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Northam Park—Adding the Finishing Touches

After an extensive community outreach phase over the summer, final adjustments are being made to concepts for the park's redevelopment

As often happens when community projects begin to move from concept closer to reality, the City's recent outreach for the Northam Park Master Plan has garnered more community interest and participation in a few short weeks than it did in the many months since it was first presented to City Council in December of 2013.

The City Manager's community coffees had record attendance, more than 220 residents attended

the June 10 community meeting, the online community forum was viewed more than 22,000 times with 355 interactions and 351 responses, and our Northam Park webpage has been viewed more than 6,500 times. From all of this, we've received great feedback that is now being stirred into the final master plan concept by the City's consultant, MKSK. Not every idea can be incorporated into the end result but the overarching sentiment on what should be included within the different park components will certainly help influence the final plan.

The countdown is now on for Council direction relative to acceptance of the final park concept, direction to proceed with detailed design and engineering work, and ultimately the start of construction (see the box below right for this schedule).

I'm very excited to be working with the City and Schools on the vision to redevelop Northam Park. The Library has long hoped for a reading garden and it's great to be getting closer to that possibility.

Christine Taylor, Director, Upper Arlington Public Library

It's worth noting how long the community has been considering how to make improvements to Northam Park—the idea arose a decade ago, serving as the impetus for creation of the 2007 Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan. Many steps have occurred along the way, with unprecedented community involvement and input helping to shape a plan that promises to honor the traditions and uses of the park, address infrastructure issues and transform the park into a welcoming, multipurpose "central park" that will serve UA well into its second century.

Project Funding

The City's 10-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was developed in 2013 with the goal of addressing a backlog of infrastructure improvements and staying current thereafter. Within this \$113 million plan, \$18.45 million (16.4%) was identified for park improvements, with another \$11.9

Countdown for Finalizing the Park Concept & Initiating Final Engineering & Redevelopment

The following maps out the remainder of the summer timeline for moving plans for this second phase of Northam Park's reinvention forward:

- **July**—Additional updates on the planning process and next steps were provided to various Boards and Commissions as part of their regular meeting schedules.
- **Early August**—A final concept for the park redevelopment—to include Tremont Pool, sports fields, tennis courts and other outdoor park space—will be shared via the City's website and with all interested parties in early August.
- **Monday, August 17**—This plan is then scheduled to go before City Council for a presentation and public hearing at a Special City Council meeting on August 17, beginning at 6 p.m. In anticipation of a large crowd, this hearing has been moved to the UA High School Auditorium, 1650 Ridgeview Road.
- **Monday, August 24**—Council action is anticipated at the August 24 City Council Meeting. This meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Council Chamber, 3600 Tremont Road.

This aerial view shows the four parcels of land that make up Northam Park's approximately 40 acres, with St. Agatha's Church and field space to the east not included in the official park footprint. This view clearly shows how inefficient the current configuration is, with the tennis courts essentially dividing usable field space in two and limiting the true potential for the park.



million (10.5%) identified for projects that would also require outside funding sources and grants to be viable. Northam Park improvements totaling more than \$11 million are included within these two categories. A long-term funding source for the CIP was solidified November 2013 when voters approved an increase in the City's income tax rate by .5%.

A determination on exactly how the park's redevelopment will be funded is subject to final costs and the level of participation from the Schools for its portion of the park. Additionally, some "add on" components won't be incorporated into the park until appropriate alternate funding sources have been identified—be it grant monies or private donations through the Upper Arlington Community Foundation.

Possibility for Indoor Recreation Space

The Upper Arlington Community Foundation is continuing to explore the feasibility of a capital campaign to raise private funds for indoor recreational space. This would be attached to the Tremont Elementary School, taking advantage of the Schools' expansion plans that include a new gymnasium.

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Some Facts About Northam Park

Park History Highlights

- Discussions about redeveloping Northam Park date back to 2005.
- The resident-volunteer ***Focus on the Future Task Force*** formed in 2006. Extensive community input helped the Task Force complete the ***Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan***, presented to City Council in March of 2007. This plan called for a detailed feasibility study for a Northam Park "recreation hub."
- From 2007-2012 an informal task force, comprised of City, School, Library, St. Agatha and Northam Park user group representatives studied the park's needs and options.
- In 2013, the City secured the services of landscape architecture, urban design and planning consultants, MKSK, to create a master plan for the park based on the findings and recommendations of the work that had gone before. This master plan was completed and presented to City Council in December of 2013.
- Following voter approval of Issue 23 November 2014, focus returned to Northam Park early in 2015 in preparation for the community outreach and input gathering phase that has just been completed.

Current Conditions

- The approximately 40 acre site that makes up Northam Park was initially developed in a compartmentalized fashion as the different property owners addressed their individual needs. As a result, the collective green space is inefficiently configured.
- The park houses aging facilities—Senior Center, Northam Park Tennis, Tremont Pool—that for various reasons do not function optimally. Of these, Tremont Pool closed in 2014 due to structural issues.
- Drainage issues put several fields on school property out of play during wet weather.

Sports Fields

- The new park configuration provides for an increase in space for field sports by approximately three acres, allowing for two or three additional smaller fields, while providing greater flexibility in field configuration to maximize use.
- Final sports field layout would be determined in close cooperation with the Schools and the Field Sports Advisory Group, a group formalized by the Parks & Recreation Department, per a recommendation of the ***Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan***.

Northam Park Tennis Courts

- Resident membership in Northam Park Tennis has declined, standing at 268 in 2015—less than .8% of the population.
- In their current condition, the courts are overdue for significant maintenance work, estimated at \$180,000. Repair work is also needed for the fencing, patio and buildings at extra cost.
- New courts would feature modern-day upgrades including underground irrigation, neighborhood sensitive lighting and better fencing/screening.

Existing & New Trees

- While every effort will be made to preserve existing trees, the plan calls for 150 new trees.



The most recent proposed site plan—the third to be shared publicly—was used to obtain feedback throughout the June outreach process. The final site plan proposal—which we hope to share with the community early August—will reflect a number of adjustments that include addressing concerns about the location of the tennis courts and how to configure the sports field space to maximize flexibility.

Northam Park Redevelopment Plans continued from page 3

As this possibility has been explored, the idea of including Senior Center facilities has been gaining traction for a number of reasons:

- To provide new and expanded programming options for UA's older adults;
- To accomplish this goal in a way that maximizes efficiencies for construction, maintenance and operations costs;
- To free up space in the park for additional parking.

Since sharing this possibility in public discussions, some seniors have expressed concern that they may be temporarily without a facility. The City wishes to assure all in the community that it remains committed to providing a diverse range of quality senior programming, and the existing Senior Center would continue to operate while any new facility is constructed.

A timeline for unveiling plans for the proposed indoor recreation space, in conjunction with the Schools and the

Community Foundation is pending. In the meantime, the School District is proceeding with a new classroom addition on the north end of Tremont Elementary, and is planning for other changes within the school.

Redevelopment Timing & Staging

Knowing how pivotal Northam Park is to seasonal sports activities, community gatherings, special events and general park enjoyment, the staging and timing for the redevelopment will be carefully thought through. Wherever possible, existing facilities (such as the tennis courts) will remain open and in use while their replacements are constructed.

One of the first projects to occur will be the new Tremont Pool. Concepts for the pool include a zero-depth entry, leisure area and lap lanes. The community will be invited to vet the final design and pool components once concepts transition to more detailed plans, so watch for more on this later in the year.

If you've missed any point in the Northam Park Master Plan design and community outreach phases, the City's web section on Northam Park features a detailed timeline, answers to frequently asked questions, summaries from all the community feedback we have received, and much more. Visit www.uaoh.net and look for the Northam Park link under the Headlines section of our homepage.

Student enrollment at Tremont Elementary School has been on the rise for several years, and projections indicate that trend will continue for the next decade. As we address the dire need for more space at Tremont and the drainage issues throughout our nearby athletic fields, we are pleased to work with community members and partner organizations like the City, Library and Community Foundation to create a long-term, sustainable vision for the future in the Northam Park area.

Paul Imhoff, Superintendent, Upper Arlington Schools

BUILDING BLOCKS



OSU Wexner Medical Center Groundbreaking

Members of City Council and other community leaders gathered with representatives of OSU's Wexner Medical Center Board of Trustees and University Board of Trustees on June 23 to commemorate the start of construction for the outpatient care center at Kingsdale. The 100,000 square foot facility will house a variety of medical services, including primary care, heart and vascular, women's health, lab services, general surgery, dermatology, imaging/radiology, digestive health and more. It is scheduled for a summer 2016 opening. You can register for updates on this project at www.uaoh.net—just look for the project link under the Headlines section of our homepage.

