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***THE Stand PROJECT***

The City, Schools & Library are pleased to partner with The Stand Project on a COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE special pullout section.

SEE THE PLAYERS, THE COURSE & MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY!

VISIT 2016USSENIOROPEN.COM
2016 U.S. Senior Open Golf Championship Comes to Scioto Country Club

Don’t miss the excitement August 8-14, when world-class golf descends on Upper Arlington, as Scioto Country Club celebrates its Centennial and welcomes the U.S. Senior Open Championship.

After a 30-year hiatus, Scioto Country Club is set to once again host championship golf! Don’t miss the excitement as the 37th U.S. Senior Open comes to town and Scioto celebrates its 100th birthday. The City is honored to serve as host community for the Championship and welcome one of the best fields of the year in senior golf to Upper Arlington. Some of the players expected to compete for their place in history, include: Fred Couples, John Daly, Tom Watson, Colin Montgomerie, Bernhard Langer, Vijay Singh and John Cook.

The Championship will put Upper Arlington and Scioto on a global stage the week of August 8–14, with 18 hours of live television coverage on FOX and international broadcast distribution to over 100 countries.

When the excitement begins for this community-focused event, there are a number of convenient ways Upper Arlington residents attending the U.S. Senior Open can access the golf course. A bicycle valet service is available all week at the Club Road admissions gate for fans wishing to ride to the event. On-street parking is available on Asbury and Onandaga drive, providing convenient access to the Lane Avenue admissions gate.

We hope to see you at the U.S. Senior Open as our amazing community comes together at Scioto Country Club to add another chapter to the legacy and rich tradition of Upper Arlington.

Ticket and Event Information

Daily and weekly ticket options are available starting at $25. The Championship also provides free general admission to children 17 and under who are accompanied by a ticketed adult. Visit www.2016ussenioropen.com to learn more about the Championship and to purchase your tickets.

Championship Schedule

- August 8, 9 & 10 – practice rounds
  (gates open at 7 a.m.)
- August 9 – “Run To The Championship” 4-mile run/walk from Kingsdale to Scioto Country Club, 7pm start. Visit runtothechampionship.com
- August 11 & 12 – Championship Rounds 1 and 2, 7:30 a.m. start times from 1st and 10th tees (gates open at 7 a.m.)
- August 13 & 14 – Championship Rounds 3 and 4, start times approx. 8-9 a.m. from 1st tee (gates open at 7 a.m.)

Parkway Park to be Renamed in Honor of UA’s Own Legendary Golfer, Jack Nicklaus

How many communities can claim to be the childhood home for an individual who is internationally acknowledged as the very best at his or her sport of choice? UA has the distinction of being among the few with such a claim, and it just happens to be for one of the more popular sports—golf—and one of the best known sports legends, THE “Golden Bear,” Jack Nicklaus.

Jack Nicklaus is a man of extraordinary accomplishment, from his competitive career to his work designing world-class golf courses and as the force behind internationally renowned golf championships such as the Memorial Golf Tournament. With the unyielding support of his wife, Barbara, the Nicklaus family has raised and donated millions of dollars for Nationwide Children’s Hospital, helping to make it one of the most highly regarded children’s hospital systems in the country.

At the June 13 City Council Meeting, Council approved a Resolution to rename Parkway Park as Jack Nicklaus Park, beginning a process that will result in a privately funded tribute at the east end of the park, close to Mr. Nicklaus’ childhood home on Coventry Road.

It’s fitting to be able to bestow this honor on Mr. Nicklaus at this time, as the U.S. Senior Open Championship at the Scioto Country Club rapidly approaches in celebration of the club’s 100th anniversary. It has been 30 years since Scioto last hosted a major golf championship, and it’s thanks to the efforts of Mr. Nicklaus that our community is readying to play host to the thousands of visitors who will attend the tournament and to showcase all that we have to offer as the tournament is televised and watch by millions across the nation and beyond.
The City’s Community Development Department and Economic Development Division continue to have first-hand experience of unprecedented levels of reinvestment in the Upper Arlington community. In the Spring 2016 edition of this newsletter we shared that construction values for numerous commercial and residential projects had reached $36 million by the end of April, more than double the value reached during the same period in 2015. Fast forward to statistics through June and the level of investment has reached $57 million. Here’s a sampling of the projects that are putting us on track for another record-breaking year:

- **OhioHealth** – 26,620 square foot, two-story medical office facility at 3363 Tremont Road. Anticipated completion spring 2017.
- **Columbus Aesthetic & Plastic Surgery** – 19,422 square foot, two-story medical office building at 5005 Arlington Centre Boulevard. Expected completion late fall 2016.
- **Shops on Lane Avenue outbuilding** – 6,623 square foot, one-story retail building for two tenants. Expected completion winter 2016.
- **Tremont Elementary School Phases I and II** – 12,169 square foot addition of classroom space and media center to open fall 2016, and 10,780 square foot gymnasium addition and extensive interior renovations, under construction;
- **Twelve new single family homes** – various locations.

**On the Horizon**

- **Brassica Restaurant** – 1442 W. Lane Avenue. Anticipated completion spring 2017.
- **3040 Riverside Drive** – improvements to existing two buildings, totalling 35,000 square feet, to include two elevators. The City is providing a $45,000-$90,000 forgivable loan/grant if the property owner meets various improvement and leasing/payroll requirements.
- **Sands Decker CPS expansion** – this professional services firm, located at 1495 Old Henderson Road is purchasing and making significant upgrades to this 6,000 square foot building. The City is providing a $42,000 forgivable loan/grant to assist with more than $150,000 in building improvements, subject to Sands Decker adding 10 positions and meeting other requirements as outlined by its agreement with the City.
- **New Avenue Architects and Engineers, LLC** – this firm is almost doubling its practice’s footprint at 4740 Reed Road, and adding eight employees and expanding its annual payroll. The City is providing a $20,000 forgivable loan/grant to retain this firm in UA for a minimum of 10 years, provided it meets all requirements outlined by its agreement with the City.

On July 18, 2016, the Board of Zoning and Planning Meeting approved the Arlington Gateway proposal on Lane Avenue, subject to two variances and 18 conditions that must be satisfied by April 2017 in order for the project to proceed. The proposal includes a seven-story mixed-use building with a 471-space parking garage, 14,000 square feet of ground floor retail, 18,670 square feet of second-floor office space and 85 apartments and condominiums on floors three-seven. It would be on the site currently occupied by Darron’s Furniture and a two-story mixed-used building.
Recall Special Election for Four Council Members Set for Tuesday, August 23, 2016

**NOTICE:** The following has been prepared to provide factual information associated with the upcoming special election as a resource for residents, and does not represent an endorsement by the City of either side of the issue. Additional details can be found at www.uaoh.net under the Headlines section, including links to background documents, proponent/opponent websites and more.

At a Monday, July 18, 2016 Special City Council Meeting, Council voted to schedule a recall special election for Tuesday, August 23, 2016. This followed the certification of four petitions filed with the Franklin County Board of Elections on June 17, 2016. The four Council members subject to the recall are John C. Adams, David DeCapua, President Debbie Johnson and Vice President Francis (Kip) Greenhill.

**Recall Petition Details**
The petition process to recall members of City Council was begun in August of 2015. The proposed reasons for the recall are set forth in the petitions as follows:

**General Statement of Grounds for Removal**

*The grounds upon which the recall is sought (as stated on the petitions) are:*

1. **Taxpayer deception associated with the passage of Issue 23 in 2014 increasing the City’s income tax 25% (from 2% to 2.5%) wherein residents were told that 100% of the revenues generated would be used to repair and maintain roads, curbs, gutters, bridges, water and sewer lines, yet now the City intends to spend millions of dollars redesigning Northam Park; and**

2. **Lack of citizen input in the redesign of Northam Park, which now includes plans for a community center when Upper Arlington residents have on three previous occasions voted against having a community center; and**

3. **Denying citizens a vote on the redesign of Northam Park; and**

4. **Fiscal irresponsibility.**

**Issue 23 Ballot Language from November 2014 Election**

“Shall the Ordinance, providing for a two and one-half percent (2.5%) levy on income earned on and after January 1, 2015 and providing that the revenue resulting from the one-half percent (0.5%) increase be dedicated for the sole purposes of capital improvements, maintenance and repair of streets and other physical properties, and the payment of principal and interest on debt issued by the City for such purposes, be passed?”

