Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan

Following a detailed review and community engagement process, the draft report and recommendations will be shared with the community this fall.

The Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan review and planning process is a vital step in guiding future decision-making on how to get the most value from our limited parks and the facilities within them, while fulfilling the recreational wants and needs of the community.

The work of PROS Consulting has included extensive resident input and a detailed study of existing conditions, combined with comparisons to other communities and industry trends.

Community Engagement Process
Opportunities to be part of the process and the response from residents has been extensive.

- Over 300 residents participated in stakeholder interviews, focus groups and a first community meeting. This included representatives from field sports organizations, the Senior Advisory Council, Cultural Arts Commission, Northam Tennis Advisory Committee, Tree Commission, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, City Council, and various other public entities and civic groups.
- A questionnaire was completed by 885 residents.
- A statistically-valid survey conducted early in 2018 garnered 653 responses.
- An online version of the survey open to all in the community was completed by 721 people.
- A youth survey was completed by 168 students.

Key Findings
From the wealth of information gathered through the process to date, some key themes have emerged.

- Satisfaction with the UA parks system—residents share a passion and pride in the community’s park system and the programming provided by the Parks & Recreation Department.
- A desire for the City to preserve and enhance existing parks and facilities.
- Acknowledgement that the City lacks indoor recreation space, and support for exploring the feasibility of an indoor recreation facility that would serve all ages and segments of the population.

Review of Draft Report
A draft report summarizing the entire process, findings and recommendations is now ready for review and final feedback. A series of public meetings are scheduled, per the following:

- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting/Presentation of Plan – 6:30 pm, Wednesday, October 10 (public comments will be accepted)
- Council Conference Session Presentation of Plan – 7:30 pm, Monday, October 15
- Public Meeting – 6:30 pm, Wednesday, October 17
- Council Conference Session Discussion – 7:30 pm, Monday, November 5 (public comments will be accepted)
- City Council Meeting & Vote on Plan – 7:30 pm, Monday, November 12 (public comments will be accepted)

All meetings will be held at 3600 Tremont Road. For additional details on the Comprehensive Plan process, visit www.upperarlingtonoh.gov.
Arlington Gateway Update

This project has been in the public eye since 2016, with two previous development plans approved by the Board of Zoning and Planning (BZAP). In 2018, the developer team expanded to include Continental Real Estate and the project grew to encompass land from Darron’s Furniture all the way to North Star Road.

Plans include ground floor retail, restaurant and bank uses totaling 27,000 square feet. There will be 218 apartments on the 2nd-6th floors that wrap around a parking garage with 843 spaces. To the center of the project, an additional five stories are designated for 133,000 square feet of office space identified for a national bank.

Since the built environment falls under the purview of the professionals within the City’s Community Development Department, the Schools’ projects will all receive the appropriate level of review, vetting, guidance and inspection afforded to any construction project. These processes are in place to ensure end products that are attractive, safe and functional.

Lane Avenue Development

Crawford Hoying has taken over the project previously led by Shanghai Enterprises. In May 2018, BZAP approved a Preliminary Development Plan that reflects many months spent adjusting plans based on outreach to surrounding neighbors.

The first phase includes:

- A five-story, 116-room TownePlace Suites Hotel facing Lane Avenue
- Two condominium buildings along Westmont Boulevard.
- Surface parking behind the housing units that will connect with parking at The Lane to the east.
- One single family home will remain in place, expanding the transitional feel from the hotel into the neighborhood.

Wickliffe and Windermere Elementary Schools

UA is on the cusp of experiencing a phase of unprecedented reinvestment, and it’s not just in the economic development arena. Upper Arlington Schools are realizing their plans for making their school facilities 21st Century ready, following voter approval of a facilities master plan that will rebuild the high school and replace or renovate all five elementary schools.