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FROM CHAMBERS

Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

Three Council Seats on November Ballot

Each November, U.S. citizens are afforded the opportunity to have a voice in government by participating in the electoral process at the local, state or national levels. In 2015, three Upper Arlington City Council seats are on the Tuesday, November 3 ballot.

Council Member Erik Yassenoff is completing his second full term on Council and is therefore not eligible for reelection. Council President Don Leach and Council Member Mike Schadek have announced that they are both running for second terms. As of press time, Brendan King—Chair of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board—has also announced his intention to run for a seat on Council. The filing deadline for candidates is August 5, so more candidates may be announced.

Details of candidates' community experience and goals as Council members will be provided via the local paper and other community forums as the election approaches.

UACO Section 105.03 sets the



2015 Upper Arlington City Council

Front row (from left):

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

Back row:

Kip Greenhill,
Mike Schadek;
Erik F. Yassenoff

contribution limitations in Upper Arlington. Contributions or in-kind contributions from an individual, corporation or organization in support of a candidate's campaign cannot exceed \$250 per calendar year. Of this, no more than \$100 can be in cash.

Leadership UA Candidates Night

6:30-9 p.m., Thursday, October 15

3600 Tremont Road

www.leadershipua.org

On Thursday, October 15, Leadership UA is holding its annual Candidates and Issue

Night, a chance for you to learn more about the candidates running for the three City Council seats and the three School Board seats on the November ballot. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with an informal open house, the "Meet and Greet the Candidates" portion. From 7-9 p.m., a moderated forum will take place in Council Chamber.

Questions for the candidates can be submitted in advance. Visit www.leadershipua.org for full details.

ALERT Franklin County

Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security has launched a new county-wide mass notification and warning system, ALERT Franklin County. It will be used to alert residents about emergencies and other important community news in all jurisdictions within Franklin County. ALERT Franklin County enables officials to provide critical information directly to residents as emergencies happen via text message, phone (home, cell or business) and email.

ALERT Franklin County is customizable and allows residents to choose what kind of community notifications they want to receive, how to receive them and the location they want to receive them for. Residents can elect to receive emergency notifications about severe weather and disasters.

ALERT Franklin County uses the same system Upper Arlington uses for its UA Alerts notification system, and we anticipate merging within the County system this coming fall. Visit www.uaoh.net and look for the UA Alerts link on our homepage for full details of both systems and what to expect.



Age Increases to 21 for Tobacco Sales

Effective July 7, 2015, Upper Arlington law now prohibits the sale of tobacco within the City to anyone under the age of 21. This encompasses the sale of tobacco, tobacco products (including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, or snuff), e-cigarettes, and liquid nicotine to adults under the age of 21. Possession and use of tobacco, tobacco products, e-cigarettes and liquid nicotine is still legal for those over the age of 18.

Research has shown that teenagers often have limited transportation options, and increasing the travel distance required to obtain tobacco decreases use. Additionally, 90% of those who supply cigarettes to minors are themselves under the age of 21, so increasing the minimum sales age to 21 puts legal purchasers outside of the social circle of most high school students.

The potential health benefits for reducing tobacco use in teens are significant. Nearly all adult smokers began smoking by the age of 18, and almost no one starts after turning 21. Beginning smoking at a young age increases the risk of long-term addiction to tobacco and other drugs, and makes quitting more difficult. Of those who begin smoking as youth, 80% will smoke into adulthood, and one-half of adult smokers will die prematurely from tobacco-related diseases. If current trends continue, 259,000 Ohio youth alive today will die from tobacco use. Every effort that can be taken to reduce youth smoking will lead to lives saved.

UA Achieves More Top Rankings

UA residents take pride in educating, nurturing and supporting our future generations of leaders, and they lead by example by actively engaging in civic life. This investment in our youth and community has earned UA the rank of the best suburb in the Columbus Metro Area and the second best suburb in Ohio in a recent study published by **Niche.com**. Other high scores were earned for ease of commuting, our strong housing market, the vast array of things to do in the area, low crime rates, high levels of safety, resident wellness and access to healthcare.

Just weeks after **Niche.com** released its rankings, **HomeSnacks.net** has named UA the best place to live in Ohio. Criteria used included population density (the higher the better), unemployment rates, home values, median income, education and low crime. The factors that helped us most were our strong economic base and low crime rates. As the article put it...“This Columbus suburb has it made.”

Last but not least, **NerdWallet** just released a new report using data from the Census Bureau to analyze 961 places across the U.S., and found that Upper Arlington is the 13th best small city in America for working parents, based on the following factors: Median income for families with children; monthly homeowner costs and cost of childcare; school quality; percentage of households with children; average commute time.

Do you feel like you’ve read this before? Many other websites, online magazines and blogs have released similar rankings as of late, using empirical evidence (albeit with differing criteria) to illustrate what we already know—that UA is a great place to live, work and raise a family.

For a comprehensive list of recent accolades from our friends in the online world, view our new UA Accolades page at www.uaoh.net under the Living in UA section.

CITY STREETS

Updates on Road Improvement Projects

Tremont Road, Phase I

Begins July 29

Full reconstruction and roadway reconfiguration from Fishinger Road south to Ridgeview Road. Staging and other preparatory work for the project will begin July 29, with the project getting underway in earnest the week of August 3. The project will begin at Five Points, working its way south in stages. Lane closures and detours are expected.

Since this project impacts so many residents and businesses along the corridor, the City will be providing extensive updates. The best way to be in the loop on progress and impacts in the area, is to sign up for email updates at www.uaoh.net—just look for the 2015 Road Construction Projects link under the Headlines section of our homepage.

City Secures Safe Routes to School Funding

The Engineering Division has been informed by ODOT that the City is to receive \$230,440 in grant monies in 2018 to support several Safe Routes to School projects: Barrington sidewalk improvements; Andover mid-block crosswalk improvements, and various school area pavement marking upgrades.

Full details of the 2015 construction season can be found at www.uaoh.net under **Living in UA | Road Construction Updates**. Additionally, we share frequent updates throughout the construction season via our Facebook and Twitter pages.

CITY SERVICES

Holiday Refuse Collection Delays

Solid Waste.....583-5370

- **Labor Day, Monday, September 7** – delays all collection zones by one day.
- **Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11** – delays Wednesday and Thursday collection by one day.
- **Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26** – delays Thursday collection by one day.

Normal service resumes the following week.

Leaf Collection

Streets Division.....583-5380

The City is providing free leaf collection services from October 19 through December 11, weather permitting. Please follow these guidelines:

- Place loose-raked leaves close to the edge of the street.
- 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.
- As the program ends, place leaves curbside by 7 a.m. Monday, December 7 to ensure pick up.
- 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.....583-5370

Yard Waste Program guidelines:

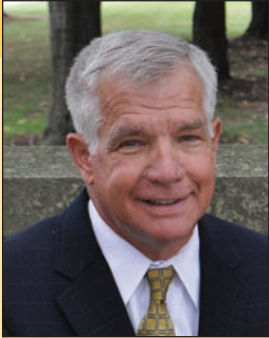
- Place yard waste in approved biodegradable yard waste bags, bundles or refuse cans. Plastic bags and yard waste mixed with refuse are not accepted.
- Containers should not exceed 50 pounds/35 gallons. Bundles cannot exceed five feet in length or 50 pounds and should be tied with biodegradable string.
- 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.....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 921-9335 to confirm hours.



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Theodore J. Staton

911/Dispatching Consolidation Update

The City has been considering its options for how best to provide 911 and dispatching services since 2010, triggered for several reasons:

- The increasing complexities and technological changes associated with 911/dispatching that have mostly been driven by the rise in cellular phone usage. Since UA does not have the necessary technology, cellular 911 calls are routed to Columbus first, before being forwarded to UA dispatchers. This can add 30-45 seconds to call processing times.
- Recognizing that 911/dispatching governance and policy changes are pending at the state and county levels in a way that is driving many municipalities toward consolidated services. For example, new policy changes may soon require small dispatching centers to increase staffing levels.
- As part of efforts to contain operational costs in a balanced manner across the organization.

From a personal perspective, having had need for EMS assistance on a number of occasions not that long ago, I have a keen appreciation for the work of our emergency crews and how critical response times can be. So as this issue is considered further, please know that I am paying very close attention to the bottom line of maintaining service levels.