Documents and media stories were shared in the lead up to the election that included a full breakdown of the categories contained in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), parks infrastructure included. Some informational pieces from the City focused on streets, water and sewer lines without mention of parks because these categories represent about 75% of the total CIP. Links to these documents can be found on the Recall Special Election webpage at www.uaoh.net. They include:

- The Citizen Financial Review Task Force Report, mailed to all UA homes in the Summer 2014 UA Insight newsletter;
- CIP information and tables in the 2013 and 2014 Popular Annual Financial reports, mailed to all UA households;
- Presentation slide used at numerous community meetings on Issue 23;
- Fall 2014 This Week Upper Arlington News articles on Issue 23.

**Council Action Concerning Northam Park Improvements**

Most of the reasons reference the Northam Park improvement process. City Council has only taken three actions specific to Northam Park: To build a new swimming pool; to build a new playground; directing staff to undertake a comprehensive review and community engagement process relative to the community’s parks and facilities, Northam Park included. Below is a summary of the timeline associated with the Northam Park issue:

- On September 15, 2015, City Council passed a motion affirming that the CIP does not include plans or funding for a community center and that the City will not budget or appropriate City funds to construct a community center at any point in the future without a vote of the people.

- On January 25, 2016 City Council passed a motion directing the City Manager to only proceed with a new pool and playground and related infrastructure at Northam Park and to proceed with the City Manager’s recommendation to engage in an extensive parks review and community engagement process prior to considering any future major park improvements.

- An extensive community engagement process was conducted February–May of 2016 relative to designs for the new pool and playground at Northam Park – the Northam Park Phase II project.

- On May 2, 2016, schematic designs resulting from the community
engagement and design process were presented to City Council. Implementation of this project is on track, with a completion and opening goal of summer 2017 for the new Tremont Pool and Northam Park playground.

- The recall petitions were filed with the Franklin County Board of Elections on June 17, 2016, 10 months after petitions were initially circulated.

**Protest of One Recall Petition**

On June 27, a protest to the petition for Kip (Francis) Greenhill was filed by UA resident and registered voter Priscilla Mead. Ms. Mead is a former City Council Member, Council President, and former State Senator and State Representative. Her protest was relative to the name used on the petition. It used Kip instead of Mr. Greenhill’s given name of Francis. The City did not direct and was not involved in the filing of the protest by Priscilla Mead.

The Board of Elections considered the protest arguments at its Friday, July 15, 2016 board meeting. The Board ruled that the petition was valid because Mr. Greenhill is known by his nickname. The Board also certified all four of the petitions at this meeting.

**Timing of Recall Election**

Once the petitions were certified by the Board on July 15, 2016, City Council was required by law to schedule a special election for the recall ballot issue. The special election must occur between 30-40 days following certification of the petitions by the Board of Elections.

To that end, on July 18, 2016, City Council voted 6-0 to hold the special election on Tuesday, August 23, 2016.

**Costs Associated with a Recall Special Election**

The City of Upper Arlington is responsible by law for the costs of the Board of Elections conducting a special election. A special election will cost the City an estimated $63,000, per the Board of Elections. By law, the City must also reimburse all costs associated with opposing the recall that may be incurred by the subject Council members, in the event that each member retains his/her seat on Council.

Had the recall process proceeded without a protest, the special election timing could have coincided with an August 2 election date already scheduled for a City of Columbus issue. The City would not have been able to split the entire cost of the special election with the City of Columbus. The Board of Elections estimated that the maximum savings would have been less than $5,000 since there is little overlap of polling locations (two) between Columbus and Upper Arlington.

**Council Members Affected by the Recall Effort**

The petitions filed June 17 are to recall President Debbie Johnson, Vice President Kip (Francis) Greenhill, and Council members John C. Adams and David DeCapua. Debbie Johnson and David DeCapua are currently serving second terms that will end mid-January 2018. Since Council seats are term limited to two terms, they would not be eligible for reelection in November 2017 for 2018-22 terms. Kip (Francis) Greenhill and John C. Adams are currently serving their first terms on City Council. They would be eligible for reelection in November 2017 for 2018-22 terms.

**Process for Replacing Council Members Following a Recall Election**

If a recall special election results in the removal of one or more Council members, then Section 4 of the City Charter requires the vacancy or vacancies be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of City Council. The newly appointed Council members would serve the remainder of the unexpired terms pursuant to Section 4 of the City Charter. Should these members wish to continue to serve as members of City Council, they would be required to run for their first full terms (2018-22) at the November 2017 election.

The City encourages you to be informed on this issue and to vote on August 23.
CITY STREETS

Tremont Road, Phase I & II Substantially Complete

Upper Arlington’s “main street” has undergone a welcome transformation over the past two construction seasons. It had been 60 years since Tremont Road last experienced any significant reconstruction, so this project was more than overdue, especially in light of the significant reinvestment that has taken place along this busy corridor in recent years, Kingsdale Shopping Center included.

The entire reconstruction project spans from Lane Avenue north to Kenny Road, and represents the City’s first “complete street,” with the addition of shared-use paths, sidewalks, bicycle lanes and safe crossing points for pedestrians. The section running from Kenny Road south to Zollinger Road has been converted to a three-lane configuration, with middle turn lane, and landscaped islands within the section immediately adjacent to Kingsdale. The intersection of Tremont Road, Abington Road and Canterbury Road has been greatly improved from a safety perspective with the addition of a small roundabout. And along the entire route, new streetlights with arms for hanging baskets, street trees and landscaping improvements have helped set the stage for a main street we can all be proud of.

At a total cost of $14.5 million, the City was able to secure approximately $6.4 million in alternate funding sources such as a grant and zero interest loan from OPWC, Permissive Tax funds and the Kingsdale TIF.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who lives and works along this busy corridor for your patience and understanding during construction. We hope you enjoy the new Tremont Road for many years to come.

Holiday Refuse Collection Delays
Solid Waste……………………………614-583-5370
- Labor Day, Monday, September 5 – delays all collection zones by one day.
- Veterans Day, Friday, November 11 – collection not affected.
- Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 24 – delays Thursday collection by one day.
Normal service resumes the following week.

Leaf Collection
Streets Division……………………………614-583-5380
The City is providing free leaf collection services from October 24 through mid December, weather permitting. Please follow these guidelines:
- Place loose-raked leaves close to the edge of the street in the tree lawn.
- Leaf piles should not exceed four feet in width and be no further than two feet behind the curb.
- Do not place rocks, sticks or objects in leaf piles.
- Keep piles away from signposts, light poles, trees and mail boxes.
- Do not block storm sewers as this can increase the chance of flooding in the event of a heavy rain.
- When the leaf collection program is not in effect, place leaves in approved biodegradable bags or refuse cans as part of the City’s yard waste collection, or use the free drop-off at SWACO’s regional composting facility on Roberts Road.

The timeframe for collection each year does not change since the Streets Division must fit this service in with other seasonal services, such as summer road maintenance and winter snow removal.

Yard Waste Guidelines
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/35 gallons. Bundles cannot exceed five feet in length or 50 pounds and should be tied with biodegradable string.
- Place at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day.
- Each bundle/container requires one Solid Waste Sticker.

Regional Composting Facility
4100 Roberts Road
Solid Waste……………………………614-583-5370
Yard waste can be dropped off in recyclable yard waste bags free-of-charge at SWACO’s Regional Composting Facility. Accepted items include brush, yard trimmings, sod and grass. Call 614-921-9335 to confirm hours.

Full details of the 2016 construction season can be found at www.uaoh.net under Living in UA | Road Construction Updates. Additionally, we share frequent updates throughout the season via Facebook and Twitter.
CITY MANAGER UPDATE
Theodore J. Staton

Investment in Infrastructure is Paying Off

As motorists start to find their way back onto Tremont Road, it’s a very different experience compared to just two years ago. Gone are the potholes and crumbling curb, replaced by much more than a new road surface.

