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As COVID-19 Restrictions Lift, UA Catches Up With Two Community Celebrations

With a majority of events and programs planned for 2020 either canceled or significantly altered due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was with hopeful anticipation that we planned for two ceremonies this spring. Fortunately, health and safety restrictions began to lift, and our hopes were realized.

Veterans Plaza Dedication Ceremony

Over the Memorial Day Weekend, the City celebrated completion of the Veterans Plaza improvements project by hosting a Dedication Ceremony in partnership with the Upper Arlington Historical Society. In addition to renovating the existing Veterans memorials, the completed Veterans Plaza includes five interpretive pillars that tell some of the remarkable stories of Veterans with ties to our community, including:

- UA resident John Bergmann is the last surviving member of a World War II, 25-member code breaking

unit, who was sworn to secrecy about the nature of his service until 1983, and who once met with Winston Churchill and President Eisenhower at Number 10 Downing Street.

- UA has been discovering a part of the area's history that had been overlooked and forgotten for decades – the legacy of Pleasant Litchford, a former slave and blacksmith who became a landowner in a part of Perry Township that later became Upper Arlington. As this fascinating story has been rediscovered, it was learned that two of Litchford's sons were registered in June of 1863 as eligible to fight in the Civil War and were conceivably founding members of the first African American regiment that became known as the 5th Regiment, United States Colored Troops.

ABOVE: The Veterans Plaza Dedication Ceremony



Members of the Ohio Volunteers provided a living history demonstration of Camp Willis, which was established at the site in 1916 as a training camp for more than 100,000 Ohio National Guard troops before their deployment to the Mexican border.

The Veterans Plaza improvements were made possible through the efforts of former City Council Member, Erik Yassenoff, and the Veterans Committee. As the Upper Arlington community prepared to celebrate its Centennial Anniversary in 2018, they began an effort to renovate and enhance the portion of Mallway Park that is dedicated to recognizing our community's Veterans.

The Veterans Committee successfully secured a \$200,000 grant from the State of Ohio and embarked on a capital fundraising campaign that - with support and guidance from the Upper Arlington Community Foundation - raised an additional \$120,000 in private donations. An additional \$50,000 in City funds helped complete the project.

Wall of Honor Ceremony

June 6 was a very special day for two UA families, as the City and UA Historical Society were finally able to gather for two Wall of Honor induction ceremonies that had been postponed in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic - the City's first Parks & Recreation Director, Ken Thompson, and the Upper Arlington Community Foundation's first Executive Director, Linda Readey.

Members of Ken Thompson's family - including his wife Bobbie (right of plaque) and their three children, along with grandkids and great grandkids, etc.



The families were joined by present and former City Council members, present and former members of the City administration, friends and other community members to celebrate Ken's and Linda's community service, their legacies and many contributions to our community.

We encourage you to visit the Municipal Services Center Plaza to learn more about Ken, Linda, and the many other individuals included on the Wall of Honor.



Linda Readey's husband, Jim, with their sons, Jay and Jonathan.

Upper Arlington History Trail - uahistorytrail.com

A goal of the Veterans Plaza Project was to incorporate the stories of Upper Arlington community members that have served or are serving in the Armed Forces and to be able to add to these stories over time. This component of the project has been realized through the **UA History Trail**.

In partnership with the Upper Arlington Historical Society, the UA History Trail website was recently launched, providing context and additional background relative to the historic markers and signs that can be found throughout our community.

This is a project that will grow over time - to date the History Trail website features the Veterans Plaza, the Miller



Park carriage step, the gravesite of Native American Bill Moose at Wyandot Park, and the Centennial Plaza and History Walk at Northam Park.

When you visit an area featured on the UA History Trail, you'll see a bronze marker with a paw print - typically embedded in the ground - this is the mark of the History Trail.

To learn more, you can surf to **uahistorytrail.com** on your smartphone when visiting one of the sites, or from the comfort of your home computer.

The Veterans Plaza section of the History Trail website builds on the stories of the men and women featured on the pillars, and our team of historic researchers stand at the ready to incorporate additional stories as they are shared with us by our community members. If you have suggestions, please contact us, at community.affairs@uaoh.net.

Fourth of July Reminders

UA's favorite day of celebration is almost here. Here are some guidelines and safety reminders worth noting, to make sure our Fourth of July activities are enjoyable for all!

COVID 19 Health & Safety Reminders

All signs indicate that a majority of adult residents in UA are fully vaccinated, and we are increasingly seeing our community returning to more normal activities. While we are pleased to see the return of UA's Fourth of July celebrations, thanks to the hard work of the UA Civic Association, residents should still take appropriate health and safety precautions throughout the day.

Fireworks Safety

Annually, 13,000 people are injured and seven people killed, on average, in fireworks accidents throughout the US. Additionally, thousands of fires are ignited causing millions of dollars of property loss. The vast majority of these incidents occur in the four-week span surrounding the Fourth. Of note, 99% of the injuries and deaths, and most of the fires are the result of consumer grade fireworks—not professional, public firework shows.

Sparklers, available for sale in Ohio, burn at 2,000 degrees, hot enough to melt many metals. They account for burn injuries and start many of the fires. The same can be said for firecrackers and bottle rockets. Sadly, these injuries and much of the property loss impact innocent bystanders.

Recognizing these dangers, the City prohibits the sale, possession or use of consumer fireworks, including sparklers, bottle rockets, firecrackers and trick noisemakers. It is not our intent to be heavy-handed in enforcement, but the City has and will continue to enforce our laws, especially when unsafe situations are witnessed by police.

Please enjoy all that UA has to offer this Fourth of July, but be wise, and above all, be safe. Leave the fireworks to the professionals.

Golf Carts

In 2019 City Council adopted Ordinance 41-2019, authorizing residents' use of code-compliant, under-speed vehicles year-round, and exempting non-compliant golf carts for a total of five days over the Fourth of July holiday. Tailored to address some specific concerns of Council—the legislation limits their use to streets with speed limits of 25 mph or less and requires seatbelts. Look for our **For The Record** blog detailing these requirements on our website.

The Parade Route

In the days leading up to the Parade, the route along Northwest Boulevard becomes overrun with lawn chairs and areas taped off by families staking their spectator spot. We ask that you refrain from this practice until just a few days before the parade, but recognize that once the first few chairs go out, more will follow quickly. By placing your property at the curb similar to when placing trash or bulk items out for collection, you run the risk of having your property taken by opportunistic passersby. In such instances, the loss is not considered theft.