Throughout, the review process has been detailed, in-depth and methodical. Along the way, we've considered many variables and witnessed ever-changing circumstances in 911/dispatching services. At all times, we have kept coming back to several critical criteria driving our research, to be sure that any change we might make would meet core service standards:

- To maintain existing dispatching service levels and to improve processing times for incoming 911 emergency calls from cellular phones;
- To benefit from upgrades in technology in a cost effective manner;
- To prepare for pending changes in state/county 911 policy standards;
- To improve cross-jurisdictional awareness through enhanced communications technologies.

In February of this year, an update was shared with City Council summarizing the findings to date, along with Staff's conclusion that a partnership with the City of Columbus could accomplish our goals. With Council support to begin negotiations with Columbus at that time, the weeks and months since have been dedicated to determining the logistics involved in a transfer of service, what we would need Columbus to commit to in order to fulfill our service expectations, and what components would need to be managed locally. There's a lot to cover—much more than can be effectively shared in one column—and we still have items to work through before we can be ready for a transition of this magnitude.

As we get closer to having all of our logistics items addressed to our satisfaction, there will be plenty of opportunity for public input when the issue comes before City Council.

From one community survey to the next, UA's safety services always garner top marks, so we know how much residents value these services. This is something we are extremely proud of and we remain committed to ensuring that whichever direction the City ultimately chooses for the provision of 911/dispatching services, the community will continue to be served to the highest possible level.

Recent community conversations on this issue demonstrate how important safety is to residents, with many seeking quick answers to their questions. However, it's incumbent upon us to be sure we are not rushing to provide answers prematurely as we work through the final "to do" list of items.

Rest assured, our professional firefighters, EMS personnel and police officers will still be the ones coming to your aid (with fire and EMS backup support still provided from other jurisdictions, through our existing mutual aid agreements). Plus, many of the ancillary services provided 24/7 by our dispatching center will still be provided by UA personnel, such as the administration of Kind Call.

A concern we have heard from a number of residents questions why the City is considering this consolidation while also preparing to invest in Northam Park. It is a matter of balance. The City is in the business of providing many different services, facilities and programs to meet basic needs, but we also provide the quality of life amenities that help keep and attract residents and businesses. Plus, UA's safety services represent more than 50% of our operating budget. In recent years, as we addressed significant financial challenges, most cuts in personnel and operations impacted other service areas. As we continue efforts to keep our operational costs in check, there are few options remaining in those other programming areas.

To help assure you of our commitment to maintaining a high level of service, I would be more than happy to have in-person conversations with anyone who would like to learn more about the facts and to share your concerns, as would our Police and Fire chiefs. Please call my office, at 583-5040, to make such a request.

Visit www.uaoh.net/911 to learn more about the history of 911/dispatching consolidation and to have some of your questions answered. You can also send us additional questions and comments through an online form for 911/dispatching consolidation, and we will add them to our Frequently Asked Questions section.

NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holiday:

- **Monday, September 7** – Labor Day
- **Wednesday, November 11** – Veterans Day
- **Thursday, November 26** – Thanksgiving

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 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 1

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 all of 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. Use the extra hour this fall to stay safe!

Mosquito Awareness

FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

www.myfcph.org 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.

Garage/Yard Sales

CODE COMPLIANCE 583-5070

Residents may conduct one garage/yard sale during any six-month period not to exceed three consecutive days or two days on two consecutive weekends. Sales may be held 8 a.m.–8 p.m., with items placed for display in a garage or backyard. Any signage should meet a set of guidelines, which can be found at www.uaoh.net under the Planning Division section of the Community & Economic Development Department.

Grass/Weed Control Guidelines

CODE COMPLIANCE 583-5070

The proper care and maintenance of property and landscaping benefits the entire community. City code specifies that grass must not exceed 10 inches in height and should be kept free of noxious weeds.

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

Shelter & Amelita Mirolo

Barn Rentals

PARKS & RECREATION 583-5300

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

2014 Popular Annual Financial Report

FINANCE & ADMIN. SERVICES 583-5280

The 2014 edition of the PAFR was distributed to all UA households in July. This report provides a user-friendly summary of the City's financial activities and standing from the previous year. This year's report includes special information about the Capital Improvement Program and Northam Park Master Plan. Electronic versions of previous PAFRs and other financial documents can be found at www.uaoh.net.

Prescription Drug Drop-Off

POLICE DIVISION 583-5150

Drop off unwanted, unused or expired prescription medications in the Drug 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. to 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.

Citizen Police Academy

POLICE DIVISION 583-5159

September 10 to November 29

Applications due Friday, August 28

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

Sunday Swim at UA High School

PARKS & RECREATION 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.

Beggar's Night Safety Tips

Thursday, October 29, 6-8 p.m.

POLICE DIVISION 583-5150

Tips for Kids

- Plan your route in advance and tell your parents.
- Wear a costume that does not block your vision.
- Trick-or-treat in a group, stay together.
- Never enter a stranger's house.

Activity Guide

We make FUN happen!

Fall

UA Parks & Recreation's Fall Activity Guide has everything you need for fall fun in UA.

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

Visit www.uaoh.net to view our Fall Activity Guide flipbook, conveniently placed on our homepage. Click on the class title and you're taken straight to a simplified online registration process.

We're also currently accepting reservations for advertising space in the Winter Activity Guide - call us for details.

614-583-5300 | www.uaoh.net

- Look both ways before crossing the street and cross at crosswalks.
- If you are wearing dark clothing, carry a flashlight so you can be seen.
- Do not trick-or-treat at houses that have their porch light off.
- Avoid eating any candy until your parents have checked it for you.

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.

COTA Bus Changes

Due to consistent low ridership, COTA is discontinuing service on line #60 Arlington, effective September 7. Local service to Downtown from Kingsdale will still be available on line #3 Northwest Blvd. and line #19 Arlington/Grandview. Express service is still available on line #61 Kenny. Travel time adjustments to improve weekday service will be made to line #19 Kenny and #84 Hilliard/Arlington/OSU. Line #3 will be adding Sunday service from Kingsdale to downtown every 60 minutes from 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Finally, line #58 Dublin to Downtown will have improved service times, continuing to stop at the Griggs Dam Park & Ride.

Old Street Signs for Sale

STREETS DIVISION

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.

Water Quality Partnership Program

FRANKLIN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION
486-9613
www.franklinswcd.org

The City has joined again with the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District to encourage and recognize business involvement in protecting the quality of water in our rivers and streams. Please join the partnership to become a water quality ambassador by pledging to use simple best practices that protect the quality of streams and rivers.



RITA Subpoena Program

9 a.m.-4 p.m., October 19-23
3600 Tremont Road
FINANCE & ADMIN. SERVICES 583-5280

All residents aged 18 and over must file an annual income tax return with the City, regardless of whether any tax is due. The City's income tax subpoena program has been scheduled for residents with a delinquent tax filing. Taxpayers who receive a subpoena from RITA/UA should appear in person to resolve their delinquent account (a parent can represent a child away at school). The City assesses a \$50 filing penalty for late returns, unless the taxpayer can show the return filing was not required. Failure to appear results in penalties and possible legal action.

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 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.

Senior Center Monthly Luncheons

SENIOR CENTER
583-5320

UA's Senior Center is always bustling with activity. A favorite for many is the monthly luncheon, featuring a delicious buffet and live entertainment. Lunches begin at 11:30 a.m. and cost \$10 per event (pre-registration required):

- **September 8** - Music of Composer Stephen Foster
- **October 13** - Music of Historical Significance before the Civil War
- **November 10** - Thanksgiving Meal & Veterans Recognition with President Abraham Lincoln
- **December 8** - Holiday Meal and Tribute to Frank Sinatra

City Insight eNews

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
583-5040

If you love the content of our printed version of the City Insight newsletter but you'd like more frequent updates, register for the **City Insight eNews** to receive monthly City Manager Updates and other news bites directly to your inbox. You can register at www.uaoh.net, where you can find the **City Insight eNews** link under the Headlines section.

Taking a Stand Against Substance Abuse

The Stand Project is a community action effort to fight substance abuse and that is committed to standing by community members in need of finding help. The group is made up of over 40 individuals including parents, teachers, administrators, students, law enforcement, policy makers and health care experts. The Stand hopes to connect with every kind of family, student or community member who wants to know more about the illness of substance abuse and the resources available in Upper Arlington. Look out for a speaker series, student led passion projects, advertising and many more resources in the coming months. Watch for more details this summer.

Schools*i*NSIGHT

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS



Tremont Elementary School Expansion

Construction will begin this fall on the first phase of an addition to Tremont Elementary School, where student enrollment has been growing for more than five years and is projected to keep growing for another decade.

"Relief is in sight, and that's very exciting for our students, their families and our staff," said Tremont Principal Brett Gambill. "Space has been tight here for years, but we have reached the point where the size of our building is really putting limitations on student learning."