UA’s main street now matches the quality built environment that surrounds it—the beautiful homes just north of Lane Avenue, passed two commercial districts—the ever popular Tremont Center and the now thriving Kingsdale Center, Northam Park—one of UA’s most popular park destinations, the Tremont Library and Elementary School, the Senior Center, new condominium housing, OSU’s Scarlet and Grey Golf Course and our Municipal Building, all the way up to Kenny Road. Already we are seeing pedestrians and bicyclists taking advantage of the enhanced connectivity along this busy corridor, and the new trees and landscaping help set the stage for what is arguably the most transformative infrastructure project in UA’s recent history.

Since the City “super sized” it’s Capital Improvement Program from a seven-year program to an aggressive 10-year program, from 2014 through 2016 more than $31 million has been invested in our streets, waterlines, bridges, sanitary sewer lines, streetlights and traffic signals. By the close of 2017, it will have been more than $42 million. Our pledge to the community of addressing the backlog of necessary infrastructure maintenance and improvements when we asked for your support of Issue 23 in November 2014 is being realized in a noticeable way.

Our City Engineer, Jackie Thiel, is paying close attention to the positive impact all this investment is having on our community. The most recent street paving conditions rating exercise—a systematic process for measuring road conditions conducted every two years to help the division prioritize projects—shows a marked improvement. For example, the average rating for pavement condition has shifted from 82.7 (out of 100) in 2012 to 88.17 in 2016. Curb conditions have also improved noticeably, from an average of 2.3 in 2012 to 2.1 in 2016 (on a scale of one to five, with one being the best condition).

Since these are averages, there are of course many streets in our community that are still in great need of repair, but I hope that, like me, you are beginning to see a noticeable difference.

Rest assured our efforts will continue in the years ahead. Thanks to the dedicated funding generated from Issue 23, not only are we on track to catch up with critical maintenance that was deferred for too long, we are positioned to keep pace with future infrastructure needs so that we don’t fall behind on our obligations in support of a healthy, vibrant Upper Arlington.

New Police Chief Sworn into Office

The June 13 Council Meeting stood out for many at the City organization and in the community, as City Manager Ted Staton swore Tracy Hahn into office as our new Police Chief.

A Police Chief must reflect the very best of qualities: Diplomacy, leadership, sensitivity, respect, strength, passion, honesty, focus Tracy is all these and more. From the day she joined the Upper Arlington Police Division she set her sights on becoming Police Chief. As she worked her way up through the ranks—from officer to sargeant to lieutenant—she made sure that she was receiving the appropriate training and certifications along the way to prepare her for this role. She has her Master Degree from Tiffin University in Criminal Justice and received her Bachelor’s degree from The Ohio State University in Criminology in 1986. Most recently, she graduated from the FBI National Academy. Prior to that she completed the prestigious Northwestern University School of Police Staffing and Command in 2008 and in 2002 completed the Police Executive Leadership College – a program of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police.

From one survey to the next, safety is one of the primary reasons cited by residents for choosing to live in this community. And the services provided by our Police Division are consistently rated as good or exceptional by approximately 95% of all survey respondents. So we all know our Police Division is doing something right.

These are very trying times for our nation and particularly for our law enforcement community. Law enforcement agencies at all levels must continually adapt to and prepare to address these changing threats. No small task. We are confident that Tracy is right person to lead the Police Division forward in its service to the community.
Public Holidays
City offices are closed in observance of the following holiday:
- Monday, September 5 – Labor Day
- Friday, November 11 – Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving

Public Meetings
CITY CLERK’S OFFICE  614-583-5030
Check the “Public Meetings” link under Upcoming Events on the City’s homepage for dates of City Council meetings, agendas, plus Board and Commission meetings.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery®
Sunday, November 6
As Daylight Savings Time comes to a close, clocks “fall back” one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday morning. The Fire Division advises that this is also a good time to change the batteries in your home’s smoke alarms. This should be done at least once a year, but changing them while changing your clocks serves as a great reminder. Alarms should also be tested once a month and if an alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

Garage/Yard Sales
CODE COMPLIANCE  614-583-5070
Residents may conduct one garage/yard sale during any six-month period not to exceed three consecutive days or two days on two consecutive weekends. Sales may be held 8 a.m.–8 p.m., with items placed for display in a garage or backyard. A brochure that includes signage guidelines can be found under the Community Development section of www.uaoh.net.

Mosquito Awareness
FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
www.myfcph.org  614-525-BITE
Help keep mosquito populations to a minimum—and reduce the need for overnight fogging—by checking your property for areas that can collect water and serve as breeding sites.

Parking Restrictions During OSU Home Football Games
PUBLIC SERVICE  614-583-5350
To address parking, access and safety concerns, the City is again restricting parking for streets in the proximity of The Ohio State University (OSU) campus abutting North Star Road on home OSU football games. Hours of restriction are four hours before and after each game. “No Parking” signs will be posted on the fire hydrant side of the following streets:
- Ashdowne Road;
- Berkshire, Essex, Guilford, Grenoble and Barrington roads between North Star Road and Northwest Boulevard;
- Cardiff and Doone roads between North Star Road and Brandon Road;
- Beaumont Road between Grenoble Road and Lane Avenue.

2015 Popular Annual Financial Report
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  614-583-5280
The 2015 edition of the PAFR is being distributed to all UA households soon. This report provides a user-friendly summary of the City’s financial activities and standing includes special information about the fine work of our safety forces. Electronic versions of previous PAFRs and other financial documents can be found at www.uaoh.net.

Prescription Drug Drop-Off
POLICE DIVISION  614-583-5150
Drop off unwanted, unused or expired prescription medications in the Drug

Grass/Weed Control Guidelines
CODE COMPLIANCE  614-583-5070
The proper care and maintenance of property and landscaping benefits the entire community. City code specifies that grass must not exceed 10 inches in height and should be kept free of noxious weeds. Failure to comply with this guideline will result in notice from the City to rectify the situation within five days, at which time the City will make arrangements to cut the grass/weeds at the owner’s expense.

Shelter & Amelia Mirolo Barn Rentals
PARKS & RECREATION  614-583-5300
If you’re interested in renting the Amelia Mirolo Barn or one of our shelter houses, you can find this information online at www.uaoh.net under Living in UA | Amelia Mirolo Barn. Our rentals are affordable ways to have fun with any group!

2015 Citizen Police Academy
POLICE DIVISION  614-583-5159
September 8 to November 10
Applications due Friday, August 26
Each fall, the Police Division hosts its annual Citizen Police Academy, a chance to take a behind-the-scenes look at law enforcement. Applications are being accepted for the academy’s 11th season. Visit the Police section at www.uaoh.net for details.

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Will you be a part of this year’s academy? Register at www.uaoh.net under Living in UA | Citizen Police Academy.

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
Collection Unit in the lobby of the Municipal Services Center (3600 Tremont Road). The unit is open to the public Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and during evening community meetings. Drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked. For more information about prescription drug abuse and drug drop off locations in close proximity to Upper Arlington, visit the Police Division’s web section at www.uaoh.net.

Sunday Swim at UA High School
PARKS & RECREATION  614-583-5300
Sunday Swim provides a weekly opportunity to enjoy the High School’s indoor aquatics facility, held most Sundays starting in October and running through May, from 1-3 p.m. The cost per visit is $3 for a resident or $20 for a season pass ($40 for a household). Swim lessons are also available.

Old Street Signs for Sale
STREETS DIVISION  614-583-5380
As we update aging street signs, we are making old signs available for purchase. Prices range from $29 to $45 depending on size. Signs are for private use only, and should not be displayed in the public right-of-way or any other location that would cause confusion. Look for the link on the Headlines section of our homepage.

Political Signage Guidelines
As election season approaches, the City wishes to remind residents about the proper display of political yard signs. UA City Government is non-partisan, and City Council does not endorse political candidates. The City is in no position to regulate language on a political sign, as this would infringe upon an individual’s freedom of speech. The City may be able to ask a resident to remove signs only if they are deteriorating or placed in the right-of-way. If you believe either to be the case, call Code Compliance at 614-583-5073. Signs placed on private property are considered private property as well, and theft charges will be filed against individuals taking signs. The City respectfully asks residents to be mindful of the aesthetics of our neighborhoods when placing political signs.

Tips for Parents
• Be sure you know where your child will be trick-or-treating.
• Avoid costumes that are flammable or obstruct vision or movement.
• Supply your child with either light colored clothing or a flashlight.
• Check your child’s candy before s/he eats any. If you think anything has been tampered with, notify Police.

