane Avenue and

along Zollinger Road from Tremont Road east to Northwest Boulevard, for a total of 2.3 miles. The estimated cost for the shared-use path is \$252,428 therefore the majority of the cost will be covered by the grant.

The second grant—also \$250,000—will support an extension of the Scioto Greenway Trail, through a partnership project with Marble Cliff and Columbus. This will connect all three communities and allow users safe access to the Columbus bike network for recreation and commuting purposes. The shared-use path will run along the south side of West Fifth Avenue from Arlington Avenue to Dublin Road (US 33) where it will connect with the existing Scioto Greenway Trail to the south and to the new shared-use path installed along the Fifth Avenue bridge project west of Riverside Drive. Along with this work, West Fifth Avenue will undergo roadway improvements to incorporate the path between the Norfolk Southern railroad crossing and midway between Andover Road and Wyandotte Road (Upper Arlington's eastern corporation limit). The cost estimate for this project is \$760,000.

Design work is in the final stages, with all partner entities actively involved. We have received a verbal commitment from Franklin County for an additional \$100,000 to support this project, and Metro Parks has committed to managing snow removal on the Fifth Avenue connection as part of its maintenance of the Scioto Trail.

This is an exciting time for UA as we make significant headway with enhancements to pedestrian and bicycle mobility, making us an even more desirable community in which to live and work.

Upper Arlington Community Foundation 2015 Projects

www.uacommunityfoundation.com

The good work of the Upper Arlington Community Foundation (UACF) continues from one year to the next.

UACF recently shared a summary of the programs supported in 2015, which included:

- Funds to support The Stand Project, a community coalition directed to addressing youth substance abuse.
- Lead support for Parks & Recreation's four seasonal family events—Spring Fling, Summer Celebration, Fall Fest and Winter Festival.
- Installation of a butterfly garden at Westover Park.
- Beautification at Miller Park and the Mallway Business District.
- Installation support of three Alfred Tibor sculptures at Miller Park Library.



Butterfly Garden Party AT WESTOVER PARK

4 p.m., Thursday, June 16

Westover Park, 2111 Westover Road

Join the Parks & Recreation Department and members of UACF for a celebration of the new Butterfly Garden at Westover Park, made possible by the Easton family and Virgin Landscape, Co. Take home a free butterfly larvae and watch as we release butterflies in the garden. Light refreshments are served.

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NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holiday:

- **Monday, May 30** – Memorial Day
- **Monday, July 4** – Independence Day
- **Monday, September 5** – Labor Day

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 614-583-5030

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.

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.

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 or stop by the City Manager's Office, 3600 Tremont Road.

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.

UA Ranked in America's Top 100 Safest Cities

Online analytics company *Neighborhood Scout* released its annual list of America's Top 100 Safest Cities, with Upper Arlington making the ranks nationally and being one of only two Central Ohio cities to make the list. The analysis considered crime statistics as reported to the FBI for all cities with populations of 25,000 or more. This marks the fourth time in five years UA has received this recognition.



Shelter & Amelita Mirolo Barn Rentals

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

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

Prescription Drug Drop-off

POLICE DIVISION 614-583-5150

The City has a drop-box for old and unused prescription drugs, available at 3600 Tremont Road. Please note, for safety and efficiency reasons, it is important that you

only drop-off accepted items. Visit the Police Division section at www.uaoh.net for details.

2015 Popular Annual Financial Report

FINANCE

614-583-5280

Look for your copy of the 2015 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), coming in the mail later this summer. This report provides a reader-friendly summary of the City's financial activities and standing from the previous year.

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, available at www.uaoh.net under the Community Development Department section.

Fire Awarded 2016 Mission: Lifeline® EMS Silver Award

FIRE DIVISION

614-583-5100

Congratulations to the Fire Division for receiving the 2016 Mission: Lifeline® EMS Silver Performance Achievement Award from the American Heart Association. This recognizes the division's commitment to implementing quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks.



CITY STREETS *Updates on Road Improvement Projects*

The 2016 road construction season is another busy one, as our Engineering Division takes steps to reduce the backlog of necessary work as part of our 10-year Capital Improvement Program.

Tremont Road, Phase I & II

Substantial completion by late July

Waterline Replacements

Schedules pending

- Avalon Road
- Mountview Road
- Ridgeview Road

Bridge Replacements

For Bridgeview Road and Glenrich Parkway.

Street Reconstruction Program

Complete replacement of curbs and gutters, driveway approaches and the street surface. This year's SRP projects are on sections of Canterbury, Concord, Dorset, Lear, Welsford and Milden roads.

Street Maintenance Program (SMP)

List of streets available at www.uaoh.net

Replacement of the top surface of roadway, with some spot curb and gutter work.



The two existing ball diamonds at Fancyburg Park have undergone some much needed improvements, with new backstops, foul line fencing and sheltered dugouts.

Changes Coming Soon to Online Public Service Requests

PUBLIC SERVICE 614-583-5350

The Public Service Department is testing a new online application, Public Service Request (PSR), to assist residents in reporting issues such as potholes and traffic signal issues to the City. Please continue submitting requests online through the Customer Service Center at www.uaoh.net but note that your webform may have a different look and feel.

e-Waste Drop Off Day – Recycle Your Old Electronics

10 a.m.–2 p.m., Saturday, June 18

**Tremont-side Parking Lot
Municipal Services Center**

PUBLIC SERVICE 614-583-5350

The City has partnered with Goodwill Columbus to host a drive-thru e-Waste Drop Off Day. All types of used electronic devices are accepted with the exception of tube televisions. Computers are recycled with the assistance of certified vendors to ensure intellectual property is protected. Receipts are provided for tax deduction purposes.

Mosquito Awareness

FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

www.myfcph.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.