Just five years ago, Tremont served approximately 530 students. During the 2014-2015 school year, more than 600 students walked through Tremont's doors each day. In less than 10 years, that number is projected to grow to more than 650.

Gambill says the staff has worked hard to make good use of every available space in the school. For example, in order to increase academic space, staff areas like the copy room and conference space have been moved out of the building and into a modular unit on the lawn.

The first phase of the addition will include classroom space and a new media center. The second phase of construction, which will begin in the summer of 2016, will renovate the music area, transform the existing gymnasium into a multi-use cafeteria space, convert the existing cafeteria into a new main office with a secure entrance and add a new gymnasium.

The Tremont Elementary School addition comes at the same time as projects to upgrade nearby Northam Park and reconstruct Tremont Road.

"It's a busy time in the Tremont area," said Paul Imhoff, superintendent of UA Schools. "While we are focused on the needs of our school community, we are also committed to collaborating with the City, Library and Upper Arlington Community Foundation to be sure these projects work together and fit the vision for the area."

The school addition will be funded through the district's permanent improvement levy, which was approved by voters in 2007 and has been used for similar projects at Greensview and Barrington elementary schools.

"There are so many projects going on in that area, I think it's important to note that district funds will only be used for school-related projects," said Chris Potts, executive director of business services for UA Schools. "We have the new space at the school our students need, and we are looking at some potential drainage and maintenance projects for the district-owned and used fields nearby."



2015 KEY SCHOOL DATES

First Day for Staff

Monday, August 17

First Day for Students

Wednesday, August 19

Kindergarten Orientation Days

Wednesday, August 19 – Friday, August 21

Labor Day

Monday, September 7

Staff Professional Development

Wednesday, March 23

- Elementary students dismissed at 1 p.m.
- Secondary students dismissed at 1:30 p.m.

End of First Grading Period

Friday, October 16

No School: Staff Professional Day

Monday, October 19

Beginning of Second Grading Period

Tuesday, October 20

Elementary Conference Window

Monday, October 26 – Friday, November 6

Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, October 28

Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 29

- No Kindergarten or LIFT classes
- Grades 1-5 dismissed at 11:05 a.m.

No School: Staff Professional Day

Tuesday, November 3

Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, November 25 – Friday, November 27

Winter Break

Monday, December 21 – Friday, January 1

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SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff

Implementation of Major Initiatives on the Horizon

What a busy and exciting time it is here in Upper Arlington Schools! Now that our innovative new strategic planning process is complete, we are diving head first into implementing the goals that will have a positive impact on all of our students.

We began our new hybrid approach to strategic planning in the spring of 2014. The plan is focused on what matters most and has just five measurable, results-oriented goals. But despite this business-like approach, we felt it was important to retain the widespread participation of a classic public-sector plan. Throughout the process, there were multiple opportunities for involvement as well as chances to provide input and feedback. In all, we had more than 4,000 points of contact during the planning process, and the public participation proved itself to be truly invaluable to the final product of our plan.

The five goals—performance, personalization, accountability, efficiency and ownership—directly align with the themes we hear from the Upper Arlington community over and over again. Simply stated, we want our students to excel academically while learning in a way that best suits their individual talents and needs. We want to know our schools are operating in a financially responsible and efficient manner, and we want to have a robust accounting of how our district measures up

to others across the state and nation.

The Upper Arlington Board of Education officially approved the strategic plan in December. Since then our amazing team of educators has really embraced the challenges before them and dug into the work. While I don't have the space here to detail everything, I wanted to give you an overview of some of the great things happening in our schools.

I'll begin with the most important thing—what's happening inside our classrooms. As part of the performance goal, our team is redefining expectations, creating a clear and consistent language and ensuring our local curriculum incorporates the critical thinking skills that are so crucial for success in today's world. In the area of personalization, our team is preparing to implement a districtwide one-to-one technology program. Beginning around the second semester of the upcoming school year, all students in grades six through 12 will receive an 11-inch laptop to use at school and at home. This tool will allow teachers to better individualize instruction to meet the needs of each student, and we will cover the costs by reallocating existing resources and implementing a modest student fee.

As part of the accountability goal, we will be releasing the first official Upper Arlington Quality Profile 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.

In the area of efficiency, we have two major projects underway. The first is our commitment to the community to improve the district's bottom line by \$4.5 million by 2017. We are now 89% of the way toward that goal, and Treasurer Andrew Geistfeld has a summary of the efficiency measures at www.uaschools.org/efficiency.

Another major project from the efficiency goal is a community-wide planning process for our facilities. This stems from a recommendation from the business leaders 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. This fall we will be asking all community members to get involved in the process to ensure we are spending our facility dollars wisely and providing students with the learning environments they need to be successful.

A related project is the much-needed addition to Tremont Elementary School. After many years of steady enrollment growth, we can no longer accommodate all of our students in the existing building. Phase one of the construction will begin this fall with a new cluster of classrooms and a new media center. The second phase will begin next summer and include a secure entrance and larger cafeteria space.

I'm only brushing the surface with this overview of everything happening inside our schools. This school system has a long legacy of being a leader in education, and with this plan in place, I am confident our brightest days are still ahead. You can learn more at www.uaschools.org, or by contacting me at 487-5030 (superintendent@uaschools.org).

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City leaders and the Upper Arlington Community Foundation are exploring the possibility of leveraging private funds to create additional community space in the area. One option being discussed is having that community space attached to the new

gymnasium, which would be part of the second phase of construction at Tremont Elementary School.

"We are very open to exploring that option within a couple of very important guidelines," said Potts. "First, we would make sure the school stays secure and separate from the community space during

classes. Second, district funds would be used only on the space needed by our students."

To learn more or to submit a question about the Tremont Elementary School addition, visit www.uaschools.org/tremontconstruction. You may also contact Chris Potts, executive director of business services, at 487-5000.

BITES From the Apple

SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



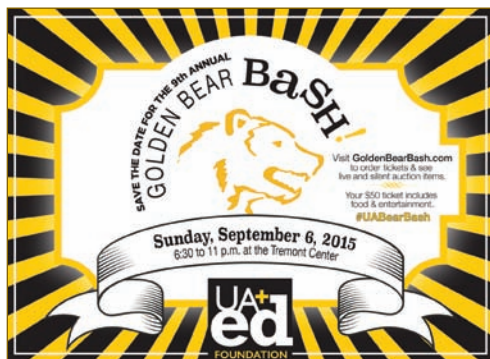
Teachers/Staff Members Of The Year

Congratulations to Upper Arlington Schools' building-level Teachers of the Year! These educators were selected by their peers for going the extra mile for students and modeling excellent instructional techniques:

- Julie Eirich, Wickliffe Progressive;
- Evie Lay, Hastings Middle;
- Heather LeBoeuf, Barrington Elementary;
- Dawne McGuire, Windermere Elementary;
- Pam Meadows, Upper Arlington High;
- Molly Miely, Jones Middle;
- Claudia Tippet, Tremont Elementary;
- Stephanie Weisker, Greensview Elementary; and
- Holly Witzel, Burbank Early Childhood School.

The district-level employee of the year awards for teachers, classified staff and administrators will be presented in August.

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 6 at the Tremont Center. Reservations are \$50 per person (\$60/person after August 22 - 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 the Upper Arlington City Schools. To learn more about UAEF and the **Bash!** or to make your reservations, please visit goldenbearbash.com.

National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament

Upper Arlington 2015 graduate, Yijia Liang, defeated the top two competitors in the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament held in Fort Lauderdale to win his first major championship. Liang's victory is his second national circuit title of the season as he won the Wake Forest National Early Bird back in September. His win is the first time that an Ohio extempore has won the NCFL national title since 2009.

Congratulations to the other UAHS students who also participated in the competition; Kushagra Mahaseth, Henry Wu, and Jenny Jiao.



Cleveland Federal Reserve Essay Contest

Congratulations to High School senior, Christian Bastian, who won first prize in the Cleveland Federal Reserve Essay Contest, and; senior, Harrison Showe, who won third prize in the essay contest. "The judges were impressed by the quality of Christian's essay and his comprehension of economic

THE UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION



2015 Upper Arlington Board of Education

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

Front row: Stacey Royer, Carol Mohr, Robin Comfort

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

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 6 p.m. – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 6 p.m. – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 6 p.m. – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 6 p.m. – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 6 p.m. – Council Chamber

concepts and Harrison's original approach." Says UAHS teacher, Scott Shinaberry. "Both of these students worked hard this year, and have been well prepared for the analytical thinking and writing required in AP Economics by their teachers."