The City’s Pumpkin Patrol strives to keep children safe in a fun way during Beggar’s Night. Marked City trucks with City employee volunteers patrol neighborhoods and are available to assist young children if they become lost, scared, hurt or in need of assistance, and to pass out candy. All trucks are equipped with two-way radios to alert appropriate emergency personnel.

Are 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 useful updates from the City.

Be ready for severe weather—sign up for ALERT Franklin County today!
District Responding to Community Questions About Facilities with Building Tours, Videos

In response to the feedback on the district’s community survey on its facilities master planning process, UA Schools staff members are offering additional opportunities for residents to learn more about the process and the district’s aging school buildings.

By mid-summer, more than 1,000 residents had completed the survey, sharing their thoughts on whether to repair, renovate or rebuild Upper Arlington’s schools.

“We’re reading every comment and getting great insight from the responses,” said Chris Potts, chief operating officer for the district. “The feedback has given us new options to explore and made us realize when we need to offer more details on our research process and the history of our buildings.”

Community members throughout the process have expressed an interest in touring the district’s buildings, which are, on average, more than 60 years old. In response to those requests, district leaders and principals will host tours at all nine school buildings from 5–7 p.m. Tuesday, August 2. Tours will begin at each building at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., but volunteers will be available to catch up any latecomers.

“We want to give community members a realistic picture of our schools—not only what students and parents see every day but also the issues with the major building systems that our maintenance staff is regularly dealing with,” Potts said.

Physical assessments shared with the community in the fall of 2015 revealed that it will cost approximately $188 million to simply maintain and repair the buildings over 15 years. Educational adequacy assessments also shared that fall found that most of the district’s learning environments are undersized and outdated.

Some themes have also emerged from the survey, including questions about the maintenance of the buildings and about why there is no “zero cost” or “do nothing” option.

“Those are excellent questions,” said Superintendent Paul Imhoff, “and our goal is to reach out on as many platforms as possible with the answers.”

Imhoff is recording short videos to answer questions raised through the survey. Those videos have been shared widely on social media and are available for viewing at www.uaschools.org/facilitiesfaqs. There, community members can also find written answers to questions from the community survey and may submit questions of their own.

Imhoff and Potts are also providing the updates by email, through guest columns in the UA News, through small-group meetings being held in homes throughout the community and in larger settings with groups such as the Senior Center, Rotary and Kiwanis.

“This is a huge decision for our community with an enormous impact on the future of education in Upper Arlington,” Potts said. “We’ll do whatever we can to provide as much information and gather as much feedback as possible.”

Imhoff agreed, “The master plan must reflect the wishes of our community. We feel a great responsibility to be completely open and transparent with our process.”

The district is still gathering community feedback through the survey at www.uaschools.org/facilities. Residents interested in a paper copy can call 614-487-5000.

A scientific phone survey, including cell-phones, will be conducted in August and will round out the five points of feedback that Imhoff will use to make a recommendation
SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff

Strategic Plan Having Positive Impact After One Year

As we move into the new school year, we are closing out the first year of our innovative new strategic plan. It has been exciting to see the positive impact our plan is already having on the student experience, and I wanted to share our progress with you.

Our first goal centers around student academic performance. During the 2015-2016 school year, a large group of teachers from across the district worked collaboratively to ensure we have a guaranteed and viable curriculum that is taught with fidelity across the district. These teachers collaborated to identify the priority learning targets in different subject areas and grade levels. At the elementary level, teachers are also implementing a comprehensive literacy framework that includes common language to be used across the district and access to professional resources to support instruction. All of these tools are designed to help our talented teachers focus on their students.

Our second goal is to personalize learning for all of our students. A notable part of that work is to ensure every student has one-to-one access to a technological device. These devices help teachers tailor their instruction to the individual needs of each student in the classroom.

Last year, we rolled out laptops to students in grades six through 12. This year, we are extending the program to our elementary students, who will use an iPad or laptop depending on grade level.

It’s important to stress that these devices in no way replace the extremely important relationship between a student and teacher. Instead, the devices are meant to give students and teachers additional ways to interact as well as open the door to a world of very rich, up-to-date learning materials.

Another important point with this program is that it’s funded through a reallocation of resources. For example, in the past our teachers had to rely heavily on printed textbooks and educational materials. As you can imagine, these are extremely expensive and, in this fast-moving world, become outdated very quickly. We are reallocating the funds we used to spend on hardcopy materials to cover a portion of the costs of this program. To learn more about the costs and funding for our one-to-one technology program, please visit www.uaschools.org/personalizedlearning.

Our third goal is accountability, and we will be releasing our second annual Quality Profile report this fall. This document was created by a committee of residents and educators and is meant to give our community a transparent report on our district’s strengths and areas of need. You can learn more at www.uaschools.org/qualityprofile.

Our fourth goal is efficiency and includes two major projects. The first is the Efficiency Project, which committed to improving the district’s bottom line by $4.5 million by 2017. We’re now 98 percent of the way toward that goal. Our treasurer, Andrew Geistfeld, has much more detail on that project online at www.uaschools.org/efficiency.

Another major efficiency project is our community-wide facilities master planning process. This stems from a recommendation from the community members on our Productivity and Efficiency Work Team, which identified the cost of maintaining our aging facilities as the biggest threat to the district’s financial health. We have had great community participation in this process so far, but we still hope to hear from many more residents regarding the question of whether to repair, renovate or rebuild our schools. Please visit www.uaschools.org/facilities to share your voice and learn more about the process.

That was just a brief overview of what’s happening inside our schools. If you have any questions or would like additional information about any of work I mentioned, please email me at superintendent@uaschools.org or call 614-487-5030.
Golden Bear Bash!
The Upper Arlington Education Foundation invites you to enjoy an evening of fun with friends and neighbors at this year’s Golden Bear Bash! on Sunday, September 4 at the Tremont Center.

Reservations are $60 per person ($70/person after August 27 - no tickets will be sold at the door as it always sells out) and include food and entertainment.

Profits from the Bash! benefit the UA Education Foundation and its mission to privately fund and support programs, materials and opportunities that maintain, strengthen or enrich the students’ environment and educational experiences, the expenses of which exceed the budget of Upper Arlington Schools.

To learn more about the UAEGF and the Bash! or to make your reservations, please visit www.goldenbearbash.com.

Burbank to offer scholarship
Burbank Early Childhood School, a tuition-funded program, will offer a need-based scholarship for families in its part-day or full-day preschool program beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

Burbank administrators and the PTO are collaborating to launch the scholarship program. The scholarship will cover 50 percent of the tuition fees for one year, including Spanish and lunch, and will require a parent to volunteer at the school once a month. The scholarship will be a one-time gift per family.

“High-quality education is so important in early childhood,” said Joe Coffey, director of the school. “This scholarship will help us provide equal access to the education we offer at Burbank.”

Donations for the scholarship program will be sought during the upcoming school year. All donations are tax-deductible. If you are interested in making a donation to the fund or learning more about the scholarship, please call 614-487-5158.

Congratulations to …
UAHS students Morgan Leff, the winner of the 2016 Ohio Wesleyan University History Prize, and Clare Maves, who came in second. Leff’s essay will be published in Ohio Wesleyan Journal of History, and she qualifies for a $32,000 renewable merit scholarship to Ohio Wesleyan.

UAHS students Tory Loux and Claire Mitchell, who received Certificates for Superior Writing through the National Council of Teachers of English’s Achievement Awards in Writing. Fellow UAHS student Lindsey Spangler was also named an honorable nominee.

Upper Arlington High School student Abhik Mazumder, a pianist who was named by the Jazz Arts Group of Columbus as the winner of the Hank Marr High School Jazz Award.

Hastings Middle School teacher Pam Meadows, who was recognized as a Celebrate Teaching Distinguished Educator.

2016 KEY SCHOOL DATES

First Day for Students
Wednesday, August 17

Kindergarten Orientation Days
Wednesday, August 17 – Friday, August 19

Labor Day
Monday, September 5

Early Dismissal
Wednesday, September 28
• Elementary students dismissed at 1 p.m.
• Secondary students dismissed at 1:30 p.m.