After working closely with residents to craft a plan that would be more sensitive to the adjacent residential neighborhood, a referendum on the rezoning of several properties for the previous plan was withdrawn. It is hoped this phase can begin construction in the fall, for completion by the 2019 football season.

Phase Two is located on the west side of Westmont Boulevard and includes:

- A five-story, mixed-use building.
- A J Liu Restaurant on the ground floor.
- 20,000 square feet of office space on the ground and 2nd floors.
- Residential units on the 3rd-5th floors.
- A 248-space parking garage wrapped by two-story town homes to the north.
- A new access road between Westmont and Chester to the immediate north.

BZAP recommended the rezoning of several parcels tied to this project in May, with Council approval of the request in June. Pending BZAP review of the Final Development Plan, the developer hopes to start Phase Two construction this fall, with completion in the spring of 2020.

The City is currently in discussions with the developer relative to a proposed Development Agreement that would include financial considerations and a level of City participation for public infrastructure improvements.

Full details of these projects can be found at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov under the Community Development section.
City Council Retreat Considers Future Investment Options Prior to 2019-2020 Budget Planning Process

The City takes great pride in its excellent record of fiscal responsibility and strong financial health. This is thanks to a combination of factors:

• Strong financial policies that require balanced budgets.
• A General Fund “rainy day” reserve, currently set at 30% of the current year operating budget.
• Conservative forecasting by our Finance team.
• A proactive economic development program that is successfully diversifying our business base and strengthening income tax revenues.

As a result, additional reserve funds typically accumulate over time. This enables the City to make investments in the community above and beyond what is outlined in the 10-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) or two-year operating budget. The most recent example of this was the installation of new sidewalks in 2017, on sections of Lane, Canterbury, Coach, Middlesex and Cambridge roads.

It’s no surprise that ideas for community improvements are always greater than available funding however, and City Council and Staff alike have been considering how best to vet and prioritize a list of possible projects and investment options.

In mid-August, City Council convened a half-day work session to take a big picture look at the City’s current financial health, projections for the next five years, and to give some guidance to Staff on how to prioritize potential new projects as they begin budget preparations.

Conservative financial projections indicate that approximately $3.5 million in flexible funds will be available over the coming five years. This projection does not include some prospective economic development projects that could generate an additional $500,000 in income tax revenue once complete. Additionally—as recommended by the work of the Citizen Financial Review Task Force in 2014—the City could also consider adjusting water and sewer rates to pay for utility-related infrastructure projects, and could explore the replacement of two small, expiring bond levies previously approved by voters to support infrastructure improvements. Last but not least, Staff shared that adjustments could always be made to the current 10-year CIP to accommodate some new projects.

The discussion moved to considering the criteria that should be used to help vet prospective projects, with Council identifying the following as key factors in the decision-making process:

• Furthering community safety, health and welfare;
• Prioritizing improvements to and investments in the capital assets we currently own;
• Does an expenditure further a goal expressed by City Council?
• Does it fit with Master Plan goals?

Next, Staff presented three lists of potential new expenditures for the City.

One list gave Council insight into some of the preliminary budget planning discussions occurring within the Administration relative to operational needs. This includes plans for sharing the costs for two new school resource officers with the Schools in response to the Schools’ recent safety audit, and creating a full-time position in the Fire Division to oversee STAY UA and the new CARES paramedicine program.

A second list, created for educational purposes only, highlighted current or possible economic development projects that would require City support through Tax Increment Financing, a tool that enables the City to pay for public improvements using new property taxes generated by the increased value that results from a development project.

The final list focused on possible investment items.

From this list, it was agreed that certain facilities maintenance needs should be pursued, namely:

• Roof and cooling tower improvements to the Municipal Services Center;
• Replacing the Devon Pool mechanical buildings to complete investments at this facility;
Arts & Culture Master Plan

The arts have been alive and well in UA for almost 50 years, thanks to the volunteer efforts of the Cultural Arts Commission and the work of our cultural arts staff in the Parks & Recreation Department.