Tremont Pool, Northam Tennis Holiday Hours

To accommodate Party in the Park and the Fourth of July fireworks, the City's recreation facilities at Northam Park will adopt the following schedule over the holiday period:

Saturday, July 3

- **Northam Tennis** - Closes at 3 pm
- **Tremont Pool** - Normal schedule, closing at 9 pm



Sunday, July 4

- **Northam Tennis** - closed
- **Tremont Pool** - closed

Friday, July 5

- **Northam Tennis** - Regular 7 am opening may be delayed by fireworks cleanup
- **Tremont Pool** - Opens at 1 pm (as long as fireworks/park cleanup is complete)

Dog Safety

More dogs run away around the Fourth of July holiday than any other time of year. For most dogs, the loud sounds and smells of fireworks are strange and scary. Here's how to keep your faithful friend safe this time of year:

- Make sure your dog gets plenty of exercise earlier in the day.
- Keep your dog safely inside during the evening hours when fireworks are likely to go off, with access to a favorite "safe place." Keep windows and curtains closed. Leave a TV or music on if you go out.



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Steve Schoeny

Let There Be a Community Center!

Thank you for the incredible expression of confidence in the future of our community. The Community Center ballot initiative passed just five votes short of 80% in favor, and almost as many of our residents voted in this special election as voted in our last Council election.

With this pledge of support from residents, we are moving forward methodically to make the vision that was explained to the community a reality.

1. In May we hired Pizzuti Solutions to serve as the Owner's Representative (OR) on the project. The OR essentially acts as the City's in-house experts, developing the details of our plan and monitoring the other contractors.
2. In early June, we released a Request for Qualifications for an architecture and design team. These are the professionals who will actually design the building. We expect to finalize this selection in August. The architecture and design team will also lead the public outreach and input through the design process.
3. When we get close to selecting our architecture and design team, we will start the process of selecting our builder, since it's invaluable to have this group on board early on, to evaluate the constructibility and help with cost estimating.

Ultimately our goal is to open the Community Center by late 2024. That said, we are going to take the time to get our design and contracting processes right. If there's a need to take more time

on design or we find that changing our construction timing will result in significant cost savings, we will adjust the schedule.

As we move into design, we will be asking for your input. When you give that input, we will be very transparent about the available choices. For example, because the footprint for the Community Center is tight, if we add anything to the building, something else has to come out. We cannot just blow out the back wall and add a few thousand square feet. Our commitment is to always explain the choices that we make.

Of course, we have to talk about the blue bricks. Thanks to the UA Community Foundation and Continental Building Systems for cooperating to carefully salvage a number of bricks that will be used for fundraising opportunities to support the community center. Separately, we did salvage a smaller number in case the design firm wants to use them as a feature in a portion of the Community Center. (As an aside, if demolition had started six weeks earlier, I would definitely have done an April Fools post about blue brick bootlegging and banditry.)

Which brings me to my final point – we are going to try to find ways to continue making this process fun and exciting for our residents. Please keep sending us your ideas about the things you have seen in other places that would be great in the UA Community Center or parts of our community that you think we should highlight.

Reflections From the Community Center Study Process & Ballot Issue

As I looked back on the process leading up to the Community Center vote, there were a number of lessons learned.

First, many of our residents don't have a lot of time to dedicate to pouring through the details of City issues. They are worried about 10 things at work, getting the kids where they need to be and making sure that five other people in their life are OK. The lesson is that we have to be really efficient in how we use our residents time. And...

Second, if an issue is vital to our residents, they will take the time to dive into an issue and help us make it better. Some of the most impactful conversations that I had were with members of the community who I suspect did not vote for the Community Center. But their questions and skepticism made our team dig deeper into the issues that they raised and helped us think about the risks that we needed to manage.

Third, residents appreciate and respect honest, direct conversations about hard issues. When I gave presentations or had one-on-one conversations on the issue, I didn't always give an answer that the questioner liked. However, I believe the vast majority of the time, they appreciated the honesty and directness.

All of this boils down to finding ways to two things: being efficient in how we share information and engage with our residents AND to listen to your ideas and priorities. Then our job is to craft solutions that balance those priorities and build on the ideas.

So, when you come to a City event, get a survey, see a City booth at a grocery store, share those ideas and priorities with us. Or don't wait for those opportunities, send us an email or give us a call. We cannot take your priorities into consideration or consider your ideas if we don't know what they are.

Live Fire Training at Fancyburg Park



On June 3, the UA Fire Division had the opportunity to conduct live fire training activities at a structure located at the south-east corner of Fancyburg Park. The City recently acquired this property, with plans to raze the home and incorporate the land into the park. This presented an opportunity for the Fire Division to provide its firefighters with invaluable, hands-on training by experiencing heat and limited-to-zero visibility while searching and moving about inside the structure.



Mosquito Prevention Reminders

Like clockwork, a rainy spring followed by warm weather brings mosquitoes out just in time for summer. Mosquitoes are not only a nuisance, they are a potential health risk as transmitters of diseases such as West Nile, La Crosse Encephalitis and St. Louis Encephalitis. While the reported number of human cases are few, it's still important for us to do our part when it comes to mosquito control.

There are several ways to eliminate potential mosquito habitats. Make a habit of emptying, removing, covering or up-ending receptacles with the potential to hold water. Clean out gutters, birdbaths, pets' water dishes and toddler pools, and take measures to treat and seal any rainwater barrels. You can treat these areas with Mosquito Dunks® – a natural bacteria toxic only to mosquito larvae.

From mid-May through September, Franklin County Public Health (FCPH)

sets traps to identify areas where there are high numbers of mosquitoes or areas where mosquitoes are carrying West Nile Virus. If necessary, FCPH uses adulticiding (spraying) to reduce mosquito populations.

FCPH uses Merus 3.0—a natural pyrethrin listed with the Organic Materials Review Institute. Pyrethrins are botanical insecticides derived from chrysanthemum flowers that can be applied in and around organic gardens. FCPH has also improved its website, making it easier for residents to make online requests, complete a "Do Not Spray" form (which must be completed annually), and registration for beekeepers to help protect honey bee populations.

When FCPH decides to spray, here are some precautions you can take:

- Bring pets indoors
- Remain indoors with windows

closed for about 30 minutes after spraying has occurred

- If you come in contact with any pesticides, wash with soap and water
- Bring laundry inside or rewash items if you were unable to bring them in before spraying occurred
- Wash any exposed fruits or vegetables from your garden before using them
- Allow about one hour to pass before allowing children to play in areas that have been treated

If adulticiding is necessary, the City typically receives at least 24 hours' notice of areas to be treated, and in turn, we use ALERT Franklin County, our website and social media to inform affected residents. We recommend that you check the City's website regularly for the most current information, as well as Franklin County Public Health's website.

FROM CHAMBERS | Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

Neighborhood Compatibility

The beauty and quality of UA's homes and neighborhoods are a source of pride for residents. As the homes have aged and Upper Arlington's desirability as a premier residential community remains strong, some property owners choose to invest in major home additions or to raze the old and invest in a new-build home that better meets their needs.