End of First Quarter (6th-12th Grades)
Friday, October 14

No School
Monday, October 17

Elementary Conference Window
Monday, October 17 – Friday, October 28

Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, October 26

Elementary Early Dismissal: Staff Professional Day
Thursday, October 27
• No Kindergarten or LIFT classes
• 1st-5th grades dismissed at 11:05 a.m.

End of First Trimester (K-5th Grade)
Friday, November 11

No School
Tuesday, November 8

Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, November 23 – Friday, November 25

End of 2nd Quarter and 1st Semester (6th-12th Grades)
Tuesday, December 20

Winter Break
Wednesday, December 21 – Tuesday, January 2
Back to School Headlines

Online Forms
Each year, Upper Arlington Schools asks the parents and guardians of returning students to verify and/or update important information such as medical history and emergency contact numbers. These back-to-school forms are completed online.

Families should have received emails containing secure links to their students’ back-to-school forms in late May. If you are the parent or guardian of a returning student, and you have not received an email containing a secure link to your student’s forms, please notify the district by emailing backtoschool@uaschools.org.

Transportation Information
The district offers transportation services to elementary and middle school students who live more than 1.25 miles from their home school. Transportation is also provided to students with specialized transportation needs. The district uses information from online student registration to build bus routes during July, and the routes are posted to the district website in August.

Parents and guardians should monitor their email for notification when that information is available. We also recommend checking the bus route the week before school begins as last-minute registrations can have a slight impact on stop times. Bus stops remain posted until September, at which time any new transportation requests must be coordinated through our Transportation Department.

Device distribution
Devices for kindergarten students will be distributed in the classroom during the school day. Devices for all elementary students in grades one through five will be distributed at Hastings Middle School immediately after the start of the school year. Families will sign up for windows of time on August 19, 20, 26 and 27. An email with a link to signups for these dates will be sent to elementary families in early August.

Devices for grades six through 12 will be distributed to each student at their school when they pick up their class schedules and supplies in August.

For details, visit www.uaschools.org/personalizedlearning or contact your building principal.

Important Dates

Barrington
August 10 – Parent information night, 1st grade and 1/2 multi-age, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
August 11 – PTO new family ice cream social, 6-7 p.m.
August 12 – Bobcat Days, 3-7 p.m.
August 13 – Bobcat Days, 10 a.m.-Noon
August 16 – Kindergarten parent orientation night, 6 p.m.
August 17 – Back-to-school coffee, 8:15 a.m.
August 24 – Parent information night, 2nd-5th grades, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
August 15 – All BECS classes begin

Greensview
August 15 – School supply pickup (no supplies sold onsite), 3-7 p.m.
August 15 – Meet the teacher, 4:30-5:15 p.m.
August 16 – Kindergarten parent information night, 6 p.m.
August 25 – Parent information night, 1st-5th grades, 6:30-8:15 p.m.

Hastings
August 8 – PTO supply sale/schedule pickup/laptop distribution, 7th & 8th grades, 9 a.m.-1p.m.
August 8 – PTO supply sale/schedule pickup/laptop distribution, 6th grade, 3-7 p.m.
August 9 – New students to Upper Arlington orientation, 3-4 p.m.
August 11 – 6th grade kick-off orientation program, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
September 8 – Back-to-school night, 7 p.m.

Jones
August 9 – Schedule pickup/PTO supply sale/school photos/laptop distribution, 7th & 8th grades, 3-7 p.m.
August 10 – Schedule pickup/PTO supply sale/school photos/laptop distribution, 6th grade (parents required), 2-7 p.m.
August 11 – 6th-grade orientation, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
August 11 – New to UA family orientation, 6-7 p.m.
August 25 – Meet the teacher night, 7 p.m.

Tremont
August 10 – Ice cream social, 5-7 p.m.
August 11 – 1st-grade open house, 6:15 p.m.
August 16 – AM Kindergarten parent information night, 6-6:30 p.m.
August 16 – PM Kindergarten parent information night, 6:30-7 p.m.

UAHS
August 12 – Textbook distribution for freshmen, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
August 12 – Textbook distribution for seniors, Noon-3:30 p.m.
August 12 – Freshman parent orientation, 7-8 p.m.
August 13 – Textbook distribution for sophomores, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
August 13 – Textbook distribution for juniors, Noon-3:30 p.m.
August 18 – Textbook distribution make-up day, Noon-3 p.m.
August 19 – First day of classes for freshmen only
August 20 – First day of classes for sophomores, juniors and seniors (all students attend)
August 26 – Senior/parent meeting for college planning and application process, 7-9 p.m.
September 9 – Open house, 7-9 p.m.

Wickliffe
August 10 – Parent Information Night, 1st grade, 6-7 p.m.
August 11 – School supply sale day/student photos, Noon-7 p.m.
August 15 – AM Kindergarten parent information night, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
August 15 – PM Kindergarten parent information night, 7:15-8 p.m.
August 24 – Parent Information Night, 1st & 2nd grades, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
August 24 – Parent Information Night, 2nd & 3rd grades, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Windermere
August 14 – 5th grade pool party at Northwest Swim Club, 5 p.m.
August 16 – Back-to-school night/PTO ice cream social/spirit wear sale, 4-5 p.m.
August 16 – Kindergarten parent information night, 7 p.m.
August 17 – Breakfast on the Green, 7:45 a.m.
August 23 – Parent information night, 1st through 3rd grades, 7-7:45 p.m.
August 23 – Parent information night, 4th & 5th grades, 7:45-8:30 p.m.
August 31 – New parent breakfast orientation, 9 a.m.
Jones and Hastings Middle School students and staff participated in the first LEADERship Academy, sponsored by the Upper Arlington Education Foundation.

Students from Windermere Elementary and other district schools showcased their service-learning projects at the Power of Service-Learning Summit at the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.

On their last day at Greensview Elementary, fifth-graders enjoyed a “clap-out” by family members, staff and fellow students.

Bol Aweng, one of the “Lost Boys” of Sudan, joined Hastings Middle School students at the second-annual walkathon for the Buckeye Clinic in South Sudan.

Jones Principal Jason Fine and Assistant Principal Tammy Yockey welcomed back CBS correspondent Erin Moriarty (center) to her alma matter to address the Jones Class of 2016.

Both the Upper Arlington High School boys’ and girls’ lacrosse teams won state titles in back-to-back games on June 4.

The Wickliffe Golden Star Choir showcased music through the decades during the year-end concert.

The Upper Arlington High School boys JV 8+ placed second in the country at Scholastic Rowing Association of America National Championship.
Congratulations to the Class of 2016!

More than 400 Upper Arlington High School seniors received their diplomas and joined the prestigious ranks of Golden Bear alumni on Sunday, May 29. The ceremony marked the 92nd commencement for Upper Arlington High School and the second year in OSU’s Schottenstein Center. The graduates will find themselves both near to and far from Upper Arlington this fall. The map below shows in gold all of the states and locates some of the universities where graduates plan to attend school, as they reported to the “Arlingtonian” magazine. The five universities where the most UAHS Class of 2016 graduates will attend: Ohio State University (83); Ohio University (21); Miami University, Oxford (19); Columbus State Community College (16); and University of Cincinnati (12).
Treasurer’s Notes
Andrew L. Geistfeld
We are now nearly three years into the Efficiency Project, and I’m pleased to report that we are 98 percent of the way toward meeting the core commitment of that initiative.

We launched the Efficiency Project in August 2013 to create a more focused and sustainable district. We committed 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. This commitment, along with the budget cuts that followed the failure of the 2012 levy request, enabled us to lower the millage rate of the 2013 levy request and extend those funds for an additional year.

As of today, we have put in place more than $4.4 million worth of efficiency measures. One of the biggest changes continues to be the move to a self-insured model for medical coverage. This year we are also realizing significant savings by being self-insured for workers compensation coverage. Other measures include restructuring staff positions, renegotiating existing contracts and implementing shared services with the city and library.

You can find a detailed list of the efficiency measures on our website at www.uaschools.org/efficiency.

Alumni Spotlight
Abby Johnston, Class of 2007, 2012 Olympic Silver Medalist in Diving and 2016 Olympic Team USA Diver

Notable achievements at UAHS: I was a member of the varsity swim and dive team for three years (2004-2007), and, as a team, we won the state championships all three years.