Each year, our community enjoys a variety of arts and cultural programming. Our children learn from professional artists through an Arts in Education program, and their creative abilities are proudly displayed as part of our annual Concourse Gallery exhibits. Every summer, music lovers descend on Sunny 95 Park to enjoy free evening concerts. And UA is likely best known among art lovers across the region for our annual Labor Day Arts Festival.

For all this activity in support of the arts, it has happened organically over time. As the Parks & Recreation Department has been working through its Comprehensive Plan process, the idea of developing a similar guiding document with strategies for enhancing the arts and cultural experiences in UA was suggested on multiple occasions.

As a result, the City has been looking to commission an Arts and Culture Master Plan to set the standard and strategic direction for how we continue to plan for, implement and enjoy a full range of creative endeavors, from public art to cultural programming.

In anticipation of Council approval in late August to proceed with the plan, a quick questionnaire about the arts and culture in UA has been prepared for dissemination at the Labor Day Arts Festival, on Monday, September 3. If you attend the Festival, please stop by the Information Tent, the City Tent or look for volunteers with clipboards so that you can complete the questionnaire onsite. Everyone who completes the questionnaire at the Festival will be entered into a prize drawing to win a print of a watercolor of Northam Park by local artist Don Dodrill, and some Arts Festival t-shirts (the winners will be notified by email).

If you miss the opportunity to complete the questionnaire at the Festival, an online version is available at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov, where you can also find full details on the process. The deadline to complete the questionnaire is September 30.

Next Steps
Staff is focusing its efforts on gathering additional information for the various investment options and project priorities. Some project proposals may come before Council yet this year, as current year funds permit. Otherwise, the 2019-2020 budget review process, including updates to the 10-year CIP, will come before Council in November.

Council was also supportive of the City conducting a feasibility study for indoor recreation, in response to community feedback from the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan process.
Solid Waste Program Updates
Local Waste Services ......................... 614-583-5370
www.localwasteservices.com
request@localwasteservices.com

Here are some useful service reminders to help you get the most out of our program:

• Place all items for disposal at the curb between 6 pm the night before and 7 am on your regular collection day. Keep trash and recycling containers at least three feet apart from other items to provide easy access for the collection equipment. Lid openings should face into the street. Do not park cars in front of containers, as this makes collection difficult and could result in damage to your vehicle. Containers must be removed from the curb by 7 am following collection day.

• Screening Requirements - Households should keep trash and recycling containers out of view from the street—in a garage, shed, screened behind a fence or landscaping, etc.—except when putting them at the curb the night before or by 7 am on collection day.

• Yard Waste - Place yard waste in approved biodegradable yard waste bags, bundles or trash containers clearly marked as “Yard Waste,” and place at the curb by 7 am on your regular collection day. Plastic bags or yard waste mixed with trash are NOT accepted. Bundled items should not exceed five feet in length, must be tied with twine or string, and should not weigh more than 50 lbs. Sticks and other loose brush will not be collected. “Yard Waste” decals are available at the Municipal Services Center and UA libraries.

Utility Invoice Update
The City wishes to advise households with a delinquent balance on their Utility account that this will be assessed to the Franklin County Auditor for collection through your property tax duplicate. Upon assessment, the City will no longer accept payment of any outstanding balance at the Municipal Services Center or through the online payment portal until the next billing cycle early in 2019. As a result, if you wish to make a payment on a delinquent balance, it must be done through the Franklin County Auditor’s Office (visit www.franklincountyauditor.com).

The City’s Utility Invoice is billed semi-annually, and includes the Solid Waste fee, the Stormwater Utility fee and, in some cases a Neighborhood Lighting Utility fee.

Leaf Collection
Public Works Division ......................... 614-583-5370
www.upperarlingtonoh.gov

The City is providing free leaf collection services late October through early December, weather permitting. The actual dates will be announced in September.