In recent years, the City's Community Development Department has experienced an uptick in permit submittals for substantial additions and replacement homes. In response, the City has already taken steps to strengthen its regulations so that these projects better fit the character of existing neighborhoods. However, some residents who feel the impacts of the changes taking place around them



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

believe that more could be done, asking the City and members of City Council if we could revisit the issue as part of a broader community discussion.

To help us in this effort, the City secured the assistance of local research firm, Illuminology, to facilitate a series of discussion group meetings with community members to better understand what issues and questions exist and the level

of intensity surrounding these concerns.

Invitees included residents who are feeling the impacts of change in their neighborhoods; homeowners that have recently built a new home or expanded their existing home; members of the Board of Zoning and Planning, Board of Building Standards and the Senior Advisory Council; members of the Upper Arlington Historical Society; local builders; and residents who work in related professions, such as planning, engineering, architecture/design and zoning law.

Approximately 65 community members participated in seven discussion sessions. A series of key findings emerged - with both positive and negative perceptions of the City's neighborhood compatibility ordinance and how it is applied emerging.

From this feedback Staff is working to develop a proposed approach for addressing these issues and concerns, while also developing guideline documents with graphic examples, designed to provide a clearer understanding of code requirements and how they are applied.

At press time, a summary report from the process was being drafted. Staff anticipates bringing a report and summary of next steps to Council early in the fall. If you have questions about this process, please contact the Community Development Department, at 614-583-5070.

Going...Going...Gone...



For many years, residents have asked when something would be done about the vacant blue building at Kingsdale. Fast forward to today, and the former Macy's building is coming down to make way for a new mixed-use development PLUS the Upper Arlington Community Center. As demolition began, interest in the blue bricks increased, as we guessed would be the case. The Upper Arlington Community Foundation has partnered with Continental Real Estate to salvage a number of the bricks, to be used as part of their fundraising efforts for the Community Center. Watch for details in the coming months.

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CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Independence Day** - Monday, July 5 (observed). There are no Solid Waste collection delays.

City e-News

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

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

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

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 614-583-5030

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

Summer Utility Invoice

FINANCE 614-583-5291

The second semi-annual utility invoice from the City was scheduled to be mailed late June/early July. It includes the Solid Waste Fee, the Stormwater Utility fee and, in some cases, a Neighborhood Lighting Utility fee.

Book the Barn for Your Event

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

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

Citizen Camera Partnership

POLICE

614-583-5150

The Police Division's Citizen Camera Partnership is an opt-in program designed to build a database of properties with video cameras.

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

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



Garage/Yard Sales

CODE COMPLIANCE 614-583-5070

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

Block Party Permits

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 614-583-5040

Planning for some summer fun on your street? Be sure to allow at least 10 days to get your block party permit approved. There is a nonrefundable \$50 fee for block party permits. You can file your permit online at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Outdoor Dining Permitted in the City Right-of-Way

DEVELOPMENT 614-583-5070

In an effort to support the community's restaurants during the pandemic, the Community Development Department

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

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.

Tobacco Free Parks

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

All nicotine products are prohibited in the City's public parks. This includes cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes and vaping devices.

2020 Popular Annual Financial Report

FINANCE 614-583-5291

Look for your copy of the 2020 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), coming in the mail soon. This report provides a reader-friendly summary of the City's financial activities and standing from the previous year.

SCRAM! Wildlife Control

www.SCRAM!Wildlife.org

The City contracts with SCRAM! Wildlife Control, a division of the Ohio Wildlife Center, to provide wildlife management services to residents and businesses at a discounted rate. Full details can be



Devon Pool continues its transformation, with the recent replacement of the old mechanical buildings, concrete deck replacement work and new fencing completed in time for the 2021 pool season.

found at www.SCRAMwildlife.org. The City has an **Animal Control** guidelines page under the **Resources** section of its website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Prohibition of Short-Term Rentals

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE 614-583-5020

Preservation of UA's cherished residential neighborhoods is a top community priority. To that end, in 2019 the City enacted legislation making the prohibition of home or apartment short-term rentals permanent. This applies to any rental of less than 30 days in duration. It also prohibits bed and breakfast establishments, apartment hotels, and hotels and motels within the community's residential districts.

Home Security Alarm Permits

POLICE DIVISION 614-583-5100

Households with home security systems are required to obtain a license from the Police Division. The one-time \$50 fee is non-transferable and covers both Police and Fire services. Households are allowed up to three false alarms per calendar year—any false alarms thereafter are subject to a \$50 fine to offset the costs for emergency response.

UA Leash Law Reminder

POLICE DIVISION 614-583-5100

While dog owners have every right to enjoy the community with their canine friends, it's important to be thoughtful of

others for everyone's safety – including you and your dog – and to avoid any personal liability from a dog bite or car accident should you lose control of your dog. Below are some tips for dog owners to follow:

- When at a UA park, dogs must be on a leash 8 am–8 pm during Daylight Savings Time and 8 am–5 pm during Eastern Standard Time. At all other hours, the dog still must be under your control. If field sports, parties or other group activities are in full swing, steer clear of that portion of the park if your dog is off leash, or simply put the leash back on to prevent any uninvited interruptions from your dog.
- Don't assume all dogs will play well with yours, especially when they are on a leash. Keep your dog clear

from others until you have checked with the owner that it's okay to approach.

- As a courtesy to others and for health and safety reasons, pet owners must clean up after their pets. Most of our larger parks are equipped with doggie bag stations but it's always a good idea to bring your own. And, when disposing of pet waste, please use the trash container **NOT** the recycling container.
- When out walking your dog in your neighborhood, a leash is required. Similarly, dogs should be appropriately contained on your property when off leash, within a fenced-in area of your backyard or by use of an electric fence.

To report a leash law violation, contact UA Police, at 614-583-5410.

Permit Portal RESOURCES | PERMIT PORTAL upperarlingtonoh.gov

The City has been transitioning its various application processes online via its **Permit Portal** on our website, from building permits to special event applications, making it possible to conduct business with us online in most instances. Just look for the **Permit Portal** icon under the **Resources** section of our website to get started.

UA Click2Fix

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



Lateral & Downspout Maintenance

The sanitary sewer system is comprised of buried pipes that carry sewage and grey water from toilets, showers, sinks, dishwashers, washing machines and other home or business plumbing components to a wastewater treatment plant, where it is filtered, treated and discharged. The City's storm-water system is separate from sanitary sewers and collects rainwater runoff from rooftops, streets, yards and parking lots and discharges it to local rivers and streams.