College experience: I am starting my third year of medical school at Duke University and plan to go into emergency medicine.

How did UA prepare her for success? Growing up in Upper Arlington was very formative for my academic and athletic success. UA has a tradition of excellence both in and out of the classroom. The community helped foster my work ethic, which ultimately allowed me to pursue my dreams of going to the Olympics and becoming a doctor. I wouldn’t be the person I am today without the support and encouragement of the Upper Arlington community.

THE UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

2016 Upper Arlington Board of Education
Back row: President Matt McClellan, Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Treasurer Andrew Geistfeld, Nancy Drees
Front row: Stacey Royer, Carol Mohr, Vice President Robin Comfort

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

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:
• Wednesday, July 20, 8 a.m. — District Office, 1950 N. Mallway Dr.
• Tuesday, August 9, 6 p.m. — Council Chamber
• Tuesday, September 13, 6 p.m. — Council Chamber
• Tuesday, October 11, 6 p.m. — Council Chamber
The Write Stuff Returns October 15

Writers seeking information and inspiration are invited to “The Write Stuff” on Saturday, October 15 at the Main Library. The day includes an expo of industry organizations and publishers, plus instructional sessions led by authors and editors.

The expo opens at 10 a.m. in the atrium with representatives from The International Women Writers Group, Ohio University Press, Sisters in Crime Columbus, Thurber House, Upper Hand Press, the City of Upper Arlington’s Recreation and Cultural Arts divisions, and the Library.

Presentations on topics of interest to writers of all genres begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Friends Theater, Meeting Room B and Meeting Room A. We’ve included sessions on writing fiction, nonfiction and poetry, editing, scene writing and research.

Organizers are planning to have on-site lunch options available for purchase for those who would like to attend multiple sessions.

The Write Stuff is a collaboration of the Upper Arlington Cultural Arts Division, the Upper Arlington Parks & Recreation Department, and the Upper Arlington Public Library.

“We’re thrilled to be pARTnering with the Library to offer support for literary artists,” said Lynette Santoro-Au, arts manager for the City.

“Last year’s event was received so enthusiastically!” said Deb Mosely, the City’s LifeLong Learning Program Coordinator. “LifeLong Learning is very excited to partner for round two of this collaborative community event. It’s a wonderful opportunity to provide information and motivation for writers of all levels and give them a chance to interact with others who share their interests.”

The Write Stuff Schedule

**Editing for Fiction**  
10:30 a.m.; Friends Theater  
Presenter: Faith Van Horne

**Scene Writing**  
10:30 a.m.; Meeting Room B  
Presenter: Karen Harper

**Improve Your Fiction**  
11:30 a.m.; Friends Theater  
Presenter: Karen Harper

**Self-Editing Hands-On Workshop**  
11:30 a.m.; Meeting Room B

**Mining Your Memories**  
1:30 p.m.; Meeting Room A  
Presenter: Jody Casella

**Whiskey-5 Hotel: Thoughts on Writing Nonfiction**  
1:30 p.m.; Friends Theater  
Presenter: David Meyers

**Self-Editing Hands-On Workshop**  
1:30 p.m.; Meeting Room B  
Presenter: Faith Van Horne

**Research Skills for Writers**  
2:30 p.m.; Friends Theater  
Presenter: Megan Sheeran

**Digging Up Story Bones**  
2:30 p.m.; Meeting Room A  
Presenter: Jody Casella

**Whiskey-5 Hotel: Nonfiction Writing Workshop**  
2:30 p.m.; Friends Theater  
Presenter: David Meyers

**The Poetry of Place**  
3:30 p.m.; Friends Theater  
Presenter: Rikki Santer

**Research Coaching Drop-In**  
3:30 p.m.; Meeting Room A  
Presenter: Megan Sheeran

New Member Joins Library Board

On June 21, Maura Bowen was sworn in by Elizabeth Richards, Deputy City Clerk, as the newest member of the Library’s Board of Trustees.
Library Seeks Voter Approval of Replacement Levy in November

On November 8, Upper Arlington voters will be asked to renew the Library’s 2 mill levy. This levy is not a tax increase. It will generate the same revenue as the current levy which was first passed in 2007, then renewed in 2012. This property tax has provided a steady income for the last nine years and has allowed us to continue to provide essential library services as it makes up 54% of our total annual revenue. Another 44% of our revenue comes from the State of Ohio via the Public Library Fund.

Since 2009, when our Public Library Fund income was reduced by 18%, the Library has continued to look for ways to reduce expenses while maintaining services. More recently, we have begun to look for additional sources of revenue. Since 2015, we have provided cataloging services to the Bexley Public Library for a fee. And in July of this year, we became a passport acceptance facility.

In addition to managing our spending, the Library maintains a number of facility and technology long term plans. These allow us to plan for the expenses necessary to keep our facilities in good repair and provide our customers the technology they need. They inform our five-year budget forecast which is updated every year. Looking at our forecast, we believe that at this time we can continue to maintain current services, maintain our facilities and provide technology without an increase in property taxes.

As with our previous levies, the Library will be providing information and answering questions you may have about the levy and what it means for you. Renewal of the levy is essential for the Library to continue to provide services demanded and appreciated by our patrons.

Library Introduces Listen Columbus

This fall you’ll have easy access to the best local musicians. The UA Library is creating Listen Columbus, a digital collection of music available only to cardholders. Like a farmer’s market helps people connect with local food, Listen Columbus will help patrons discover talented musicians who live and perform in Central Ohio.

Launching in October, Listen Columbus will feature music from local musicians including: Angela Perley and the Howlin’ Moons, Grassahol, The Salty Caramels and The Spikedrivers.

Patrons can access the Listen Columbus collection by visiting www.listencolumbus.org on a computer, smartphone or tablet. Sign in with your library card to stream or download each song or an entire album. The music is always available, with no due dates.

“We created Listen Columbus to make it easy for our patrons to discover great, local musicians,” said Kevin Bauer, the library’s Emerging Technologies Librarian. “There is so much music available on the Internet, it can be overwhelming. Listen Columbus will help UA Library patrons find music they enjoy, from musicians who perform locally.”

Follow Listen Columbus on Twitter (@listencolumbus) and Facebook to learn more about the project and to find information about local concerts.
Library Partners with The Stand Project on Book Club Kits

Often the best discussions of difficult topics happen with the people with whom we are most comfortable. And, of course, books are a great vehicle to inspire discussion. With that in mind, the Upper Arlington Public Library is proud to partner with The Stand Project this fall to offer circulating book club discussion kits.

A list of possible books was developed by Library staff, and members of The Stand committee will choose titles for inclusion later this summer. Topics being considered include substance abuse, mental health, the prevalence of “achievement culture” and more. Each book club kit will include 10 copies of a single fiction or nonfiction book plus questions that will get people talking. Each bag of books will circulate for 56 days.

One of the fiction titles being considered is *The Admissions* by Meg Mitchell Moore. It’s about a family in California that is successful by many standards. But as the story unfolds, we see that the family’s high standards for achievement is putting a pressure on the family that is not sustainable. Their oldest daughter is a model student and the captain of the cross country team with her sights set on Harvard. As the story unfolds, we see a student who takes somebody else’s prescription thinking that it will help her manage her heavy homework load and rigorous schedule. Questions will encourage book groups to discuss whether they see evidence of that “achievement culture” in their own community; what they would do if they found out their child was taking pills that were not prescribed to them; examine attitudes about medications believed by some to extend focus during tests; and to discuss the stereotypical image of the drug user versus those that go against stereotype.

A nonfiction title under consideration is *Smashed: Story of a Drunken Girlhood* by Koren Zailckas. This story is like that of thousands of girls like her who are not alcoholics—yet—but who routinely use booze as a shortcut to courage and a stand-in for good judgment. With one stiff sip of Southern Comfort at the age of 14, Zailckas is initiated into the world of drinking. From then on, she will drink regularly. In high school, her experimentation will lead to a stomach pumping. Questions will encourage readers to explore their own attitudes about alcohol and discuss their perception of how much teens are drinking. Does it seem to be more or less than when they were teens? Do they think it’s dangerous? Or do they think it’s a rite of passage? How strong is peer pressure to drink now? What alternative activities can parents and the community provide to keep kids from drinking alcohol?