The program is typically comprised of five pass throughs (rounds) of the City by collection crews. Residents are advised to refrain from placing leaves at the curb until approximately one week before the start of the program AND to stop raking leaves to the curb at least one week before the program ends.

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.

Each collection season differs, due to varying weather conditions and how quickly leaves fall. For example, an early frost may cause leaves to drop earlier than usual. In turn, varying leaf fall volumes and weather conditions impact how quickly crews can complete a thorough sweep of the City. We appreciate your patience during periods of a particularly heavy leaf fall and/or an early snowfall. A Leaf Collection Tracking Map is available at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov, providing residents a means to anticipate when collection crews are likely to be on their street.

Please follow these guidelines:

• Place loose-raked leaves close to the edge of the street in the tree lawn, not in 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.

• Parked vehicles should be at least eight feet away from either side of leaf piles so that collection crews have safe access to the leaves with their truck and leaf machine.

• When the leaf collection program is not in effect, place leaves in approved biodegradable bags or containers marked for yard waste, and place at the curb for collection on your regular Solid Waste collection day. “Yard Waste” decals are available at the Municipal Services Center and UA libraries.
The document that defines the City organization was up for review in 2018. The City Charter is the most important legal document for the City, setting forth the structure, functions and essential procedures of the organization. Per a directive within the Charter itself, a review must be made at least every 10 years.

A Charter Review Commission, comprised of 10 members, met from January through early June. Suggestions from Commission members and the public determined which sections were reviewed, and public input was taken at all but the first meeting. Members of the Commission and the public were able to suggest which sections of the Charter should be reviewed by the group, instead of reviewing the entire document in depth, since it was agreed the Commission would approach its task from the perspective that relatively few changes would likely be recommended.

In June, the Commission recommended eight amendments to the Charter be put to a vote of the community at the November 6, 2018 election. Council reviewed these recommendations in July and concurred with the Commission’s recommendations, with adjustments to one proposal.

- **Section IV** – a recommendation to amend how a vacancy on City Council is filled, setting parameters for the appointment timeframe following a vacancy, and election requirements if the appointment is made before June 30 of the last two years of an unexpired term (the Commission had recommended three years but Council reduced the timeframe to two years);
- **Section XIV** – recommending that the Clerk of Courts position be deleted as a direct report to City Council;
- **Section VIII** – to remove a specific time of day requirement on the day that Council members are sworn into office;
- **Section XI** – to remove a requirement of physically delivering written notice of special meetings to Council members’ homes;
- **Section XII** – to clarify the permitted interaction between Council members and City staff;
- **Section XI** – to authorize Council to use Consent Agendas;
- **Section III** – to clarify language relative to which legislative acts are subject to referendum, consistent with Council Rules;
- **Section II** – stating that Council may determine the effective date of any ordinance, resolution or other measure, consistent with Council Rules.

The City thanks the following community volunteers for their time and efforts spent reviewing the City Charter: John C. Adams (Chair), Bob Dunn, Megan Heydlauff, Mary Ann Krauss, Maria Mone, Matt Petersen, Jon Secrest, Rich Simpson, Elizabeth Fenner Yassenoff and Julie Bruce Zogbaum.

In the countdown to the election, please watch for additional information from the City relative to the proposed amendments. And as always, the City encourages you to be informed and to vote November 6.

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**Neighborhood Bridges Update**


Since its April 2018 launch, Upper Arlington’s Neighborhood Bridges program has helped several members of our community when they needed it most. A request for an air conditioning unit was fulfilled within hours of being posted. An elderly resident who hit a financial rough spot received rent money and groceries to help her through this short-term crisis. A resident enrolled in UA’s Drug Court received several monthly bus passes so that he could attend his rehab and counseling requirements—he has now found parttime work and is on track to successfully complete the program.

Neighborhood Bridges is so simple, and it works!