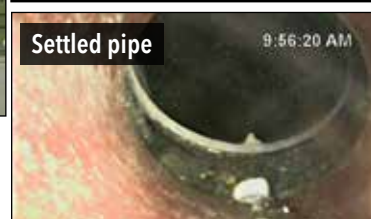
Privately owned pipes, commonly called laterals, convey the sanitary flow and rainfall from the home to the publicly owned sanitary or storm sewer. There is typically only one private sanitary lateral, which is normally located slightly below the basement or concrete slab floor and transports all of the water produced in the home to the sanitary sewer. Conversely, there may be two or more stormwater laterals (also called downspout laterals) that collect rainwater from the roof and groundwater from a sump pump and transports it to the road curb and gutter or storm sewer system. The private storm lateral is much shallower than the private sanitary lateral, typically at less than a foot deep. With a shallower bury depth it is prone to continued settlement due to the freeze thaw cycle, root intrusion and needs to be considered when landscaping and/or installing an irrigation system to ensure it is not damaged.

The private sanitary and storm laterals are usually the same age as the home and often go unnoticed until there is an issue such as basement backup. On the sanitary side, blockages that reduce capacity such as roots, grease, sags and deformed pipes coupled with excessive flow during rain events can cause backups. The same problems



that may be present in the private sanitary lateral may also exist in the private storm lateral. Given its shallow bury depth, the private storm lateral is more susceptible to damage and deterioration. In cases where the private storm lateral is unable to handle the flow produced during a rain event, the water backs up the storm lateral until it reaches the home and may enter through cracks in the basement wall, floor drains, and/or window wells.

To combat issues inherent with aging infrastructure, the City of Upper Arlington has staff dedicated to ensuring that the public sewers are open and flowing. Likewise, the property owner should take similar measures and regularly inspect their private sanitary and storm lateral to address issues that would prevent or reduce flow and lead to water in basements. To do so, the homeowner should hire a licensed plumber to investigate and fix issues that may lead to a basement backup. Reach out to the Upper Arlington Engineering Department at 614-583-5360 if you have questions.



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BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

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Class of 2021

For Upper Arlington Schools students, families and staff, there was so much to celebrate as the 2020-2021 school year came to a close, especially for those students marking big transitions - to middle school, to high school, or to their next chapter.

"Every year, we are so proud to celebrate the accomplishments of all of our students - and that was especially true this year," said Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D. "Our staff has continued to challenge and support every student, every step of the way, and our students have continued to learn, grow and excel to end this school year academically strong."

The year came to an end with fifth-grade clap-outs and celebrations, eighth grade promotion ceremonies, and the Upper

Arlington High School Class of 2021 commencement ceremony and car parade on Sunday, May 30.

"It was great to be back in the Schottenstein Center on The Ohio State University campus to honor these graduates," Imhoff said. "And to cap the celebrations off with a car parade through the Upper Arlington High School neighborhood - that was really the icing on the cake, to see the joy on the faces of our graduates and their families."

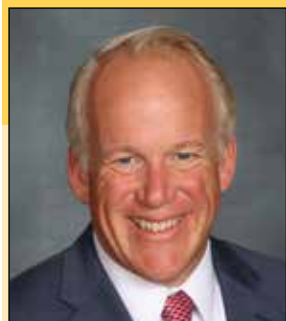
For the 475 new alumni from the 97th graduating class from Upper Arlington High School, this was a year for the history books. The Class of 2021 is the last graduating class from the building on 1650 Ridgeview Road, and they've also set a new standard of excellence for Upper Arlington Schools.

"This is an exceptional group of young people who truly reflect our vision of *uniquely accomplished students prepared to serve, lead and succeed*," said Upper Arlington High School Principal Andrew Theado.

The members of the Class of 2021 are headed off for college, the military and some other destinations, too. They'll be attending more than 100 colleges and universities across the country and have totaled



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SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

District is Looking Ahead to Fall and Reconnecting, Face to Face

As you may have already read on the previous page, we were incredibly excited to celebrate the Upper Arlington High School Class of 2021 in May. This group of new alumni is a very special class that exemplifies our tradition of excellence and our vision of uniquely accomplished students prepared to serve, lead and succeed. Their commitment and accomplishments across the board – in academics, the arts, athletics and community service – is remarkable. We are incredibly proud of them, and we look forward to watching them as they pursue their goals and dreams in their next chapter in life.

This summer, we are thrilled to have approximately 1,000 students participating in our expanded summer learning opportunities – Summer Academy, Summer Reading for grades 1-3, and Summer BRIDGE to Achievement and Well-Being. These are all great opportunities for our students to boost their academic progress and continue to foster meaningful relationships during the summer with their peers and teachers.

We want everyone to have a great summer, but we also can't wait to

welcome our students, our staff, our families and our community back into our buildings this fall. One of the things we have missed most over the past year has been the opportunity to connect, in person, with the parents/guardians, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and community members who care so much about what's happening in our schools. We are incredibly blessed here in Upper Arlington to have so many people who support our students in our schools, on our athletic fields, and in the arts.

We are so excited to welcome you back this fall and reconnect with you, face to face. I hope you'll join us for a very special event on Sunday, August 15 for a community grand opening celebration and open houses for all of our facilities master plan projects. You'll be able to go inside the new Upper Arlington High School and all of our new elementary schools just a few days before the start of the school year.

We'll kick things off at 1 pm with a community grand opening celebration inside the new Upper Arlington High School, and from 2:30-4 pm we'll have open houses at the high school and the five elementary schools. You can watch your mailbox for more details this summer, and we look forward to more

opportunities to welcome you into our schools during the upcoming school year.

As we prepare for the completion of the new high school, the new Windermere Elementary School and the Barrington renovation project in August – on schedule and on budget – I am thrilled to share that we have reached a big milestone for our Legacy campaign. Thanks to the generosity of nearly 400 private donors, the Upper Arlington Legacy Capital Campaign has successfully raised \$7.5 million to enhance our district's excellence in education by completing and expanding the scope of our facilities master plan.

This fulfills a promise to the community throughout the 2017 bond-levy campaign – to privately fundraise \$5 million toward construction costs to offset some of the expense to taxpayers. The additional \$2.5 million supports "The Honor Project," which goes above and beyond the bricks and mortar to support programming that directly impacts our students and finishing touches for the school environment.

We thank all of our donors for their generosity and support of our schools and the children of Upper Arlington for generations to come.

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

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more than \$5,087,000 in college and local scholarships. Five graduates have committed to serving our country after graduation - in the Marines, Air Force and Navy - and some graduates are making other plans, whether it's a gap year, career, or another path.

It is no surprise that these graduates have big plans for the future. Among the Class of 2021, there are 14 National

Merit Semifinalists and 13 Commended Scholars; approximately 100 inductees to the National Honor Society; and approximately 140 members of the prestigious Cum Laude Society.