The Federal Reserve District Bank of Cleveland holds a writing contest each year to engage students in economic thinking. The contest is open to 11th and 12th grade students attending schools in the Fourth Federal Reserve District, which includes Ohio, western Pennsylvania, eastern Kentucky, and the northern panhandle of West Virginia. The winners receive monetary prizes, a VIP tour of the Federal Reserve District Bank, and a plaque for the school.

To read the winning essays, visit <http://ow.ly/MTIGi>

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 and take approximately 10 minutes.

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 registration@uaschools.org.

Transportation Information

Bus stop and routing information will be available on the district website. Parents and guardians should monitor their email for notification of when that information is available.

Important Dates

Barrington

- August 13** – PTO new family ice cream social, 6-7 p.m.
- August 14** – Bobcat Days, 3-7 p.m.
- August 15** – Bobcat Day, 10 a.m.-Noon
- August 18** – Kindergarten parent orientation night, 6 p.m.
- August 19** – Back-to-school coffee, 8:15 a.m.
- September 3** – Parent information night, grades one-five, 6:30 p.m.

Burbank Early Childhood School

- July 31** – Classroom rosters posted for the 2015-2016 school year
- August 4 & 5** – Bus safety talks
- August 7** – Session III ends
- August 16** – New parent orientation and open house
- August 17** – All BECS classes begin

Greensview

- August 17** – School supply pick up (no supplies sold onsite), 3-7 p.m.
- August 17** – Meet the teacher, 4:30-5:15 p.m.
- August 18** – Kindergarten parent information night, 6 p.m.
- August 27** – Parent information night, grades one-five, 6:30-8:15 p.m.

Tremont

- August 12** – School supply pick up and ice cream social, 5-7:30 p.m.
- August 17** – First grade information night, 6:15 p.m.
- August 18** – Kindergarten information night for morning students, 6 p.m.
- August 18** – Kindergarten information night for afternoon students, 6:30 p.m.

Windermere

- August 16** – Fifth-grade pool party at Northwest Swim Club, 5 p.m.
- August 18** – Back-to-school night/meet the teacher/PTO ice cream social for kindergarten-fifth grade, 4-5 p.m.
- August 18** – Kindergarten and first grade parent information night, 7-8 p.m.
- August 19** – Breakfast on the green, 7:45 a.m.
- August 27** – Parent information night for grades two-five, 7-8 p.m.
- September 2** – New parent breakfast, 9 a.m.

Wickliffe

- August 12** – First grade parent information night, 6-7 p.m.
- August 13** – School supply sale, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m.
- August 13** – Popsicles on the playground, 4-5 p.m.
- August 17** – AM kindergarten parent information night, 6:30 p.m.
- August 17** – PM kindergarten parent information night, 7:15 p.m.
- August 27** – Parent information night for grades two-three, 6:30 p.m.
- August 27** – Parent information night for grades four-five, 7:30 p.m.

Jones

- August 6** – Sixth grade supply sale/schedule pick up, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- August 7** – Seventh/eighth grade supply sale/schedule pick up, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- August 12** – Sixth grade orientation, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- August 12** – New to UA family orientation, 6 p.m.
- August 27** – Meet the teacher night, 7 p.m.

Hastings

- August 10** – PTO supply sale and schedule pick up for grades seven-eight, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- August 10** – PTO supply sale and schedule pick up for grade six, 3-7 p.m.
- August 11** – New students to Upper Arlington orientation 3-4 p.m.
- August 13** – Sixth grade kick-off orientation program, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- September 10** – Back-to-school night, 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.

SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Tremont Elementary students had a blast learning how to draw animals and monsters using letters and numbers with illustrator, Steve Harpster.



The Jones and Hastings middle school orchestras put on a fantastic performance at the Field Museum in Chicago in June.



Greensview Elementary School students and staff participated in musical assembly on the last day of school.

Congratulations to all of the winners of the Presidential Volunteer Service Awards and the UA Schools Community Service Awards.



Barrington Elementary School hosted several Marines during their annual Semper Fi assembly. This is the culmination of a year long service-learning project where students collected donations for care packages which are then sent to Marines overseas.

The Golden Star Choir at Wickliffe Progressive School put on a great performance at the monthly town hall meeting in May.



The Windermere Ukulele Orchestra provided great entertainment at the North Market in June.



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Sixth graders at Hastings Middle School hosted a walkathon with Bol Aweng, a Lost Boy, to raise awareness and funds for food distribution in South Sudan.



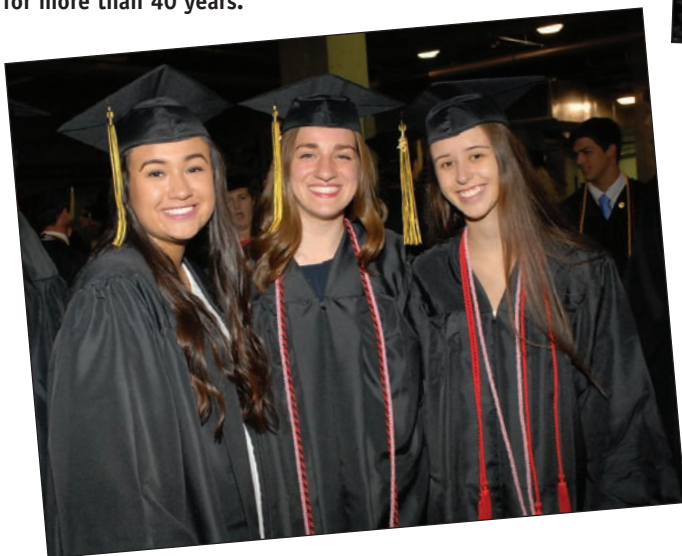
Students at Tremont Elementary School celebrated Poem in Your Pocket Day by filling these specially made pockets with their favorite poems.



Congratulations to the UAHS girls lacrosse team on the 2015 state championship!

Class of 2015

More than 400 Upper Arlington High School seniors received their diplomas and joined the prestigious ranks of Golden Bear alumni on Sunday, May 31. This ceremony marked the 91st commencement for Upper Arlington High School and the first year in its new location, OSU's Schottenstein Center. Graduation was held at the now-defunct Veterans Memorial for more than 40 years.



Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

Closer to our Efficiency Project Goal —

We are now nearly two years into the Efficiency Project, and I'm pleased to report that we are 89 percent of the way toward meeting the core commitment of that initiative.

As you may recall, we launched the Efficiency Project in August 2013 to create a more focused and sustainable district. We committed to find operational efficiencies to improve our bottom line by \$4.5 million over a four-year period 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 into place more than \$4 million worth of efficiency measures. One of the biggest changes was moving to a self-insured model for medical coverage. Other factors include a reduction in staff positions, renegotiating the contract for athletic training services and implementing shared services with the City and Library just to name a few. You can find a detailed list of the efficiency measures at www.uaschools.org/efficiency.

State Funding Update — After months of twists and turns in the state legislature, Ohio's new biennium budget was finalized June 30. Throughout the process you may have seen several newspaper articles with charts showing how much state funding UA Schools stood to lose or gain. The administration's initial proposal had our district losing approximately \$500,000 in fiscal year 2016, while the budget approved by the state legislature several months later had our district seeing an increase of approximately \$400,000 in each of the next two years.

Despite these ups and downs, we have ended up right where we started. Our state funding will stay flat for the next two years. How did we go from gaining significant funds to staying flat? The budget approved by the legislature included something called a funding floor that was vetoed by the governor. That provision phased in a guarantee that all public schools would receive at least as much per-pupil funding as the state sends to private and parochial schools. Currently several Ohio districts, including Upper Arlington, receive significantly less per pupil than our neighboring private schools.

Land Transfer — The School District just got a tiny bit bigger. Scioto Pointe, a development of 23 homes tucked between UA's western border and the eastern bank of the Scioto River, is switching from South-Western City Schools to our district. Families living in that area petitioned the State Board of Education, citing their physical separation from the rest of the South-Western district. The board agreed, and South-Western City Schools approved the transfer.

While UA Schools stayed neutral throughout the process, we are prepared to welcome this small number of new families into our district. The state hearing officer's report indicates that about five or six school-aged children live in the area. They will be eligible to attend UA Schools beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. All Scioto Pointe homeowners will begin paying UA school taxes next year.



Alumni Spotlight

Matthew Stout, Class of 1990 and 2015 Upper Arlington Alumni Association Outstanding Alumnus

Notable achievements at UAHS:

Matt is one of just two Upper Arlington High School students to qualify for the OHSAA state wrestling tournament four years in a row, finishing as the state runner up in 1989. He also earned letters in both cross country and wrestling all four years of high school. In 1990 he was named the Ohio Capital Conference Ohio Division Wrestler of the Year and graduated from UAHS with magna cum laude distinction.