Citizen Police Academy

POLICE DIVISION

583-5159

September 8 to November 10

Applications due Friday, August 26

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. Visit the Police section at www.uaoh.net for details and to access an application form.

Home Security Systems

POLICE DIVISION

614-583-5159

Households with home security systems are required to obtain a license from the Police Division. A non-renewable, non-transferable fee is associated with this license.

Safe, Responsible Use of Golf Carts Over Fourth of July

POLICE DIVISION

614-583-5150

A popular trend in UA 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.

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 at www.uaoh.net, or by calling 614-583-5150, 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.



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

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

Visit www.uaoh.net to view our Activity Guide flipbook – now conveniently placed on our homepage. All you have to do is click on the class title and you're taken straight to a simplified online registration process.

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

614-583-5300 | www.uaoh.net



Are you in the e-Know?

Register to receive the City's monthly e-newsletter and you will be!

Just look for the "eNews Updates" link on our homepage, at www.uaoh.net

Schools*i*NSIGHT

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To Repair, Renovate or Rebuild UA's Aging Schools?

Repair, renovate or rebuild our aging schools? That's the question facing the Upper Arlington community, and the UA School District hopes that all residents will share their thoughts through a survey.

"All along we have been saying, 'your voice matters,' and it really does," said Superintendent Paul Imhoff.

The survey is available online at www.uaschools.org/facilities or in paper format at any Upper Arlington school, the district central office, any library location, the City's Senior Center and Municipal Services Center. It's designed to gather community feedback on the options for attending to the current and future needs at all nine school buildings.

The options fall into three categories:

- **Repair +:** Maintain or update infrastructure to bring the building up to working order with limited or no change to the appearance or layout; add classroom space to accommodate projected increases in enrollment.
- **Renovate+:** Change the existing structure to allow better use; change in physical appearance mostly limited to interiors; add classroom space to accommodate enrollment projections.
- **Rebuild:** Construct new structure to meet modern physical and educational priorities. Tremont Elementary School and Jones Middle School do not have rebuild options.

Imhoff and other district leaders will use community feedback gathered from the survey and other sources to create a facilities master plan recommendation to present to the Upper Arlington Board of Education in the fall. Once the board approves a master plan, Treasurer Andrew Geistfeld will work with local financial experts and gather additional community



feedback to create a recommendation to the board on the financial aspects of the plan. A combined bond issue and operating levy are likely to be on the ballot in the fall of 2017.

This is the right time to formulate a master plan, says Chris Potts, the schools' executive director of business services.

"Our backs are against the wall," Potts said. "Professional assessments of our facilities have shown that all of our buildings will need extensive repairs over the next 15 years. Creating a plan now will ensure that our resources are spent wisely instead of in a piecemeal, reactionary way."

During the first phase of the two-year master planning process, physical assessments of the buildings found that it would cost about \$188 million over the next 15 years to simply keep the buildings in working order.

After the assessments, teams of community volunteers at each building began exploring options to be considered along with repairing the buildings.

"The repair options really focus on the physical needs of the buildings," explained

Potts. "The renovate and rebuild options incorporate the educational adequacy of the schools, too. Are these buildings from the 1950s and '60s meeting the needs of our students now? Will they be able to support modern learning in 2030 or 2040?"

The survey provides residents with a conceptual draft of each option for each building. It also summarizes the construction details, provides a cost estimate for each potential project and translates that cost estimate into what it might cost homeowners.

"The Board of Education is really committed to transparency in this process," Imhoff said. "We feel you can't make an informed choice on an option if you don't have an idea of how it may impact your family financially."

All documentation from the planning process, including facilities assessments and feedback from community meetings, is available at www.uaschools.org/facilities. Residents may submit questions through the website or by contacting Imhoff or Potts at 614-487-5000.



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff

Personalized Learning = Expanded Technology

Each morning about 5,900 students come through the doors of our schools, and with those students come approximately 5,900 unique sets of learning needs. To fulfill our mission of challenging and supporting every student every step of the way, we must continue to find ways to meet all of our students where they are and help them reach their highest potential.

Personalizing learning isn't a new concept, but it is constantly evolving. Thanks to a growing body of research, we know that the well-planned use of technology can help teachers pace their instruction to the specific needs of their students as well as tailor the delivery of that instruction to students' preferences and interests. Students who are more engaged in school fare better academically and emotionally, which is what all educators and parents want for their children.

Next school year we will continue our efforts to personalize learning by expanding our one-to-one technology program to our

younger learners. After a year of research, a team of elementary teachers and principals recommended using iPads with students in kindergarten through second grade, iPads with keyboards with students in third grade and laptops with students in fourth and fifth grades.

As I share this news with residents, a common reaction is, "that sounds wonderful, but how will you pay for it?" There are three parts to the answer. First, we are selling back desktops and other devices currently being used in computer labs. Second, we are reallocating resources that were earmarked for maintaining those labs and for purchasing paper textbooks. Paper textbooks are extremely expensive and go out of date quickly. One-to-one technology allows our teachers to move more toward online resources, which tend to be much less expensive or even free. Finally, we are also charging students an annual fee for the use of the devices.

Our secondary grades have been using one-to-one technology for about six months, and we are already beginning to see changes in instruction and student engagement. We are excited to watch this

trend continue with our older students and see it spread to the elementary level.

Another change at the elementary level next year will be the use of a trimester calendar instead of the four-quarter grading system we have traditionally used. A committee of teachers researched this idea and found it to be a more natural fit for the needs of our elementary learners because it allows more time for quality instruction and social/emotional growth between reporting periods.

The families of elementary students won't notice a tremendous amount of change. Students in all grade levels will continue to have the same days off. Parents will continue to have the same number of conference opportunities with teachers and receive the same number of written reports, although the timing of those reports will change slightly.