Funding for the books has been donated to The Stand Project by the Upper Arlington Rotary Club. Staff time for cataloging and circulation will be donated by the Upper Arlington Public Library.

Recommended

**The Gilded Razor**

*By Sam Lansky*

By the age of 17, Sam Lansky was an all-star student with Ivy League aspirations in his final year at an elite New York City prep school. But an addiction to prescription pills spiraled rapidly out of control, compounded by a string of reckless affairs with older men, leaving his bright future in jeopardy. After a terrifying overdose, he tried to straighten out. Yet as he journeyed from the glittering streets of Manhattan, to a wilderness boot camp in Utah, to a psych ward in New Orleans, he only found more opportunities to create chaos—until finally, he began to face himself.

Tickets to Bill Clegg Talk and Reception Now on Sale

The Upper Arlington Author Series is thrilled 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 Clegg’s visit are available at www.ualibrary.org. Prices are $35, $25 and $15, with student tickets available for $10.

A reception with light refreshments will be held immediately following the talk. This event provides a chance to chat with the author and attend a book signing. The cost of a reception ticket is $25. All proceeds from will benefit the Ann Royce Moore Fund at the UA Community Foundation to bring authors to the community.

Books will be available for purchase from Barnes & Noble at the event with a portion of the proceeds going to the Ann Royce Moore Fund.


The book was longlisted for both the National Book Award and the Man Booker Prize in 2015.

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. It 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, the Upper Arlington Rotary and the Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library.
The Cinder Spires: The Aeronaut’s Windlass
By Jim Butcher
Jim Butcher is back with this first book in a new series set in a world of aristocratic families, steam-powered machinery, Victorian manners, crystal power and etherealists. Action comes fast and furious as Francis Madison Grimm, commander of the merchant airship Predator from Spire Albion, and his crew conduct aerial attacks on cold-war enemy Spire Aurora’s cargo airships to disrupt their trade. While docked for repairs, Grimm and his shore party find themselves in what appears to be an attack by Spire Aurora. Both Spires enlist the aid of etherealists and when they unleash their powers, nobody is guaranteed to emerge unscathed.

— Hari Ruiz, Adult Services

The Watcher in the Wall
By Owen Laukkanen
With the evolution of social media has come the growth of unregulated Internet chat rooms. One never really knows who is behind that user name and avatar. How does the FBI track down an Internet predator? In Owen Laukkanen’s latest thriller, a fourth in a series, FBI detectives Stevens and Windermere have to uncover the identity and then find the killer operating the deadly chat room. The FBI races against time before more young lives are drawn into this web of deceit.

— Scott Potter, Adult Services

Edge of Extinction #1: The Ark Plan
By Laura Martin
When dinosaurs were cloned, a pandemic destroyed most of the human population. Those that survived went underground to live. Sky, a young girl living in the North Compound, discovers a note and a USB-like device from her father who has been missing for several years. The note asks her to leave the underground compound and deliver the plug topside, a place where humans are not the top of the food chain and is so dangerous that Sky has only been there for a few minutes during her entire life. For those who like adventure, dystopia or survival stories.

— Tracie Steele, Youth Services

The Rainbow Comes and Goes: A Mother and Son on Life, Love, and Loss
By Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbilt
The Rainbow Comes and Goes is a biography of Gloria Vanderbilt told through a series of emails between Gloria and her son, Anderson Cooper. They take turns asking and answering questions, regarding their life experiences and their own thoughts about life in general. Gloria’s responses and shared stories are so artistic, eloquent and even delicious; I found myself hanging on the words. This book made me think about my life experiences, and all the misunderstandings that so often happen due to leftover issues from childhood or previous relationships. I absolutely loved it! As a side note, if you ever listen to audiobooks, this is a great one. The authors each narrate their own parts, and I truly did not want this book to end.

— Kate Albers, Miller Park Library

Worms for Breakfast: How to Feed a Zoo
By Kent Haruf
This book lets you be in charge of feeding time at the zoo! Ever wanted to know how zookeepers keep up with feeding all of the animals in their care? This book not only gives you information on the types of foods different animals eat, but also has real recipes. You won’t want to eat any of it yourself, but it’s fascinating to learn about the ingredients that make up meals like “Gorilla Gobble-‘Em-Ups,” “Predator Popsicles” and “Presto Pesto Sauce – Koala Style!” You’ll also learn facts on how zookeepers deal with picky eaters, how they feed baby animals and how they keep the animals in their care physically and mentally active. Good for 2nd-5th grades.

— Sue Emrick, Lane Road Library

Wolf Hall
By Hilary Mantel
Long before the name Cromwell became associated with turmoil, regicide, and civil war, Oliver Cromwell’s lesser known ancestor, Thomas, affected great change in English society. He did so by creating a legal and theological basis for Henry VIII to conduct his own matrimonial affairs without papal interference. And through the eyes of Thomas Cromwell, we witness the great intrigues of Tudor society as he rose from a lowly beginning as a brewer’s son to the king’s most trusted adviser. Despite a serpentine plot and a host of characters worthy of a Shakespearean tragedy, author Hilary Mantel deftly weaves an epic tale that is as thrilling as it is informative. Like A Game of Thrones sans dragons, Wolf Hall is perfect for those whose taste for political machiavellianism cannot be quenched by merely watching the news.

— Luis Delos Santos, Circulation
Hearing Loop Installed in Friends Theater

Thanks to recent donations, the Main Library’s Friends Theater is now equipped with a hearing loop. Users of compatible T-coil hearing aids will be able to receive audio directly from the room’s PA system, drastically reducing background noise and allowing individual adjustment of volume level. To use this system hearing aid users should switch to “T-Mode” or “T+M” mode. A limited number of wireless listening devices for patrons without hearing aids are also available. Please contact your hearing aid provider or visit www.hearingloop.org for more information.

Librarians Lead Crafts at Labor Day Arts Festival

Join us at this year’s Labor Day Arts Festival to create art out of discarded books. Library staff will be on hand with all the supplies you need to make a variety of crafts. Look for our booth at the Festival on Monday, September 5 in Northam Park.

Main Library to Display Campaign Literature

The Main Library will provide a voter information table from October 10- November 8, 2016. Beginning October 8, our circulation desk staff will accept campaign literature for all issues and candidates on the Upper Arlington ballot. Materials are limited to paper items such as fliers, postcards and brochures; items such as buttons and bumper stickers cannot be accepted. All leftover materials will be recycled on November 9.

Entrance and Traffic Pattern Changed

Please note that the entrance to the Main Library parking lot has been relocated. For safety reasons, the entrance now aligns with Dorset Road rather than with Tremont Center. Those wishing to use our drive-up book drop should turn left upon entering and approach from the north so that you’re able to reach the book drop from your driver’s side window. Please do not drive straight immediately upon entering, as that is the book drop exit.

NorWest Flower Show Returns to the Main Library

NorWest Garden Clubs are sponsoring “Autumn Joy,” a Standard Flower Show which will be held at the Upper Arlington Main Library on October 22-23, 2016. The show will feature three divisions: horticulture, design and special exhibits. Special exhibits feature educational exhibits and garden photography.

All amateur gardeners are invited to enter the show. Complete details can be found in the Flower Show Schedule which will be available on our website at www.ualibrary.org on September 1. Those interested may also contact Winnie Garabis of Serendipity Garden Club for more information now at 614-486-1324. Information about joining a local garden club will also be available at the Show.

What exactly is a NorWest Garden Club? In the 1950s, garden clubs in the area bounded by Bethel Road, Olentangy River Road, Goodale Boulevard and Dublin Road banded together to form the NorWest Garden Club Association. The name is no doubt a reference to the area being northwest of Columbus.

The first NorWest Flower Show was held in 1951 with more than 20 sponsoring clubs. Shows were held annually in the Upper Arlington area for almost 30 years, then more time elapsed between shows as the number of clubs in the area decreased. The 2016 show has just four sponsoring clubs, but they are excited to bring this event to the public.

NorWest members are looking forward to bringing “Autumn Joy” to the Main Library’s Atrium this fall.

Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the UA Library will hold its Fall Book Sale from November 6-20 in the atrium of the Main Library. The sale will feature 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, November 6 from Noon- 1 p.m. On the final day, Sunday, November 20, Friends members can fill a paper grocery bag with books for just $5. Nonmembers can purchase a bag for $10.