College experience: Matt earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan where he also lettered in wrestling three times and served as a team captain. Matt went on to earn both a law degree and a master's degree in business administration from The Ohio State University in 1999. He is now a partner at Bricker & Eckler, LLP and specializes in public finance transactions, primarily assisting local governments such as school districts, municipalities and counties with the issuance of debt to finance capital projects. Matt also serves as the head wrestling coach for Upper Arlington High School and was named an Outstanding Alumnus by the Upper Arlington Alumni Association this year – an honor he shares with UAHS classmate and UA Schools Treasurer/CFO Andrew Geistfeld.

How did UA prepare him for success? "Upper Arlington City Schools laid the groundwork for my success in my legal career. Strong writing and oral communication skills are critical to being successful as a lawyer. When I was at Michigan and in the OSU law/MBA program, I found that my writing and speaking skills were stronger than the majority of my fellow classmates. I credit that to the education I received in UA. In addition, my time in athletics and specifically in wrestling, prepared me for the real world challenges of life. Wrestling requires discipline, hard work, and perseverance. All of these traits are required to succeed in the real world. More simply put, wrestling teaches you to get off your back and you have to get off your back a lot in life."

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Library **iNSIGHT**

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Go Back to School with Help from Your Library

Summer is still in full swing, but back-to-school time is just around the corner. The Upper Arlington Public Library is here to help you make the upcoming school year the best yet for students and teachers.

Resources for Students

Of course, a top resource for students of all ages is a library card. You can apply online by visiting www.ualibrary.org and clicking the orange "Sign Up for a Card" box in the upper right. You have the option of a traditional library card with full borrowing privileges, or an E-card, which gives you access to just our digital collection and databases. You can always upgrade to a full card at any time.

Once you have a UA Library card, be sure to explore all we have to offer. Cardholders have access to over 4.5 million items in our catalog. Our collection of books and eBooks offers multiple copies of many of the titles that students are required to read for school.

Our digital tools can kick your school-work up to the next level. Research databases provide information that you can't get simply by Googling. Younger students will find databases like Culturegrams, World Book Encyclopedia, and Science Research Center helpful. LearningExpress Library features online practice tests and tutorials for the ACT, SAT and others. Visit www.ualibrary.org/reference to access these and over 100 other high-quality databases.

And did you know students may print up to five black and white pages for homework needs at no charge?

Resources for Teachers

We provide a variety of materials, services and support for teachers living or teaching in UA.

Begin by signing up for a teacher's card. Teachers can use this card to check out classroom materials, and won't pay overdue fines. Any full- or part-time teacher living or working in Upper Arlington is eligible to apply. This privilege extends to homeschoolers and those teaching in a public, private or parochial school.

We know teachers are busy, so we provide a service called Teacher Collections at the Main and Lane Road libraries. Anyone with a teacher card is eligible for this service. Teachers need only provide us with their subject or unit topic along with their contact information, and our staff will pull up to 30 appropriate items. The collection will be ready five days after the request, and as soon as one is picked up another can be requested. Make



your request online, in person at our Main or Lane Road locations, or by phone.

For teachers who are encouraging their students to visit the library for materials about specific subjects, the Main Library offers Assignment Alerts. We'll set aside a cart of materials suitable for the indicated grade level. Assignment Alert requests can be placed online at www.ualibrary.org.

In addition to these services, teachers can also benefit from a variety of classroom support materials. We offer Discovery Kits—"units" in a box, including books, activities, music and more; plus Reading Recovery materials, decodable and phonics materials, and a large collection of early readers.

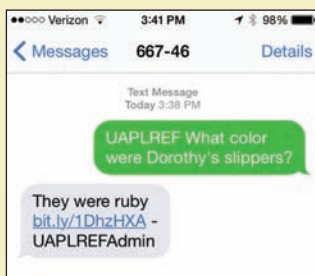
We also maintain an Educator Resources collection featuring methods and activities teachers can try in their classrooms.

For more individualized services, such as library visits, book talks, and in-school visits, contact our Youth Services Manager Dena Little at dlittle@ualibrary.org.

For more on the many services available to teachers, visit our teacher page at www.ualibrary.org/youthservices/teachers.

Check Out Our UA High School Student Portal

Visit <http://bit.ly/UAstudentportal> for a page full of great online research databases and college prep info for high school students. If you can't find what you're looking for, our reference librarians are happy to help you by email at reference@ualibrary.org, by phone at 486-3342, or in person. You can even text UAPLREF to 66746 to get an answer by text message.





FROM THE DIRECTOR

Chris Taylor

Volunteer Opportunities are Plentiful at the Library

Earlier this year during National Volunteer Week, April 12-18, 2015, we partnered with the City and a number of other local organizations to present the **Volunteer UA Expo: Where Communities and Good Causes Connect**. Twenty-nine local organizations showcased how they make a positive impact on our community and how one could join their volunteer force. But did you know that the Upper Arlington Public Library has volunteer opportunities as well? Each year thousands of hours are worked by volunteers here at the Library.

Community members can volunteer their time to benefit the library in a number of ways. First would be as a Library Board member. The Library Board is an

independent policy board made up of seven community members. Terms last four years and half of the board positions are up for appointment every two years. At the end of 2015, three seats will be up for consideration and interested residents will be able to apply on the City's website just like applying for City Board and Commission positions. The City Council appoints the Library Board members.

Another way to help is to become an active member of our Friends of the UA Library. Through quarterly book sales, permanent bookstores and other fundraising efforts like Amazon Smile, Kroger Community Rewards and restaurant nights, the Friends fund all of our programs. This is all made possible due to the Friends' volunteer corps. The Friends also have a

board and do consider new members. There are volunteer positions as cashier at the Tremont bookstore and volunteers are also needed to sort through the many items that are donated to the library every day.

Finally, interested residents can volunteer directly for the Library. We have many options for a variety of talents. Every summer we accept teens to help with our Summer Library Club as both junior volunteers and interns at all three branches. We regularly use volunteers for a variety of duties, such as finding and placing materials on the shelves, shelf reading, maintaining our collection and special projects. Volunteers are what make our Outreach homebound delivery service possible. And our UA Archives joint project with the Historical Society and City is supported by volunteers who help us scan materials.

If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, please consider the Upper Arlington Public Library. For more information, please contact our Community Engagement Specialist Jennifer Faure at 486-9621 ext. 252 (jfaure@ualibrary.org).

Tickets to Anthony Doerr Presentation on Sale Now

"Time is a slippery thing: lose hold of it once, and its string might sail out of your hands forever."

Author Anthony Doerr in *All the Light We Cannot See*

Don't let time pass you by! Purchase your tickets to Pulitzer Prize winner Anthony Doerr's October 11 presentation and reception in Upper Arlington.

Doerr will speak at the Upper Arlington High School at 2 p.m. and attend a 5:30 p.m. reception and book signing at the Upper Arlington Main Library.

Prices range from \$15-\$35 for the talk with a special discounted rate of \$10 for students. Reception tickets are \$50 and include light refreshments, beverages and a personal book signing with the author. The reception benefits the Upper Arlington Community Foundation's Ann Royce Moore Fund, which is dedicated to bringing quality authors to the community.

Tickets can be purchased by credit card online via the link found on the Library's website at www.ualibrary.org. Those wishing to pay by check or cash may visit the Adult Department of the Main Library.

Doerr's novel *All the Light We Cannot See* won the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and was a finalist for the National Book Award. It was the top selling book of 2014 and the *New York Times* named it one of its 10 best books of the year. He is also the author of the novel *About Grace*, the short story collections *Memory Wall* and *The Shell Collector*; and the memoir *Four Seasons in Rome: On Twins, Insomnia, and the Biggest Funeral in the History of the World*.

This event is part of the Upper Arlington Author Series sponsored by the



Upper Arlington Community Foundation, the Upper Arlington Public Library, the Upper Arlington Rotary Club and the Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library.

Questions? Call the Main Library at 486-9621.

Hoopla Q & A

Did you know that through Hoopla you can stream or temporarily download free digital entertainment with your UAPL library card? Here are some Hoopla Q&As to get you started.

What is Hoopla?

Hoopla is a digital platform that provides instant access to tens of thousands of movies, television shows, albums and audiobooks to stream on a variety of mobile devices, tablets and PCs.

What do I need to use Hoopla?

You will need an Upper Arlington Public Library card, and a mobile device and/or personal computer. Begin by visiting www.hoopladigital.com to create an account or register using the Hoopla app. However you register, you will need to provide an email address, create a password, and have your library card number and PIN.