For more information on one-to-one technology or the move to trimesters at the elementary, visit www.uaschools.org. And, as always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 614-487-5030 or superintendent@uaschools.org.

Treasurer's Notes

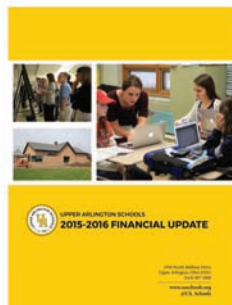
Andrew L. Geistfeld

As we approach the end of our fiscal year, the district will offer the community a clearer picture of our current finances and our ongoing efficiency efforts.



commitment to transparency in our financial reporting.

This document provides our community with a clear and concise look at the state of the district's finances over the past fiscal years and the factors that will impact our financial situation in the coming years. You can find the report by visiting www.uaschools.org/treasurer.



Efficiency Project Update

The new financial report is one of the concepts outlined in the UA Schools

Strategic Plan. Another concept is the Efficiency Project, which began in the fall of 2013. At that time, we made a commitment to find operational efficiencies that would improve our bottom line by \$4.5 million over four years without having a negative impact on the student experience.

We provide an update on the Efficiency Project each fall and spring during Board of Education meetings. As of our last update, in October, we had enacted nearly \$4.2 million in efficiency measures, making us 93 percent of the way toward our goal. Look for our next update in June.

If you have any questions about our efficiency efforts or our financial report, please contact me at 614-487-5000 or treasurer@uaschools.org

New Financial Report Available

This month, I'm pleased to announce the release of our new annual financial report, which is in line with the Board of Education's

BITES From the Apple

SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



Eight UA Schools educators receive Golden Apple Awards

Eight Upper Arlington Schools educators have been selected as 2016 Golden Apple Award winners by the Upper Arlington Civic Association.

Each spring, the UACA recognizes outstanding educators at Upper Arlington's public and private schools. UACA directors

solicit and review public nominations, then select the most deserving teacher in each school. (UA preschools, including Burbank Early Childhood School, are honored on a rotational basis.)

This year, the UACA reviewed more than 170 nominations from students, parents and peers.

Congratulations to the 2016 Upper Arlington Schools Golden Apple winners:

- Shelly Hughes, Wickliffe Progressive School
- Lauren Kowalski, Barrington Elementary School
- Amy Leahy, Windermere Elementary School
- Kevin Lloyd, Hastings Middle School
- Molly Miely, Jones Middle School
- Erica Riesen, Tremont Elementary School
- Stephanie Weisker, Greensview Elementary School
- Mark Wilkinson, Upper Arlington High School

The educators each received a surprise visit by UACA directors and district leaders in mid-April. They were honored with a plaque and will be recognized at community events such as the Fourth of July parade.

UAHS wins \$62,000 grant for 'active learning center'

Upper Arlington High School has been awarded one of 13 Active Learning Center grants nationwide by Steelcase, an education supply company.

The \$62,000 grant will allow UAHS to create a working experimental classroom space within the existing Learning Center. This grant will build on plans to refurbish the LC as a space for innovation within the high school.

By August 2016, UAHS will have completed a full remodeling of the second level of the LC with design direction from staff and students and financial support from the community, parents and local foundation partners. The Active Learning Classroom will complement the planned Research & Development Lab that will also be housed in the LC, making it a hub for forward-thinking experimentation and collaboration by students and staff.

UAHS student wins prestigious art award

High School student Caroline Chidester has been chosen as an American Visions Medal winner in the national Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

Chidester, a junior, will receive the best-in-show honor for her photograph "Tracks" at a national ceremony in June at New York's Carnegie Hall.

The American Visions Medal "is truly a huge honor since her photo was among the top 1 percent of winners among 320,000 art entries this year, and this particular award is only given to a select few students," UAHS art teacher Scott Wittenburg said.

Chidester had earned a Gold Key award earlier this year at the Central Ohio Regional Scholastic Art Awards.

Also earning Gold Key awards at the regional level were seniors Jack Campise and



2015-16 KEY SCHOOL DATES

Last Day for Students, End of Fourth Grading Period and Second Semester
Friday, May 27

UAHS Commencement

Sunday, May 29

2 p.m., the Jerome Schottenstein Center

Staff Professional Day

Tuesday, May 31

Staff Inservice Day

Monday, August 15

Staff Convocation and Meeting

Tuesday, August 16

First Day for Students

Wednesday, August 17

Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday, August 17 – Friday, August 19

Chloe Magyari. Both Campise and Magyari went on this spring to have artworks selected in the top 25 in the 2016 Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition. Their works were chosen from almost 12,000 entries from 15 regions across the state.

Campise and Magyari received the Governor's Award of Excellence at a ceremony in April at the Capitol Theatre.

Student wins scholarship to attend school in Indonesia

Tenth-grade UAHS student Meredith Minnery has been chosen as a recipient of a Kennedy-Lugar Scholarship to spend the next year



attending school in Indonesia.

This highly competitive program selects only 65 students from across the United States to study for up to one academic year in 13 selected countries with significant Muslim populations. Funded through the State Department, the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study program also awards scholarships to high-school students from those countries to attend school in the United States for an academic year.

Wickliffe hosts network for progressive education

Wickliffe Progressive School recently hosted the National Institute of PEN (Progressive Education Network) for a three-day learning experience. The national institute gathers educators and administrators from progressive programs across the country for a two-part, six-day experience that allows them to learn more about the history of progressive education and gather ideas for



their schools.

During the visit, NIPEN participants visited Wickliffe as well as the Informal Program at Barrington Elementary. A special 1½-hour-long program at Wickliffe offered families with children in the district's Informal Program to learn more about the history of progressive education and engage in discussion around its Ten Foundational Principles of Progressive Education. The 90-minute workshop (dubbed Progressive Ed 101) was a clear example of one of the Foundational Principles in action: We create a community for teaching and learning for all ages.