Of the Class of 2021, 40 student-athletes will be continuing their academic and athletic pursuits at the college level. The new graduates have also been recognized on the state and

regional level in the arts, and in a year when community service didn't look like it usually does, this class also had 16 recipients of the President's Volunteer Service Award - with a combined total of nearly 2,000 hours of service.

"We wish these students the best and are so excited to continue to watch them grow as they go on to their next step in life," Theado said.

2021 Cum Laude Awards

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 2021 scholars!



Matthew Abel
Abigail Ali
Natalia Angelis
Andrew Armstrong
Kun Bai
Reva BasteBania
Kyle Baugh
Alana Becker
Meghan Beery
Lena Bibbo
Defne Ceyhan
Kaya Ceyhan
Madeline Chamberlain
Sam Cheung
Irene Cho
Hera Chung
Trent Clayton
Caroline Colombo
James Colombo
Elowen Conley
Mihai Crisan
Caitlin Curran
Cecilia Dapino
John Davis
Nora Diday
Sophia Elliott
Nathaniel Erre
Bailey Farrell
Emma Fischer
Ty Fredrick
Joseph Gardner
Carlyn Geraghty
Sarina Ghadiali
Moira Ginger

Tyler Grimm
Victor Gu
Caroline Hackett
Abby Hahn
Graham Hall
Avi Hari
Connor Harper
Joseph Hendrix
Anoushka Herrala
Lindsey Hjelle
Deborah Hodson
Lindsay Holman
William Holsinger
Camille Housh
Erin Huang
Evan Huang
Ryan Huntley
Eveline Jiang
Emma Jinschek
Anneliese Johanni
Julianne Johnson
Jackson Jones
Brent Ju
John Kameron
Kiah Kapoor
Melanie Kase
Shea Keethler
Maya Khelashvili
Megan Kiehl
Giovanna Kistner
Eleni Kourlas
Nora Kramer
Cassandra Kula
Marco Landolfi

Rachel Leach
Claire Lebron
Lauren Leff
Elizabeth Lembach
Weibo Li
Kezia Lietzau
Andy Lin
Isaac Lute
Claire MacLaughlin
Haley Martin
Sara Marusic
Brooke Mason
Kate Mason
Juliann Mattis
Mary McElwain
Senna Mieth
Amanda Miller
Noah Mizer
Christian Moreland
Chandler Morin
Lydia Muldoon
Katelyn Nowinski
Yewon Oh
Olexa Owens
Brianna Pecourt
Amanda Peters
Isabelle Petersen
Callia Peterson
Ella Peterson
Stella Petras
Morgan Plagenz
Summer Powell
Prateeksha Prabhakar
Henry Redder
Maxwell Robins
Eric Rowan
Quinlin Scherl
Mack Schlembach
Christopher Schueler

Emma Schueler
Anna Schuler
Madeline Sells
Joshua Shepherd
Lydia Silver
Arjoo Sitaula
Sofia Sivilotti
Peter Spofforth
Andrew Stathulis
Paige Stevenson
Josephine Stewart
Daley Straub
Lilli Swanson
Sarah Thyer
Skylar Trent
Benjamin Turner
Benjamin Underwood
Isabella VanMeter
Abby Vitali
Avery Voss
Walter Waligura
Yue Wang
Alain Welliver
Alexander Wilkins
Nora Will
Thomas Wolfe
Evelyn Wu
Kaiwen Wu
Jian Chen Yan
Maxen Yerington
Zachary Yoakam
Owyn Young
Riley Zelina
Braden Michael Zeno
Emily Zhang
Rena Zhao



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SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



UACA Celebrates 10 UA Schools Staff Members

The Upper Arlington Civic Association continued its long-standing tradition of honoring the best of the best in Upper Arlington Schools with Golden Apple Awards. Congratulations to the 2021 Golden Apple Award winners from Upper Arlington Schools!

- Barrington Elementary School: **Caren Wildman**, first grade teacher
- Greensview Elementary School: **Sarah Cappel**, intervention specialist
- Hastings Middle School: **Christina Farbizo**, school counselor
- Jones Middle School: **Darrion House**, intervention specialist
- Tremont Elementary School: **Kristin Bugnitz**, media specialist
- Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School: **Sarah Oberlin**, 4 / 5 teacher
- Windermere Elementary School: **Jennifer Barrow**, first grade teacher
- Upper Arlington High School: Dr. **Kathy Moore**, college counselor

- Upper Arlington Schools: **Irene Hunt**, Director of Nutritional Services
- COVID-19 Award: **Gina Rancitelli**, RN, BSN, COVID nurse coordinator

45 UAHS Students Receive Service Awards

With a combined total of more than 4,500 hours of service, 45 Upper Arlington High School students were honored this spring as recipients of the 2021 President's Volunteer Service Award. These awards are given in two categories, Young Adult and Teen, based on the graduating class of the recipient. Congratulations to this year's recipients!

Class of 2021

- **Young Adult Awards Gold: 250 hours** – Carlyn Geraghty
- **Young Adult Awards Bronze: 100 hours** – Abigail Ali, Ellyona Anderson, John Blue, Kathleen Byrne, Madeline Chamberlain, Audrey Elvers, Isabelle Fisher,

Madeline Fisher, Caitlin Gray, Piper Hiller, Henry Matthew Kredatus, Kate Mason, Jacob Shanklin, Sofia Sivilotti, and Hannah Sprouse

Class of 2022

- **Young Adult Awards Gold: 250 hours** – Rebecca Chen
- **Young Adult Awards Silver: 175 hours** – Matthew Abel and Alana Becker
- **Young Adult Awards Bronze: 100 hours** – Ashley Gilmour, Olivia Howe, Allyson Miller, Julia Molnar, Mallory Tolliver, and Eleanor Watson

Class of 2023

- **Teen Awards Gold: 100 hours** – Brayden Daubenmier, Avery Golowin, Meredith Hanosek, Marlee Jupp, Nathan Narcelles, and Ryan Sivakumar
- **Teen Awards Silver: 75 hours** – Nayeon Kang
- **Teen Awards Bronze: 50 hours** – Julia Buster, Annie Hu and Sophie Miller

Class of 2024

- **Teen Awards Gold: 100 hours** – Josh Brown and Skylar Burkle
- **Teen Awards Silver: 75 hours** – Abby Black and Corina Villena-Aldama
- **Teen Award Bronze: 50 hours** – Kathryn Brooks, Natalia Caruso, Logan Daubenmier, Dominic Delgado, Olivia Elvers, and Layla Swartz

Art Students Honored With Dozens of Awards

Congratulations to all of the Upper Arlington High School art students who have been recognized in regional and state competitions this spring!

Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Competition

Twelve Upper Arlington High School students received a combined 23 awards in the 2021 regional Scholastic Art & Writing Competition. Receiving Gold Key awards were Caitlin Curran (drawing); Sophia Shen (digital art); and Ava Taylor (painting). Receiving Silver Key awards were Penelope Clark (expanded projects); Caitlin Curran (drawing); Hayden Jay (drawing); Sophia Shen (drawing); and Daomanii Tiengkham (drawing). Receiving honorable mentions were Adiah Bonham (painting); Blake Burkle (drawing); Caitlin Curran

(drawing); Emma Jinschek (painting); Caroline Kegg (drawing); Monica Olvera (mixed media); Ava Taylor (drawing); Daomanii Tiengkham (drawing and art portfolio); and Emma Wang (drawing).

Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition State Winners

Six UAHS students had works selected for the state exhibition: Blake Burkle, painting; Caitlin Curran, drawing; Avery Hardgrove, photography; Ava Taylor, drawing; Bella VanMeter, photography; and Emma Wang, drawing and painting. Ava Taylor's submission, Ripples, was also selected for the Top 25 Awards.

Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition Regional Winners

Eleven UAHS students were honored as regional winners in categories that included drawing, photography and painting. Congratulations to: Samuel Buchieri, Blake Burkle, Iris Cameron, Penelope Clark, Caitlin Curran, Avery Hardgrove, Stella Petras, Ava Taylor, Daomanii Tiengkham, Bella VanMeter and Emma Wang.

UAHS Teacher Honored as COSI 2021 STEM Star

Amanda Fountain, an Upper Arlington High School communications teacher and the adviser for WARL, the school's broadcast TV station, was recognized this spring as the 2021 COSI STEM Star representing the Upper Arlington community.

Over the past year, Fountain and her students have stepped up to fill a gap caused by the pandemic. Thanks to a grant from the Upper Arlington Education Foundation, she purchased live-streaming equipment and created an authentic, STEM-related service-learning opportunity for her students.

Since the fall of 2020, her students have learned to operate the new equipment and acquired technical, communication and problem-solving skills along the way. And, most importantly, they have given families, students and spectators access to countless athletic, theatrical and school events from within the safety and comfort of their homes.

Fountain credits the Upper Arlington High School Athletics Department team of Tony Pusateri and Spencer Smith for coming to her with this idea as a learning opportunity for students. "Students had the opportunity to learn, connect, and engage because our district chose to embrace the 'Serve, Lead, Succeed' vision years ago," she said. "Ultimately, with this mantra, the possibilities are endless with a little imagination and dedication to putting students at the center of their learning journey."

Golden Bear Bash!

The Upper Arlington Education Foundation (UA+Ed) invites you to celebrate the 15th annual Golden Bear BASH! September 5, the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. This year's FUNdraiser has been reimagined and will offer options for celebrating virtually or in person. Tickets are limited, so act fast.

Proceeds from the BASH benefit UA+Ed's mission to provide meaningful opportunities for each and every student. Sponsorships begin at \$100 and are available at [UAEducationFoundation.com](https://www.uaeducationfoundation.com).

Be sure to follow UA+Ed on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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Fifth-grade students marked the end of their elementary years with clap-outs, promotion ceremonies and more.



Thanks to a grant from the Upper Arlington Education Foundation, all elementary students enjoyed a virtual learning opportunity in May with award-winning author-illustrator Dan Santat.



The Upper Arlington High School Class of 2021 decked out vehicles for the second-ever senior car parade, which wound around the high school neighborhood following the commencement ceremony on May 30.



The Upper Arlington High School Class of 2021 gathered behind the scenes at the Schottenstein Center prior to the commencement ceremony.



Our schools ended the year with games and fun activities for our hard-working students.



Band and Orchestra students celebrated their learning with concerts to end the school year.

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UA High School farewell

After nearly 65 years of service to the students, staff and residents of this community, Upper Arlington High School marked its last day of operation following the final day for students on May 27. In preparation for this milestone, alumni, families and community members were welcomed into the building for a final walk-through in April, hosted by the Upper Arlington Alumni Association and the Upper Arlington Education Foundation. Upper Arlington High School also welcomed back the Class of 2020 to walk to their old classrooms, see their teachers and have an official graduation photo opportunity on the stage of the auditorium.

In June, work began to demolish the old building, which will be done with great care, especially in the area built on the site of the Litchford family cemetery. The new Upper Arlington High School, the new Windermere Elementary School and the Barrington Elementary School renovation project are all on budget and on schedule to open for the start of the 2021-2022 school year in August.



Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

Providing clear and transparent communication about the state of the district's finances is one of our major commitments to the community,



and we take that commitment very seriously. There are two documents that you can find on our website to get a clear look at our district's finances.

The first is the five-year financial forecast. This is a legally required report that covers three years of actual data and five years of anticipated revenues and expenditures. Every November, I present a new five-year forecast to the Board of Education, and then in May I go through the process of updating the forecast. This serves as an important check-in point for the district, helping us keep a clear view on our financial outlook and the impact of future needs.

The five-year forecast has served as a guide as we have creatively sought out cost efficiencies over the past year. So far, we have achieved approximately \$4.6 million in cost savings, primarily through a three-year hiring freeze on new positions. There are a few exceptions to this, including the new positions needed for the start of all-day

kindergarten this fall. The Board of Education has been planning for all-day kindergarten for some time, and our five-year forecast reflects that. We are excited about the opportunities it will provide our younger learners to lay an even stronger foundation for their academic journey in our schools.

Additionally, we prepare a document for our community that we call our Financial Update. This report is meant to provide residents with a clear and concise look at the district's finances. It details the sources of our funding, how that money is used and other topics that may affect district finances. As with all district publications, we welcome feedback so we can continue to refine the report each year.

You can see the 2020-2021 Financial Update and five-year forecast at www.uaschools.org/treasurer.aspx. If you would like to learn more about the district's finances, look through the resources available on our website or contact me at treasurer@uaschools.org.

2020-21 SCHOOL DATES

Staff Convocation

Monday, August 16

Staff In-Service Day

Tuesday, August 17

First Day for Students

Wednesday, August 18

Kindergarten and First Grade Orientation

Wednesday, August 18 - Thursday, August 19

No School for Students or Staff: Labor Day

Monday, September 6

For the full 2021-2022 school year calendar, visit:
www.uaschools.org/calendars.aspx

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2021 Upper Arlington Board of Education

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



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

Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, August 10, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, September 14, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, October 12, 6 pm – Council Chamber

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BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



A Look at Our Current Services

With the lifting of state mandates and progress made on our staff shortage, we're pleased to now offer indoor service at all three branches.

Here's what you can expect at each of our locations.

Our Main Library is feeling much like it did before the pandemic. All public departments are open, and Reference librarians have moved back to their home base in the lower level. Tables, seating, public computers, and the new Early Learning Play Area are all available. We're also once again offering passport processing, test proctoring, and one-on-one technology appointments. The Main Library continues to offer curbside pickup.