Upcoming Library Closings

All three UA libraries will be closed on Sunday, September 4 and Monday, September 5 for Labor Day. We will also be closed on Monday, October 10 for our annual staff Inservice Day. Finally, we will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23 and remain closed on Thursday, November 24 for Thanksgiving. Regular hours resume on Friday, November 25. Book drops will be open on all days that the library is closed.

Library Job Openings

Interested in working at one of our libraries? You can view our job openings by visiting http://agency.governmentjobs.com/uaoh and clicking “library.”
Passport Service Now Available at Main Library

We are pleased to announce we now accept passport applications on behalf of the U.S. Department of State. Citizens of the United States planning international travel can schedule passport appointments on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Appointments are also available Saturdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. This service is currently only offered at the Main Library on Tremont Road.

Applicants should bring:
- Completed DS-11 application form
- Proof of U.S. Citizenship
- Current Driver’s License or Military I.D.
- One recent color 2” x 2” photograph (the library can take a photo for you)

Fees:
- Adult Passport Book $110
- Adult Passport Card $ 30
- Minor Passport Book $ 80
- Minor Passport Card $ 15
- Execution Fee $ 25
- Photo Fee $ 10

For details and to schedule an appointment visit http://passportservices.ualibrary.org.

Explore...GATHER...grow!!

Kids gathered at the Main Library to make clay creations.

Devon and Reed Road poolside storytimes, like this one with librarian Sarah Manley, were a big hit with kids this summer.

Patrons burned calories and fines at our Walk Down Fines event at the Miller Park and Lane Road Libraries.
Fall Program Highlights

Fire Truck Visit
Join us at the Miler Park Library on Saturday, October 1 at 10:30 a.m. for a visit from the Upper Arlington Fire Division. Learn about fire safety and see their fire truck. This program is for all ages and has no registration.

Escape Room
Get in on the escape room craze here at the Library! Trapped Columbus is bringing a special escape room interactive experience to the Main Library on Saturday, October 8. Teams of up to 10 teens and adults will have 30 minutes to use their wits and collective know-how to complete a series of interactive puzzles for the win. Registration is required with multiple time slots available. Don’t miss out on this fun, free and challenging experience!

Wicked Columbus
Discover a side of Columbus you might not be familiar with on Wednesday, October 19 at 7 p.m. at the Main Library. In the early 20th Century, the “Bad Lands” of Columbus were once as well-known as New York’s “Tenderloin,” Cleveland’s “Central Avenue,” Chicago’s “Black Belt,” or Detroit’s “Heights,” and its uncrowned king was Alexander “Smoky” Hobbs. However, vice was not confined to one neighborhood as exemplified by the unlikely love affair between local gambler Pat Murnan and Grace Backenstoe, the madam of the most popular brothel in town. Corruption was rampant during this era, extending all the way from city hall to the statehouse to Washington D.C. Roxie Stinson, a local music teacher with a chorus girl figure, played a key role in bringing it all to light. These are just a few of the characters author David Meyers profiles in his latest book, Wicked Columbus, Ohio. A lifelong Columbus resident, David Meyers is the author of many books on local history, often in collaboration with his daughter, Elise Meyers Walker. His titles include Historic Columbus Crimes, Central Ohio’s Historic Prisons, Columbus the Musical Crossroads, Look to Lazarus, Inside the Ohio Penitentiary, Ohio Jazz, A Glance of Heaven, and The Kahiki Supper Club. He has also written a handful of works for the stage and a couple of novels.

Ohio State University in the 1960s
In the spring of 1970, growing student protests forced The Ohio State University to close entirely for two weeks — an event unprecedented in the institution’s 100 year history. How could a campus that previously seemed immune to the unrest sweeping other campuses go off the tracks so far and so quickly? Join Bill Shkurti at the Main Library on Wednesday, October 26 at 7 p.m. for a discussion of his newest book The Ohio State University in the Sixties: The Unraveling of the Old Order. Using news stories, archival materials and personal interviews, Shkurti has reconstructed the unique circumstances of those tumultuous times into a compelling narrative. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Harry Potter Party
Get ready for the release of the film of J.K Rowling’s Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them with some Potter related crafts, games and trivia! Don’t miss this program at the Lane Road Library on Wednesday, November 16 at 3 p.m.

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In general, meetings of the Upper Arlington Public Library Board of Trustees begin at 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in Meeting Room B of the Main Library. All meetings of the Board and its committees, with the exception of executive sessions, are open to the public. You can sign up to receive email notification of upcoming Board meetings at www.ualibrary.org/pages/board-trustees..

Upcoming Meeting Dates:
- Tuesday, August 16 at 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 20 at 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 18 at 5 p.m.
- No November meeting
- Tuesday, December 6 at 5 p.m.
**Concourse Gallery**  
M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 3600 Tremont Road  
Cultural Arts Division, www.uaoh.net

**Celebrating UA**  
**Through August 19**  
We celebrate the talents of local artists.

**Artful Books**  
August 24–October 27  
Reception: 1-3 p.m., Sat., Sept. 17  
Artful Books Class: 1-3 p.m., Sat., Oct. 1  
Mixed-media transformation of books.

**UA Farmers’ Market**  
3–6 p.m., Wednesdays Thru September 28  
1945 Ridgeview Road  
UA Parks & Recreation, www.uaoh.net

**Taste of Tri-Village**  
3:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, August 4  
Tri-Village Chamber Partnership  
www.chamberpartnership.org  
Formerly known as the Taste of UA, enjoy offerings from area restaurants, entertainment and more.

**U.S. Senior Open**  
August 8–14  
Scioto Country Club  
2016ussenioropen.com  
Championship golf makes a long-awaited return to the Scioto Country Club.

**Golden Bear Bash!**  
7–11 p.m., Sunday, September 4  
Tremont Center  
bearalums@aol.com  
Help the UA Education Foundation put a little extra into the UA Schools’ programs.

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**50th Labor Day Arts Festival**  
10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday, September 5  
Northam Park  
Enjoy a day of art, entertainment, food and more, with free admission.

**UACA’s Labor/Neighbor Day**  
All day, Monday, September 5  
UA Civic Association, www.uaca.org  
Morning bike races and a pet show, afternoon wiffle ball tournament.

**Nationwide Children’s Hospital Golf Championship**  
September 22-25  
Ohio State University Golf Course  
www.ncc-golf.com  
Annual golf tournament, as part of the Web.com tour.

**Fall Fest**  
1-5 p.m., Sunday, October 9  
Fancyburg Park  
UA Parks & Recreation, www.uaoh.net  
Annual family event with a fall twist.

**UACA Golden Bear Scare**  
October 18, 19, 20  
Elementary age kids: 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Middle School age: 7:30-9 p.m. (a bit scarier)  
Smith Nature Park, Fishinger Road  
UA Civic Association, www.uaca.org  
The Smith Nature Preserve has become haunt ed. A trained Scare Ranger is your guide as you explore the dark shadows. Watch out for the Zombie Hill. Free.

**Beggar’s Night**  
6–8 p.m., Monday, October 31  
Throughout UA neighborhoods  
It’s time for children to hit the streets for an evening of “trick-or-treating.” The City’s volunteer Pumpkin Patrol ensures children are safe while passing out candy.

**UACA Christmas in the Park**  
December 4-8  
Thompson Park  
UA Civic Association, www.uaca.org  
Santa visits UA and children enjoy a carriage ride to meet with Santa and share their Christmas wishes. Reservations required.

**Santa’s Mailbox**  
November 23–December 14  
Municipal Services Center Kenny Road parking lot, 3600 Tremont Road  
Boys and girls who place a letter in Santa’s special mailbox receive a letter from Santa.

**Winter Festival**  
6–8:30 p.m., Friday, December 2  
Mallway, Arlington Avenue  
UA Parks & Recreation, www.uaoh.net  
Celebrate the season as we light the holiday tree for the first time. Enjoy carriage rides, caroling, visits with Santa, holiday lights, a bonfire with s’mores and more. Free.

**Breakfast With Santa**  
9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, December 3  
Amelita Mirolo Barn, Sunny 95 Park  
UA Parks & Recreation, www.uaoh.net  
Watch for ticket info this fall.