To learn more about NIPEN, visit www.progressiveeducationnetwork.org.

Tremont Elementary Project Progressing to Phase Two

The first phase of the Tremont Elementary project is nearing completion, and the second phase will begin soon.

Only the installation of flooring and the finalization of fire safety and sanitary remain on the first phase of the addition, which includes five classrooms, a flexible collaboration space and a new media center. Third-grade students have watched the work unfold and are excited to occupy the classrooms in the fall.

Work will begin in June on phase two of the project, which will include an addition for a new, larger gymnasium for the school. Phase two will also involve extensive interior renovations to accommodate enrollment growth at Tremont, including relocating the cafeteria to the larger space of the current gymnasium and moving the art room to the current media center. Existing spaces will also be repurposed to add music rooms, and a new office area with a secure entry will be created.



"These changes are essential for the district to better meet the needs of our growing student population and ensure the safety of everyone in the school," said Chris Potts, executive director of business services.

The entire Tremont Elementary project is slated for completion in the summer of 2017.

It is funded by the permanent improvement levy put in place by the community and the Board of Education in 2007.

To take a video tour of phase one of the project, please visit www.uaschools.org/tremontconstruction. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Chris Potts at 614-487-5000 or cpotts@uaschools.org.

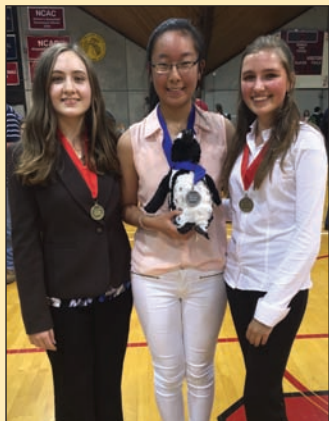
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UAHS teacher Lynn Reese joined students Kylie White and Mary Lee Fenner at a VIP lunch with Nobel Laureate Dr. Steven Chu during a spring break trip to Iceland.



The women's swimming and diving team won its second consecutive state championship in February.

UAHS students Morgan Leff, Cindy Tang, Clare Maves and Mimi Cai (not pictured) all won medals at the National History Day, Ohio State Finals competition. Morgan and Clare qualified for the national contest in June.



UAHS Symphony Springs performed in the United Nations building in New York.

Columbus Blue Jackets mascot Stinger brought his new Power Play Challenge to Barrington Elementary to raise awareness of the importance of 60 minutes of play a day.



Musician Emily Arrow held concerts and workshops at Barrington, Tremont and Windermere thanks in part to the UA Education Foundation.

Wickliffe Progressive School students didn't mind getting dirty as they cleaned up the grounds for spring.



Windermere Elementary students celebrated Dr. Seuss on his birthday with a visit by his earth-minded character, the Lorax, and other activities.

SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



UAHS had an excellent showing at the Ohio Youth Institute, with students claiming three of the eight delegate spots and two of the three alternate spots for the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in October in Iowa.



The Hastings Middle School and Upper Arlington High School robotics team claimed two silver medals at the National Robotics Challenge in April. Izzy Peterson and Rena Zhao won in the Middle School Rescue Robot Competition, and Angela Li, Lance Li, Stuti Shah and Hannah Shi won in the High School Robo Hockey Competition.

Hoops for a Cure

The annual Hastings-Jones fundraiser for breast cancer research took on new meaning this year after the death of former Hastings Middle School teacher Beth Flory, who co-founded the event nine years ago amid her own fight with breast cancer. This year's event paid tribute to her, with the trophy bearing her photo. Thanks to the generosity of the UA community and the work of Hastings and Jones students and staff, the fun-filled basketball game on April 29 raised more than \$18,000 for the Stefanie Spielman Fund.



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 2016 scholars!

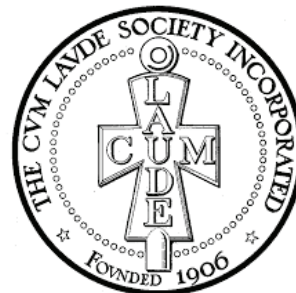
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Thanks to a partnership with the City of Upper Arlington, Board of Education meetings are held in the Council Chamber of the City's Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road. In general, meetings begin at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.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

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, June 14, 6 p.m. — Council Chamber
- Tuesday, June 28, 7:30 a.m. — District Office, 1950 N. Mallway Dr.
- Wednesday, July 20, 8 a.m. — District Office
- Tuesday, August 9, 6 p.m. — Council Chamber

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

Library **iNSIGHT**

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



2015 Annual Report

2015 was another busy year for the Upper Arlington Public Library. We were pleased to see an increase in cardholders, circulation and program attendance.

By the Numbers

Cardholders	41,634
Physical materials loaned	1,816,982
Downloadable items loaned	117,223
Staff members	115
Children's programs offered	675
Attendance at children's programs	30,056
Teen programs offered	71
Attendance at teen programs	1,837
Adult programs offered	175
Attendance at adult programs	6,899
Summer Library Club enrollment	4,085

Notable in 2015

- Our Technical Services Department began cataloging Bexley Public Library's materials for a fee.
- We introduced automatic renewal of eligible library items.

General Fund

Beginning Cash Balance	\$2,332,512
Transfers to Building Improvement Fund	-202,434
Encumbrances Remaining at Year-End	-218,463
Revenue	\$5,842,656
Local Property Tax	3,114,484
Public Library Fund	2,571,404
Other Income	156,768
Expenditures	\$5,400,910
Salaries & Benefits	-3,739,897
Library Materials	-830,790
Other Expenses	-830,223
Ending Cash Balance	\$2,571,824

- City-owned sculptures by artist Alfred Tibor were installed around the Miller Park Library.
- We partnered with the City of Upper Arlington and Upper Arlington City Schools to be included in the quarterly *Insight* publication.
- Pulitzer Prize winning author Anthony Doerr visited as part of the Upper Arlington Author Visit series.
- The Main Library partnered with the Commission on Aging on a series of "Senior Savvy" programs.