Our Lane Road branch opened for limited services on May 17. Patrons can browse the collection and pick up holds. A limited number of public computers are available.

The Miller Park branch opened for limited services on June 7. Patrons can browse the collection and pick up holds, but as of press time, computers are not available.

At press time, library staff, volunteers and vendors are still wearing face masks. Mask-wearing by patrons is appreciated, but optional for those who are vaccinated.

This fall, in-person programming will return to each of our locations. We're currently exploring the best ways to present storytimes, gardening and art talks, concerts and other programs. We're also looking at opening our meeting rooms for public use sometime this summer.

After a year of relaxed circulation policies, our return to normal will also include a return to billing notices for long-overdue items. You'll receive email reminders when items are due and ultimately a billing notice for anything not returned.

Keep up-to-date on our current offerings by visiting www.ualibrary.org/services-info.

Summer Reading Club Continues Through July 31

We're about halfway through this year's "Tails and Tales" Summer Reading Club!

It's easy for readers of all ages to participate. Visit <http://read.ualibrary.org> through July 31 to register and be entered into a gift card drawing. Pick up, download, or create your own reading log, then track the days you read. We suggest 15-20 minutes each day, but feel free to set your own goal.

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



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

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

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



The Early Learning Play Area opened to the public on June 1 with a ribbon cutting ceremony thanking the generous donors who made it possible. Representatives from the Upper Arlington Community Foundation, the Friends of the UA Library, the UA Rotary, and the Tri-Village Rotary were on hand to help with the opening and to check out the new space.





A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Beth Hatch

it was the right tax form, historical records for a genealogy project, a good book to read, a newspaper article, or recommendations on the best car to buy. Connecting people to what they need is at the heart of what Libraries do, and we invest in highly trained expert Librarians who can help you find what you are looking for.

A few years ago, a woman came into the Library for assistance with finding resources when her husband was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Several of our librarians worked with her over a few weeks trying to identify organizations that could help with treatment and long-term care. A few months later, she sent

a letter expressing her gratitude and letting the staff who helped her know that he got medical treatment through a VA clinic and found a retirement home through his affiliation with the Freemasons. She wrote, "Your great service and dedication have saved my husband's life."

This is just one example of how the knowledgeable staff at UAPL provides personalized guidance with abundant resources to get what you need and can transform lives. If you need help, or if you're not really sure what you need, start with us. You can reach our staff via phone, email, or in person.

Fifteen years ago, I graduated with my Master's of Library and Information Science degree and began my first full-time job as a reference librarian. I spent the first several years of my career using my research skills to teach computer classes, and to help people find what they were looking for whether

Friends of the Library Reopens Bookstore

Two questions we frequently heard over the past year were "Can I donate books to the Friends?" and "Can I buy books from the Friends?" We're happy to announce that we can now answer "Yes!" to those questions!

The Friends' donation carts have returned to the Main Library, so you can drop off your good-condition books, DVDs, CDs, VHS, vinyl, and audiobooks anytime during our operating hours.

For those with larger donations, the Friends will hold drive-up donations days on Saturday, July 24 from 10 am-2 pm in the Main Library's parking lot, and on Sunday, August 27 from 1-4 pm in the Main Library's curbside lane. Please box or bag your donations if possible.

Please note the Friends can't accept regular National Geographics older than one year, encyclopedias, or textbooks older than five years.

A 2021 tax deduction letter is available at the cashier desk or upon request.

If you're looking to add to your collection rather than downsize it, the



Friends' sales areas are now open in the Main Library's atrium and on the Lane Road Library's first floor.

The Friends have also planned a two-day Media Sale in the Main Library's atrium on Friday, July 9 from 10 am-5 pm, and Saturday, July 10 from 10 am-4 pm. The sale will feature a large

selection of vinyl LPs, DVDs, and CDs, plus some fiction books.

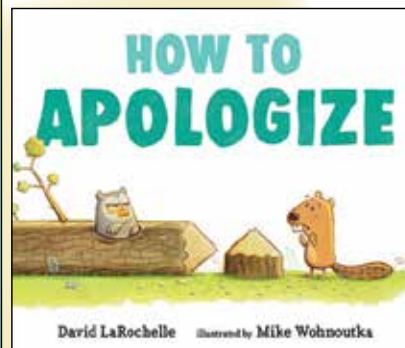
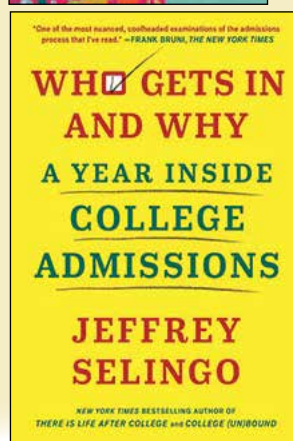
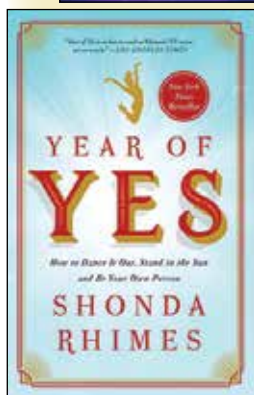
The vinyl offerings include records from very generous and knowledgeable donors whose extensive collections included R&B, classical, blues, jazz, and rock. The genres in this latter category include albums from performers whose works were seminal in the development of Psychedelic, Progressive, Folk Rock, etc. from the mid-1960s through the 1980s and later. Many of these releases are original issues, complete with original inner sleeves, inserts, and gatefolds in excellent condition. The Friends have put these individually priced special items in glassine sleeves. The Friends accept cash and checks at both the Main and Lane Road Libraries, and accept debit/credit cards at the Main Library. Card transactions incur a 2.8% fee.

OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

Who Gets In and Why By Jeffrey J. Selingo

An in-depth look at the college admissions process from a journalist who spent a year inside the admissions offices of a handful of colleges and universities. Selingo gives a detailed look at how the admission process plays out while following four students through their decision-making process. As you read the dialogue of the admissions officers discussing various students and their credentials, it's heartbreaking to hear a final no, but also very insightful for both parents and students to put some sort of reasoning behind any rejection letter they may receive. If you have a student planning to go to college someday, *Who Gets In and Why* is an interesting read that will help give a better understanding of the entire college admission process from the flyers you receive in the mail to the final offer of acceptance or rejection.