I don't have a tablet or smartphone.

How can I view Hoopla on my PC?

You can watch or listen to content on your Macintosh or PC. The first time you use Hoopla you may be instructed to install the Widevine plugin. Widevine is designed by Google and allows Hoopla to play videos in your browser. This plugin is supported by most, though not all, browsers. Learn more at www.hoopladigital.com/support.

Which mobile devices are supported by Hoopla?

Hoopla is compatible with tablets and smartphones:

- iOS 6 and above
- Android 4.0 and above
- Kindle Fire HDX (original Kindle Fire not supported)
- Please note that Nook Tablet is not supported.

Where can I find the Hoopla app?

The Hoopla app is available in the App Store on your Apple device, the Google Play store for Android devices, and the Amazon App Store for the Kindle Fire HDX. Search for "Hoopla Digital."

What are the lending policies?

Checkouts are limited to 10 items per card per month. Lending periods are:

- Movies/TV shows — 3 days
- Music — 7 days
- Audiobooks — 21 days

All Hoopla content is available for simultaneous check out, meaning there are no waiting lists, no holds, no returns and no late fees.

How do I return an item?

Borrowed titles will be automatically returned when your lending period is over. If you would like to return an item early, click on the return button on the item title page.

Can I play Hoopla content on more than one device?

You can play Hoopla content on several devices, but not at the same time. However, you can begin playing the item on

one device and continue, from the same spot you left off, on another device.

I think I need more help. Where can I learn more?

You can get online help by visiting www.ualibrary.org and clicking the "Movies" tab in the digital media box near the top of the page. You'll find a support page and our Hoopla instructions sheet. You can even book one-on-one help with one of our staff members by calling 486-9621 ext. 227 or by visiting www.ualibrary.org/mediaservices.

Please give Hoopla a try and let us know what you think of this exciting service.

App Puts Library Info at Your Fingertips

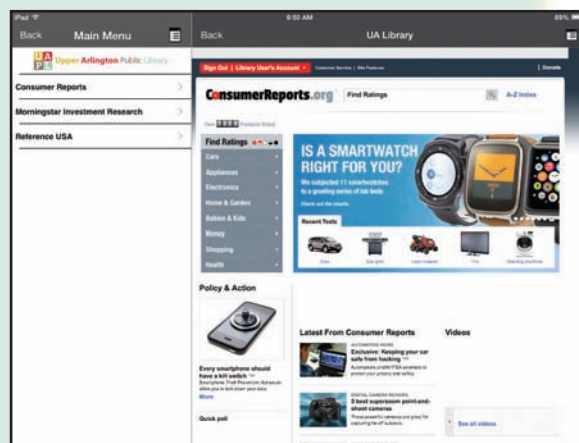
Have you used the Library's mobile app yet? There's no better time to get started thanks to some recent updates that make it easier than ever to access what you need.

Longtime users know that our app, available for iOS and Android, is a great way to keep connected to the Library wherever you are. Search our catalog, view your account information, find our locations and hours, and see a complete list of Library programs.

Now we've added new features to make the experience even richer. Our streaming video and audio service Hoopla and our eBook collection Overdrive are just a tap away. See the accompanying Hoopla article for more information.

We've also made it easy to do research on the go. Out shopping for a gas grill? Pull up the app and see which one Consumer Reports recommends. Find information on millions of U.S. businesses and individuals through Reference USA, and check the latest stock performances with Morningstar Investment Research.

If you're already a user, be sure to visit your app store for the latest update so you can take advantage of these new features.



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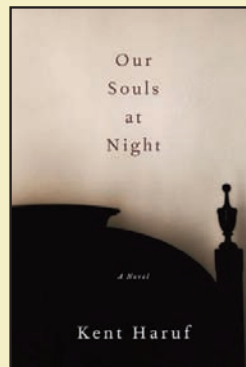
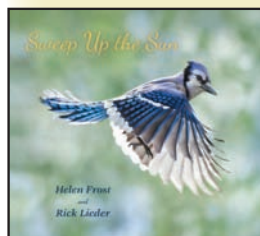
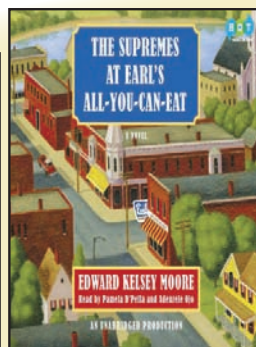
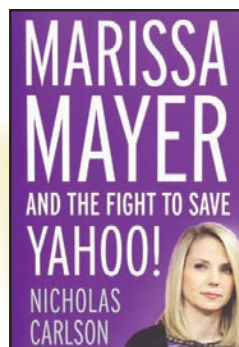
Pie School: Lessons in Fruit, Flour & Butter

By Kate Lebo

A little afraid of baking pies? If rolling out a crust makes you panicky, then let *Pie School* dissolve your fears. The step-by-step instructions are well-written and will aspire anyone to bake. Accompanied by great photos with easy instructions, the recipes are grouped seasonally and by fruit type. The book includes time-honored classics plus delicious variations along with explanations of the skills and techniques you need in order to make a great pie. It's berry time in Ohio, let's roll out a pie!

— Vita Marinello

Adult Services Manager



Roller Girl

By Victoria Jamieson

As Astrid and her former BFF Nicole start to grow apart, Astrid discovers roller derby and finds courage, strength and self-confidence in her new friends and the sport. She still misses Nicole though and wishes they could find a way for their friendship to work. Highly recommended for young readers who enjoyed *Sisters* and *Smile*.

— Tracie Steele, Youth Services

Marissa Mayer and the Fight to Save Yahoo!

By Nicholas Carlson

When I first picked up this book, I was expecting to find a book about a woman in a high profile leadership role. Instead, it tells a fascinating history of the Internet both from a technological and business perspective. It traces Yahoo!'s rise from the project of two Stanford graduate students that was a website called "Jerry and David's Guide to the World Wide Web" to a giant in the industry. The book leads the reader through Yahoo!'s spectacular fall as it was left behind by more innovative competitors. Finally, we are introduced to Marissa Mayer

who was one of the driving forces behind the success of Google and the great hope of Yahoo! employees. This is a fascinating read that leaves us with a bit of a cliffhanger since the world is still waiting to find out whether or not she will indeed be able to save Yahoo!

— Jennifer Faure, Community Relations

Sweep Up the Sun

By Helen Frost

This book is a beautiful mix of simple poetry and fabulous close-up photographs of birds being birds. You'll wish to soar in the sky yourself after reading this book! It's the second collaboration of poetry and photography by Helen Frost and Rick Lieder. Be sure to also check out their first book *Step Gently Out*, which brings the miniature world of insects into focus.

— Stephanie Cofer, Youth Services

Our Souls at Night

By Kent Haruf

Louis, one of the main characters in Kent Haruf's brief and beautiful last book says, "I just want to live simply and pay attention to what is happening each day." The book itself is a deceptively simple example of just that: unadorned prose that pays attention to what

is happening in the lives of two senior citizens. Louis and Addie are both retired and living alone having survived their spouses. They forge an unlikely bond when Addie unexpectedly decides she is tired of worrying about what other people think. She invites Louis to spend the night with her, just to talk and innocently stave off the loneliness the soul feels most acutely in the darkness. Their healing intimacy survives the disapproval of the small town of Holt, Colorado, but can it survive the small-minded selfishness of their own children? Author Kent Haruf passed away in November 2014.

— Bonnie DeWitt, Technical Services

The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat

By Edward Kelsey Moore

Nicknamed the Supremes in high school during the '60s, Odette,

Clarice, and Barbara Jean have been close friends for more than 40 years. While growing up and living their adult lives in the same hometown, their friendship bears witness to the consequences of choices, the imposition of chaos, and the power of love. Alternately humorous, touching, lively, and surprising, but always ringing true.

— Hari Ruiz, Adult Services

Four Seasons In Rome: On Twins, Insomnia, and the Biggest Funeral in the History of the World

By Anthony Doerr

The author learned he won a year fellowship at the American Academy in Rome the same day his wife gave birth to their twin sons. So, they pack up babies and all and head to the eternal city so he can work on his next novel. What follows are stories of their adventures in a new city where they do not speak the language. His full descriptions of the beauty of Rome and of being new parents make you feel like you are right there experiencing every minute with them. He also gives the reader a bit of insight into his early work on his award winning novel, *All The Light You Cannot See*.