- The Main Library began offering free notary service.
- We introduced automatic holds for favorite authors.
- We joined with the City's Parks & Recreation Department to present The Write Stuff Writers' Conference.
- The Library's Board of Trustees and staff completed a Strategic Planning Process including the development of a success scorecard.
- We added mobile printing for customers which can be accessed from inside our buildings as well as from home.

Library Joins OhioCheckbook.com

In April, the Library joined OhioCheckbook.com, a government transparency website that shows taxpayers exactly how their tax money is being spent. The site, operated by State of Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel, allows users to search and see financial transactions of participating local and state governmental entities.

The Library's virtual checkbook as well as that of Upper Arlington City Schools can be found by searching the "Local Gov and Schools" tab at www.ohiocheckbook.com using the search term "Upper Arlington." We will update this information annually after the close of each fiscal year.

From Left: Library Fiscal Officer Justin Nahvi, Library Board President Sarah Mueller and Dan Risko from the State Treasurer's office.





FROM THE DIRECTOR

Chris Taylor

Return on Investment

On April 13 during National Library Week, the Ohio Library Council held a press conference at the Statehouse to release a report about Ohio Public Library services and cost efficiencies. Working with Fleeter and Associates, an economic analysis and public policy research company, the Ohio Library Council report concludes that compared to other states, Ohio has one of the lowest costs per transaction and the highest number of transactions per capita.

The report shows that Ohio's public libraries save Ohioans money and also directly benefit the state economy. Public

library services in Ohio are worth nearly \$2.7 billion when compared to paying for similar services or materials. When that total value is compared with statewide total operating expenditures of \$687.5 million, the Return on Investment from Ohio's public libraries in 2014 was 3.89. This means that for every \$1 spent by public libraries in Ohio, \$3.89 in benefit was delivered to Ohio residents. When economic multipliers are included, each \$1 spent by Ohio public libraries returns a total economic value of \$5.48 to Ohioans.

On the local level, the Upper Arlington Public Library return on investment was 5.34. This means that for every \$1 spent by the Upper Arlington Public Library, we returned \$5.34 in value to the community. This equals an estimated value of library services of \$28,359,410 in 2014! Our return was just under the statewide average likely due to a service used in the calculator that we do not currently count.

Both the statewide and local values are likely conservative estimates because there are many services that libraries provide that are not able to be compared to the retail market because no one sells those as a service. This would include services such as storytimes for babies, toddlers and families; or services that we don't count like the number of patrons we help with resumes or job applications.

As we have heard from many former customers who move to other states, Ohio has the best libraries.

Race your way to the Library for the 2016 Summer Library Club

Inspired by this summer's theme—***On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!***—the Library will promote books, programs, and activities that highlight health, exercise and general wellbeing.

As usual we will offer a variety of library programs throughout the 10-week program, and folks will be able to sign up, log hours, and participate in SLC online beginning May 23 by visiting www.summerlibraryclub.org, or in person at any Upper Arlington Public Library location.

Participants of all ages will earn their first prize (a bundle of coupons) after reading 10 hours and completing 10 activities, and a final prize (a book) after reading a total of 20 hours and completing a total of 20 activities.

Upon reaching the 20/20 mark, each participant will also be entered into a drawing for a grand prize within their age category. The grand prize drawing will take place and winners notified by phone on

Monday, August 1.
One lucky winner will be drawn from each age category.

A huge thank you to the Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library, who sponsor our Summer Library Club each year. We wouldn't be able to provide this wonderful event without their generous financial support.

Summer Library Club Grand Prizes

Infants/Toddlers (ages 0-3)

Step 2 Wagon, variety of books, learning toys (\$130 value)

Preschoolers (ages 3-5)

Step 2 Wagon, variety of books, learning toys (\$130 value)

Elementary aged (grades K-5)

Party gift card for Get Air Columbus (\$250 value)



Teens (grades 6-12)

Gift card for Dick's Sporting Goods (\$200 value)

Adults (ages 18+)

2017 UA Pool Pass for family of 5 (\$240 value)

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Library Progressing on Strategic Plan

We are only a few months into our three-year strategic plan, and we've already completed tasks in several areas.

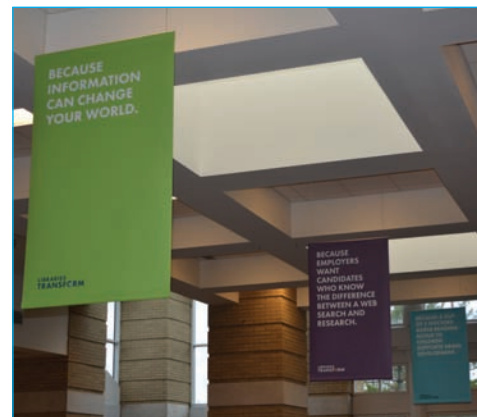
- A collection of circulating vinyl records was made available to UA Library cardholders on March 15.
- Patrons at the Main Library can now find a photocopier upstairs as well as downstairs.
- Donors and volunteers were honored at a Thank You Breakfast on April 14.

- We joined approximately 300 other public entities as participants in www.OhioCheckbook.com. See page 17 for more information.
- We finalized our success scorecard, which allows us to track our progress towards what we believe makes our library meet the needs of our unique community.