— Beth Casement, Miller Park



Aru Shah and the End of Time By Roshani Chokshi

Aru Shah lives in the Museum of Ancient Indian Art and Culture with her mom. One day, in an attempt to impress her "friends," Aru lights a lamp and accidentally frees an ancient demon

called the Sleeper. Suddenly, time stands still. She soon discovers she is a Pandava, a reincarnation of one of the five warriors in the ancient Hindu epic the Mahabharata. In order to restore time and save her mother, she bands together with a powerful being shaped like a pigeon and a knowledgeable but anxious fellow Pandava named Mini.

How to Apologize By Mike LaRochelle

Saying "I'm sorry" can sometimes be the hardest thing you'll ever do. This handy guidebook offers kids who are just learning about responsibility (and adults who could use a refresher) practical tips and examples to help recognize when and how to apologize. A good reminder that something that can be complicated doesn't have to be hard.

— Laura Griffin, Technical Services

Untamed By Glennon Doyle

Untamed is an intimate memoir and a wake-up call for women to look at ourselves, trust ourselves, honor our bodies, make peace with anger, and recognize our truest instincts. Doyle discovers a family is not its structure, but the ability to bring everything you have to the table, while engaging all family members to do the same. A complete "wholeness," that is family. Does a good mother slowly die for her child or does she teach them how to live fully? How can you navigate divorce and form a new family, or do you sink into a depression of "it will never happen!" Doyle insists: "The braver we are, the luckier we get."

— Vita Marinello, Adult Services

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www.ualibrary.org/adultservices

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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Quarantine of Items Discontinued

All Central Library Consortium (CLC) member libraries, including the Upper Arlington Library, have discontinued quarantining returned library books, DVDs and other items. You'll no longer experience a four-day delay in having your returns checked in and removed from your account.

Booked on Tuesday

We recently launched a new way to casually connect with other book fans about your latest reads. Visit our Facebook page on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. Look for

the #BookedOnTuesday post from the Library and add your recommendations and questions in the comments section. Find more info at <https://www.ualibrary.org/booked-on-tuesday>.

StoryWalk at Fancyburg Park

Stop by the playground at Fancyburg Park to explore the new StoryWalk book, *Summer Color* by Diana Murray. Thank you to the Friends of the UA Library for purchasing the story panels every season!

Stream Movies and TV Shows for Free

Still learning about streaming? Join our Technology and Media Librarian Donna

Matturri at a Zoom program on Thursday, July 8 at 7 pm. You'll discover how to use your library card to stream classics, international films, and documentaries. Register for this program at <https://ualibrary.libnet.info/event/5193172>.

4th of July Parade

A beloved UA celebration is back, and we'll be there! Look for your friendly librarians in this year's 4th of July parade.

Red Cross Blood Drive

There's a critical need for blood donations, and you can help by donating at the Red Cross Blood Drive at the Main Library on Thursday, July 29 and Friday, August 13 from 11 am-4 pm. Visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code "UAPL" to make your appointment.

Perfect for fans of Percy Jackson, Aru Shah is fun, brave and relatable, and I wish she existed when I was nine.

— Emma Root, Lane Road

back in sharing her experiences, which is part of what makes this such a rewarding and memorable read.

— Nancy Byron, Miller Park

Year of Yes

By Shonda Rhimes

Despite being a wildly successful TV writer (*Grey's Anatomy*, *Scandal*, and *How to Get Away with Murder*), Shonda Rhimes always felt uncomfortable accepting invitations to appear on talk shows, give speeches, or even attend events where she'd have to mingle and make small talk with other high-powered individuals. Then a quiet comment from one of her sisters during a holiday gathering challenged Rhimes to say "Yes" for a whole year to invitations that frightened her. The resulting stories are both entertaining and thought provoking. Rhimes writes in her own easy and engaging voice as she explores topics like self-image, anxiety, being a professional liar (her words), trying to do it all (she doesn't), and embracing your inner badass. The two big speeches she gives during her year-long experiment — one at a Dartmouth graduation and the other when receiving an award at the Women in Entertainment breakfast — are not to be missed! She holds nothing

Milk Blood Heat: Stories

By Dantiel W. Moniz

There's something marvelous about the short story format; when done well, it gives readers a brief glimpse into a complex and detailed universe. Moniz masters this in her debut collection, providing insight into the lives of black girls and women while contemplating themes of girlhood, race, grief, inheritance, love, temptation, motherhood and human connection. Each beautiful and complex story is set amongst the lush and balmy backdrop of the cities and suburbs of northern Florida and will leave readers contemplating what should have happened, what might happen, and how they might react if they encountered the same situations. While not for the faint of heart, this book is for lovers of language, southern fiction, and short stories.

— Jen Downing, Adult Services



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COMMUNITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

UA Farmers Market

4-7 pm, Wednesdays

Tremont Pool Parking Lot

getfreshmarkets.org

UA's popular Farmers Market is held every Wednesday, rain or shine. Visit the Get Fresh Markets website for full details. **BUY ANOTHER PROGRAM** - the market features a "Buy Another" Neighbor Foods pilot program in partnership with First Community's Heart to Heart Food Pantry.

Music in the Parks

7-8:30 p.m., Thursdays

UA Cultural Arts | upperarlingtonoh.gov

Enjoy our socially distanced, free summer concert series.

July 1 Largemouth Brass Band
Thompson Park

July 8 Victorious KayBirds
Thompson Park

July 15 The Deeptones
Thompson Park

Fourth of July Celebrations

Sunday, July 4

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

The day includes the traditional Parade, beginning at 9 am and traveling south along Northwest Boulevard from Kingsdale. Then Party in the Park is back at Northam Park beginning at 5 pm, with live music, followed by fireworks at 10 pm. Visit the UACA website for updates on this year's event plans.

Movies in the Park

7:30 pm Fridays

In partnership with the UA Civic Association

UA Parks & Rec | upperarlingtonoh.gov

July 9 The Croods: A New Age (PG)
Family Camp Out, Sunny 95 Park

July 15* The Sandlot (PG)
Summer Celebration, Thompson Park
*Thursday, starts at 9 pm

August 13 Back to the Future (PG)
Thompson Park

Summer Celebration

Thursday, July 15

Thompson Park

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Watch for details of a scaled-back version of Summer Celebration on the City's website and social media.

Nationwide Children's Golf Tournament

August 26-29

OSU Golf Course

An opportunity to enjoy professional level golf close to home, with free admission throughout the tournament.

Golden Bear Bash

6-10 pm, Sunday, Sept. 5

UA Education Foundation

www.goldenbearbash.com

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

Labor Day Arts Festival

10 am-4 pm, Monday, Sept. 6

Northam Park

UA Cultural Arts | 614-583-5310

Watch for details of a scaled-back version of the Labor Day Arts Festival on the City's website and social media.

UACA Labor Neighbor Day

Monday, Sept. 6

Reed Road Park

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

Featuring bike races for kids up to 15 yrs. and a whiffle ball tournament. Visit the UACA website for full details.