— Kate Porter, Assistant Director

Upper Arlington's Newest Joint Venture has the Write Stuff

A day full of information and inspiration for writers is coming to the Main Library on Saturday, November 14 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. "The Write Stuff" will feature talks by several local writers as well as an expo of industry representatives. Confirmed presenters include Trudy Brandenburg, Jody Casella, Karen Edwards, John Ondo, Nita Sweeney, Pat Snyder and Faith Van Horne. Specific topics are still being determined at press time, but likely will include humor writing, writing practice, indie publishing, blogging, and editing.

Of this partnership between the City of Upper Arlington and the Library, Community Engagement Specialist Jennifer Faure said "Each of our organizations has experienced a demand for classes that are tailored to writers. By pooling our collective knowledge and resources, we're excited to offer programming that will appeal to a wide range of writers."

Talks will be held throughout the day in Meeting Room B and the Friends Theater. The specific schedule will be available in the **Library Link** program guide and City **Activity Guide** later this summer.

Registration will be required for most sessions and will be available through our online program calendar at www.ualibrary.org.

An expo of several local companies and organizations will be held in the atrium for the entire day. Stop by the booths to visit with representatives from Thurber House, Ohioana, Sisters in Crime Columbus, OU



John Ondo



Jody Casella

Press, Upper Hand Press and others.

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

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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the Upper Arlington Library will hold its Fall Book Sale November 15-29 in the atrium of the Main Library. You'll find thousands of used books, DVDs, CDs, records, 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 15 from Noon-1 p.m. Memberships will be sold at the door for those who would like to take advantage of this benefit but are not yet members. On the final day of the sale, Sunday, November 29, Friends members can fill a paper grocery bag with books for just \$5. Nonmember price is \$10 per bag. All proceeds benefit the UA Library, so find a bargain and help your library, too!

Notary Public Service Available

The UA Main Library now offers free notary public services by appointment. The requestor must speak English and provide the Notary with a valid form of photo identification, such as a current

driver's license, military ID or passport. We provide only basic services and will notarize up to three documents per person, per visit. Note we cannot certify true copies of passports or driver's licenses. To set up an appointment, email secretary@ualibrary.org or complete an appointment request form under the "Using the Library" section of our website at www.ualibrary.org. You may also call 486-0900.

Youth Magazines in Zinio

A new collection of youth titles is available for checkout from Zinio, our digital magazine service. You can access titles like Highlights for Children, Ladybug, Chickadee and Chirp from your tablet, smartphone or computer. Begin by visiting www.ualibrary.org and clicking the "E-Magazines" tab. Browse the new children's titles by selecting "children" from the list marked "all genres." The addition of magazines for young readers brings the total number of titles in our Zinio collection to over 180.

Friends Theater Closed in August

The Friends Theater in the Main Library will be closed for the month of August and possibly into September for renovation. Upon reopening, the theater will be ADA compliant with the addition of handrails and shorter steps.

Upcoming Library Closings

All three UA libraries will be closed on Sunday, September 6 and Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day. We will also be closed on Wednesday, November 11 for our annual Staff Inservice Day. Finally, we will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25 and remain closed on Thursday, November 26 for Thanksgiving. Regular hours resume on Friday, November 27.

Get Social With the UA Library

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

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



Emily Richard Green from the Armstrong Air & Space Museum visited the Lane Road Library on July 6 to talk about the 25 astronauts who hailed from Ohio.



Lots of mini Annas and Elsas attended the Main Library's Frozen Party on June 18.



Is there a future illustrator among the kids who attended the Lane Road Library's Drawn to be a Hero program on June 10?



Local band RMT performed its annual Songs of America concert outside the Miller Park Library on July 2.



The library was well represented at this year's Fourth of July parade along Northwest Boulevard.



Fall Program Highlights

Teen Advisory Board

Teens looking to have fun, get involved, and earn service credit are welcome to join our Teen Advisory Board (TAB). TAB helps plan events and programs, promote reading and volunteering, and help make the library a great space for teens. This fall we'll meet on **Saturday, September 19 and Saturday, October 17 at 2 p.m.** at the Main Library.

Ghost Hunting

Do you believe in ghosts? You might after seeing this presentation at the Lane Road Library on Thursday, October 8 at 7 p.m. Hear about the paranormal and ghost hunting by members of Tri-C Ghost Hunters. Collectively they have been on over 700 investigations from a small two-bedroom apartment in West Virginia to a large medieval castle in Scotland. Join us as they take you on a trip into the world of the paranormal and ghost hunting as they present evidence from some of their scariest and memorable investigations.

Great for teens and adults. Register by visiting our online program calendar at www.ualibrary.org.

Explore Antarctica

Join travel expert Gene Gilliom for a cruise to a destination unlike anywhere else in the world — Antarctica. A trip to the world's largest continent is one of the world's most unique and intriguing travel experiences. Antarctica's wind speeds can top 198 mph and its temperatures in winter can plunge to as low as -128 degrees F.

It's a spectacular wilderness of landscapes featuring colorful ice, rugged rock formations, waterways teeming with sea life, and wildlife still unafraid of humans. See countless penguins, a variety of seals and whales, and a surprising array of birds. In addition to spending 10 days in Antarctica on the Clipper Adventurer, the itinerary will take us to Chile, the Falkland Islands, and Argentina. Don't miss this program on Tuesday, October 20 at 7 p.m. at the Main Library.

Elephant and Piggie

Fans of Mo Willems' Elephant and Piggie books won't want to miss their special appearance at all UA libraries this November. Meet these adorable characters at the Main Library on Saturday, November 7 at 10:30 a.m.; at the Lane Road Library on Monday, November 9 at 4 p.m.; and at the Miller Park Library on Thursday, November 12 at 4 p.m. We'll start with a short story followed by time for photos, hugs and high-fives.

Senior Program Series

The Library and the UA Commission on Aging are partnering this fall to present a series of programs aimed at helping senior citizens get smart about real estate, safety and health. All programs will be held in the Main Library's Friends Theater on Wednesdays. No registration is required and adults of all ages are welcome. Join us for :

- **Real Estate 101**, September 30, 1 p.m.
- **Medicare for Beginners**, October 7, 6:30 p.m.
- **Stage Your Home for Sale**, October 14, 1 p.m.
- **Senior Scams**, October 21 at 1 p.m.;
- **Medication Safety**, October 28, 1 p.m.;
- **Brain Health as You Age**, November 4, 1 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 by visiting www.ualibrary.org and clicking the "Explore Newsletters" button.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, September 15 at 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 20 at 5 p.m.
- NO NOVEMBER MEETING

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Concourse Gallery

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

Beyond Limbs and Leaves

August 20-October 23

Reception, 5-7 p.m., Thursday, August 27

In an effort to remember ash trees felled by the Emerald Ash Borer, Ohio artists showcase the characteristics of ash wood.

Muse Gallery: An Argentinian View

November 2-26

Enjoy the works of some of the best contemporary Argentinian artists.

UA Farmers' Market

3-6 p.m., Wednesdays Thru September 30

1945 Ridgeview Road

UA Parks & Recreation, 583-5300

Golden Bear Bash!

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

Tremont Center

bearalums@aol.com

Help the UA Education Foundation put a little extra into the UA Schools' programs.

Labor Day Arts Festival

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

Northam Park

Be a part of the art at UA's yearly arts extravaganza. Art, entertainment, food and more are available, with free admission.

UACA's Labor/Neighbor Day

All day, Monday, September 7

Kingsdale & Behind Tremont Elementary

UA Civic Association, www.uaca.org

Morning bike races and a pet show at Kingsdale, afternoon wiffle ball tournament behind Tremont Elementary.

ReelAbilities Film Festival:

Here One Day Screening

Matinee, Sunday, September 27

Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road
columbus.reelabilities.org

Enjoy films that celebrate the lives, stories, and art of people with disabilities.

Nationwide Children's Hospital Golf Championship

September 21-27

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 11

Fancyburg Park

UA Parks & Recreation, 583-5300

Annual family event with inflatable games, sack races, watermelon eating contests, arts & crafts, trackless train rides, tethered hot air balloons and good eats.

UACA Golden Bear Scare

October 20, 21, 22

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 haunted. 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., Thursday, October 29

Throughout UA neighborhoods

It's time for children to hit the streets in their most outrageous costumes for an evening of "trick-or-treating." The City's Pumpkin Patrol volunteers ensure children are safe and pass out candy.

UACA Christmas in the Park

November 29-December 3

Thompson Park

UA Civic Association, www.uaca.org

Each year Santa visits UA and the lucky children of our town enjoy a carriage ride, meet with Santa and share their Christmas wishes. Make a reservation for your child starting November 13 at 6 a.m.

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 4

Mallway, Arlington Avenue

UA Parks & Recreation, 583-5300

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.