Upper Arlington Public Library—Success Scorecard

Category	Success Measure	2015 Results
Usage	Circulation	1,934,205
	Program attendance	38,792
	Computer usage in hours	67,638
	User visits (counter hardware/software changed in 2015)	515,926
Customer Satisfaction	Overall customer satisfaction on a 5 point scale	4.68
External Validation	Library Journal Index of Library Service (Star Ratings)	5 Star
Operational Sustainability	Number of patron noticeable website outages over 30 minutes	5
	Programming satisfaction score sampling	
	Survey Question (on a 5 point scale)	4.34
	Individual Program sampling	NA
Financial Sustainability	Generate sufficient net revenue to fund annual and long term capital needs. (per 5 year budget forecast)	Through 2018
	Maintain three months of operating expenses in cash reserves	5.28
	Meet established fundraising goals by year in 2016-2018 then reassess future goals	NA

UA Library Joins Nationwide “Libraries Transform” Campaign



This April during National Library Week, the Upper Arlington Public Library joined the American Library Association's “Libraries Transform” campaign.

Rapid advances in technology are fueling a library renaissance. In addition to books, movies, music and periodicals, the UA Library offers an assortment of free digitally-based programs and services such as eBooks and one-on-one technology training.

Such tech-based resources are affecting lives through digital literacy and lifelong learning. The results are contributions to education, employment, entrepreneurship, engagement and empowerment.

By recognizing the importance of libraries through a series of “Because” statements, including on a series of banners hanging in our Main Library's atrium, we hope to reveal their relevancy to those who may question why libraries are still needed today.

UA Library patron Elisha Koivisto uses the Library as a way to be active with her children. “The Library has helped me take care of my kids by providing storytime and crafts. It gets us out of the house and breaks up the day,” she says.

Have a story to share about how the library has affected you and your family? Fill out a paper form available at any UA Library or submit your story online at <http://goo.gl/forms/UXGNwv92C6>. You can also Tweet or post to Facebook by tagging us and using #LibrariesTransform. We would love to hear from you!

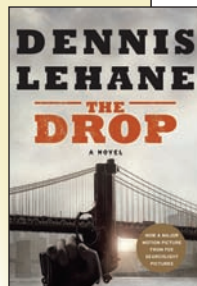
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

Last Night in Montreal

By Emily St. John Mandel

This first novel by the author of *Station Eleven* is a beautifully written and inventive story about love, a compulsive avoidance of putting down roots, and the nature of obsession. This is the story of Lilia Albert who is constantly moving and changing identities, leaving behind jobs, by relationships and places every few months. When Lilia abruptly leaves her most recent city and relationship with a graduate student named Eli, Eli begins a desperate search for her and in the process, unravels the shocking story of Lilia's past. This is a compelling and unique story that I was still thinking about long after I had read the last page.

— Jennifer Faure
Marketing and Community Relations



Life Reimagined: The Science, Art, and Opportunity of Midlife

By Barbara Bradley Hagerty

Is the midlife crisis a real thing? When are people the happiest? Find out in this mega analysis of various studies of these and other aspects of life between 40 and 65. Also part memoir, author and NPR journalist Barbara Bradley Hagerty talks about her personal journey and struggles with midlife during the time she was researching and writing the book.

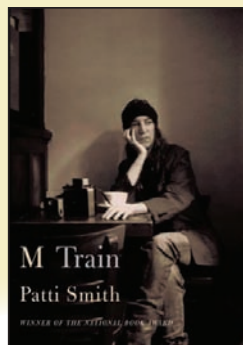
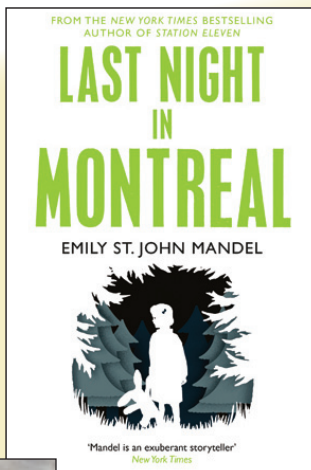
— Chris Taylor, Administration

Mother Bruce

By Ryan T. Higgins

Bruce is a grumpy old bear who only likes one thing—eating eggs! When his collected eggs hatch into goslings, Bruce becomes the victim of mistaken identity and the goslings think he is their mother. Bruce tries his hardest to get the goslings to leave, but the goslings have other ideas! Great for grades K-2.

— Sue Emrick, Lane Road Library

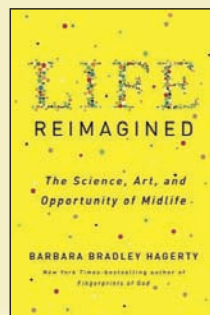
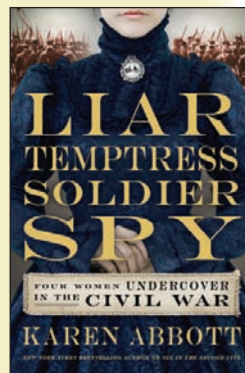


Liar, Temptress, Solider, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War

By Karen Abbott

Many books give testament to men's bravery and sacrifice during the Civil War. In this book, the stories of four courageous women who dared to act upon their beliefs and become spies are detailed. Two sided with the North—one a wealthy abolitionist in Richmond, Virginia, who ran a spy ring while the other joined the Army of the Potomac to fight for the Union disguised as a man. Two other women used their feminine wiles to seduce men into revealing secrets they passed on to the Confederate Army. Abbott's extensive research and storytelling ability combine to ensure a captivating glimpse of this little-known part of the Civil War.

— Hari Ruiz, Adult Services



Geek Parenting: What Joffrey, Jor-el, Maleficent, and the Mcflys Teach Us About Raising a Family

By Stephen H. Segal

Not just for geeks, this thoughtful look at parenting offers sound advice based on a wide variety of literary and pop culture examples. For example, The Addams Family is a wonderful family that accepts one another's differences and offers a look into a home where children are free to explore who they want to be.

— Laura Griffin, Youth Services

The Drop

By Dennis Lehane

"I had something once...I was

respected, I was feared," says Cousin Marv. Like Marv, other longtime residents and business owners are faced with a changing landscape as a new syndicate moves into a bleak and impoverished part of Boston. Lehane packs a lot of action, drama, and flawed yet interesting characters into this short novel. A twisting plot, edgy dialogue, and poignant, even humorous, insights make this a very enjoyable and quick read.

— Scott Potter, Adult Services

M Train

By Patti Smith

Rarely, if ever, do I read a book in dribs and drabs but *M Train* changed my cover-to-cover reading style. Wherever the book fell open, I read and drifted with the author from coffee shop to coffee shop, country to country, floating on her beautiful prose. Her life, books, travels, relationships, and innermost thoughts transport you; the mundane becomes eloquent. A poetic memoir, a haunting homage to life, music, art, and memories; Patti Smith a tour de force.

— Vita Marinello, Adult Services

Tickets to Bill Clegg Talk on Sale July 1

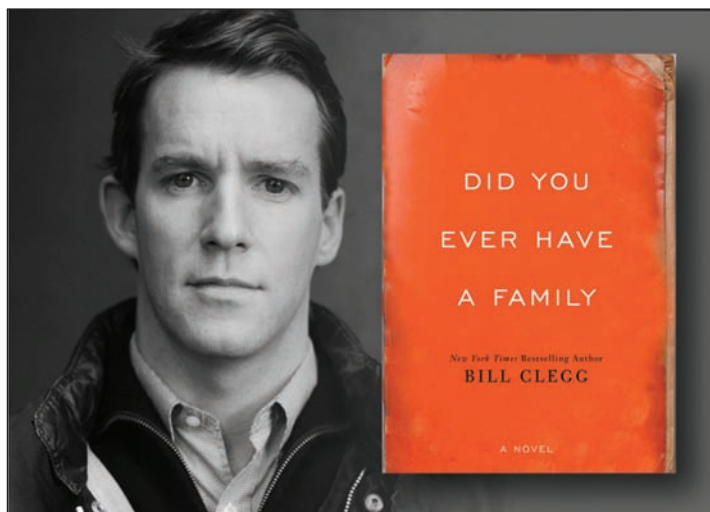
The Upper Arlington Author Series is pleased to welcome Bill Clegg, author of *Did You Ever Have a Family*, to Upper Arlington High School on Sunday, October 2 at 2 p.m. Tickets to his talk will be available beginning July 1 via a link on our website at www.ualibrary.org. Ticket prices are \$35, \$25, and \$15. Student tickets are available for \$10. Details on a reception following the talk will be available this summer.

Clegg's novel *Did You Ever Have a Family* was published in 2015. The opening of the book features a home gas explosion, which may feel familiar to Upper Arlington residents.

It received favorable reviews from *The New York Times*, the *Financial Times*, *The Independent* and others. Clare Clark of *The Guardian* called it "a quiet novel of devastating power."

The book was longlisted for both the National Book Award and the Man Booker Prize last year.

Bill Clegg is a literary agent in New York and is also the author of the memoirs *Portrait of an Addict as a Young Man* and *Ninety Days*. He has written for *The New York Times*, *Esquire*, *The Guardian*, *New York Magazine* and *Harper's Bazaar*.



Clegg is the latest prominent author to visit our community through the Upper Arlington Author Series. Since its debut in 2012, the Series has hosted Marc Brown, Alexander McCall Smith, Lynne Olson and Anthony Doerr. The series has become a signature community event thanks to the sponsorship of the Ann Royce Moore Fund at the Upper Arlington Community Foundation, the Upper Arlington Public Library, and the Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library.

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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 14-28 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 14 from Noon-1 p.m. On the final day of the sale, Sunday, August 28, Friends members can fill a paper grocery bag with books for just \$5. The price for nonmembers is \$10 per bag. All proceeds benefit the UA Library, so find a bargain and help your library, too!

Walk Down Fines is June 25

Each quarter for the past several years, we have offered a fine reduction activity, such as Feed Down Fines or Read Down Fines. This summer, to coincide with the "On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!" theme of our Summer Library Club, we will debut Walk Down Fines at our Lane Road and Miller Park

Libraries. Patrons of all ages can meet at either library on the morning of Saturday, June 25 and walk a designated route in the adjacent park. Your walk can begin as early as 10:30 a.m. and must be finished by 11:30 a.m. Complete the route and you'll receive a voucher good for up to \$10 off your existing overdue fine. There will be no fine reduction activity at the Main Library this summer due to the likelihood of construction on Tremont Road and in Northam Park.

Chargers Available for In-House Use

Battery running low while you're at the library? Recharge by borrowing an Apple or Android cord and wall charger from the front desk of any UA Library. An Upper Arlington Public Library card is required and all pieces are for in-building use only.

Global Road Warrior

Our Reference Department recently added a new online database that explores the world from a traveler's perspective. Global

Road Warrior contains cultural information including business etiquette tips, recipes, and history, but also helpful notes on what the currency looks like, what kind of outlets you'll find, cool places to visit, security info, and much more. Visit <http://databases.ualibrary.org> to access this and all of our 144 high-quality online resources.

WiFi Now Password Protected

Wireless service in our buildings is now password protected. To login to WiFi, choose the network "UAPL_WiFi" and enter the password "browserbear" when prompted. Once you connect to the new network, your device should remember it on future visits.

Get Library News by Email

Like hearing news from your library? You don't have to wait until the next *Insight* or Library Link publication. Get the latest news including last minute program changes and additions through our new monthly general information newsletter. Sign up with your email address at www.ualibrary.org.

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



Preschoolers and their families made fantastical creatures at Miller Park Library's Creation Station program.

Lane Road Library Supervisor Sara Coles helped patrons make art out of old books at the April Repurposed Book Crafts program. This program returns to Lane Road on June 21, July 13 and August 17.



Dozens of donors and volunteers celebrated National Library Week during our first annual Thank You Breakfast.



A series of silk banners hand painted by Upper Arlington High School students hang in the windows of the Main Library. They feature characters from children's books.



Summer Program Highlights

Apps for the Great Outdoors

Discover apps that will help you get outside and explore nature in a whole new way! Come to the Main Library on Saturday, June 4 at 11 a.m. or the Lane Road Library on Saturday, June 18 at 2 p.m. to learn how you can turn your device into your own nature guide. We'll show you some apps for identifying plants and bugs, finding a new park, or seeing a new constellation. Weather permitting, we'll demo some of these apps in the park. Bring your device for some hands-on practice.

Opera on Film Series

Dr. Christopher Purdy, Classical 101 host and producer, returns to the Main Library this summer to present a series of opera performances on film. Films will be shown in the Friends Theater on select Sundays at 1:30 p.m. We begin on June 12 with *Maria Stuarda*, a searingly dramatic opera by Gaetano Donizetti based on Friedrich Schiller's play about the last days of Mary, Queen of Scots. On June 19, we continue

with *Die Fledermaus*, a farcical opera composed by Johann Strauss II to a libretto by Karl Haffner and Richard Genée. On July 10, we present *La Fanciulla del West* by Giacomo Puccini to a libretto by Guelfo Civinini and Carlo Zangarini. It's based on the play *The Girl of the Golden West* by American author David Belasco and takes place in California during the gold rush. Finally, we wrap up on July 17 with one of Gilbert and Sullivan's 14 collaborations — *The Mikado*, a comic opera set in Japan.

Red, White and Bikes

Join us outside any UA Library on Friday, July 1 at 2 p.m. to decorate your bike for the Fourth of July Parade or for your own celebration. We'll provide materials, you provide the imagination and patriotic spirit. Information on entering your bike in the parade will be available at the program.

Penguin Party/Surf's Up

Are you a penguin person? Don't miss our day of penguin activities on Thursday, July

28 at the Main Library. We begin at 1 p.m. with crafts, activities and a visit from Tacky, the costumed character from the beloved books by Helen Lester. At 2 p.m., we'll have a visit from a real live penguin with handlers from the Newport Aquarium. Finally, at 3:15 p.m. we'll show *Surf's Up*, the animated movie about a penguin who thinks winning a surfing contest will win him admiration and respect. Kids of all ages won't want to miss this fun day!

Mini-Storytimes at the UA Pools



Your favorite storytime staff from each UA Library will be visiting Upper Arlington pools on select Fridays this summer to provide mini-storytimes during pool break! See below for dates, times, and who will be providing the storytime.

Please be advised that there will not be a storytime at the pool in the case of predicted or imminent rain, severe wind, or other problematic weather conditions due to the nature of the program.

- 6/17: Ms. Tracie at Reed @ 2 p.m.
- 6/24: Miss Sarah at Devon @ 2 p.m.
- 7/1: Ms. Dena at Reed @ 2 p.m.
- 7/8: Ms. Tracie at Devon @ 2 p.m.
- 7/15: Ms. Dena at Reed @ 2 p.m.
- 7/22: Miss Sarah at Devon @ 2 p.m.
- 7/29: Ms. Sue at Reed @ 2 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Seated: Vice President John Yesso; President Sarah Mueller
Standing L-R: Secretary Gloria Heydlauff, Kyle McKee, Sue Ralph, Bill Shkurti, Peter Hahn

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 21 at 5 p.m.
- No July meeting
- Tuesday, August 16 at 5 p.m.



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calendar

COMMUNITY

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
Cultural Arts Division, 583-5310

Yasue Sakaoka Retrospective,
1980-2015

Through June 24

Celebrating UA

July 1-August 19

Reception July 14, 5-7 p.m.

Artful Books

August 24-October 27

Memorial Day Run

9 a.m., Monday, May 30

Reed Road Shelter

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

UA Farmers' Market

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

1945 Ridgeview 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 9 **new basics brass band** (brass r&b)

June 16 **Fourth Avenue** (a cappella)

June 23 **Floorwalkers** (garage soul)

June 30 **Apple-bottom Gang** (honky-tonk)

July 7 **Conspiracy** (swing, funk, soul)

July 14 **Camp ROCK**

July 21 **Jazz in July/with Columbus Jazz**
Orchestra

Special Music in the Parks

MojoFlo

7-8:30 p.m., Friday, July 1

The Green at Kingsdale Shopping Center

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

Movie in the Park

Dusk on Fridays, unless noted otherwise

UA Parks & Recreation | www.uaoh.net

Rescheduling Hotline: 583-5345

June 10

Inside Out (PG)

Mountview Baptist Church (drive-in)

June 24

Max (PG)

Thompson Park

July 8

Matilda (PG)

Thompson Park

July 21 (Thu)

Star Wars: The Force

Awakens (PG-13)

Thompson Park (part of Summer Celebration)

August 5

Minions (PG)

Thompson Park

Fourth of July Celebration

All day, Monday, July 4

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

Start celebrating Independence Day at the

9 a.m. 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.

Summer Celebration

6-9 p.m., Thursday, July 21

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 4

Northam Park

Tri-Village Chamber Partnership

614-512-2792 | www.uachamber.org

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

U.S. Senior Open

August 8-14

Scioto Country Club

2016ussenioropen.com

Championship golf makes a long-awaited
return to the Scioto Country Club, as it
celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Golden Bear Bash

7-11 p.m., Sunday, September 4

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 5

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

Featuring kids' bicycle races, a pet show and
whiffleball tournament.

Labor Day Arts Festival

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

Northam Park

UA Cultural Arts | www.uaoh.net

LDAF celebrates 50 years, with 200+ artist
exhibits, music, arts activities for all ages,
refreshments and more. Free admission.