We encourage you to learn more about Neighborhood Bridges, and to register for updates so that you can give back directly to your community when help is needed. You never know, that old violin sitting in your basement could be the key to a young student discovering a lifelong love of music, or your child’s old clothing could help a single mother provide for her family.
Centennial Legacy Project

Wednesday, July 4, 2018 was a very special day in Upper Arlington, as we celebrated our nation’s independence AND the Centennial Legacy Project was gifted to the community at a special unveiling ceremony.

The Task Force wishes to thank the following donors for helping to make this exciting project possible:

### Centennial Plaza
- Upper Arlington Rotary Club
- Upper Arlington Community Foundation
- Upper Arlington Civic Association
- Kiwanis Club of Northwest Columbus

### History Walk
- The Barney Family
- The Crane Family: In memory of Robert S. Crane, Jr.
- The Yassenoff Family
- The Patton Family: In memory of Mary Louise & Bob Patton
- Northwest EyeCare Professionals: Douglas, Deborah & Quinlan Bosner
- The Upper Arlington Education Foundation & Upper Arlington Library Board
- The Greg Guy & Lisa Ingram Family: Caitlyn, Andrew, Jacob & Ryan
- The Gudenkauf and Gehring Families

For full details of UA’s Centennial celebrations, visit: www.uaoh100.org
The 1918 Historic Trolley Tour
Various Tour Times, Saturday, October 27
Tours Depart From First Merchants Bank at Tremont Center
Celebrate Upper Arlington’s Centennial by traveling back in time! It’s 1918, and you are a new member of the fledgling Upper Arlington community. View homes, streets, and other sights as they would have looked 100 years ago. Learn about the forces that have shaped the community we enjoy today. Participants receive an educational booklet containing several historic photos, along with pre-tour snacks.


Centennial Time Capsule
www.uaoh100.org
No Centennial is complete without a time capsule to commemorate the year’s celebrations for a future generation to discover. We already have plans to include a copy of the Centennial Magazine and the new history book, along with event photographs and news stories from 2018, but we also are seeking ideas and contributions from the community. What do you think should go in the time capsule that best captures Upper Arlington in 2018? We want to hear from you! Visit www.uaoh100.org to send us your suggestions.

UA History Book
www.uahistory.org
A lot has happened in 30 years, since a history of UA was last memorialized in a book for the community. Keeping with the tradition of capturing the progression of our community, the Historical Society—with the assistance of the Upper Arlington Library—embarked on the task of researching and writing a new historical celebration of our community. If a copy has not yet found its way to you, visit www.uahistory.org to place an online order OR purchase copies directly from:
- Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road
- First Merchant Bank branches (Reed Road, Tremont Center, Grandview Avenue)
- Fresh Crafts Gallery (Mallway)

Centennial Cycle
1-4 pm, Sunday, November 4
5-Mile or 10-Mile Route, Begins at Sunny 95 Park
Cost: $10 per rider, free for children ages four & under
Register by October 5, at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov
Celebrate the Centennial with a family bike ride through UA. Rest stops are built in along the way, featuring entertainment and snacks. A Centennial Cycle long-sleeve shirt is included with registration.
Turn the Towns Teal
Turn the Towns Teal is a national campaign to raise awareness of ovarian cancer and its symptoms. In the month of September—which is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month—biodegradable teal ribbons will be tied at various community locations. Since there is no early detection test for ovarian cancer, the ribbons will serve to remind women that they need to know the symptoms and risk factors. If caught early, the survival rate is 90-95%. For additional details, visit www.turnthetownsteal.org.

Lane Avenue Parking Reminder
POLICE DIVISION 614-583-5150
The City wishes to remind residents and patrons of businesses along Lane Avenue of evening rush hour parking restrictions. From 4-6 pm weekdays, parking is not permitted on the north side of Lane Avenue. Plenty of public parking is available behind The Lane (Hudson 29, etc.), and we strongly encourage you to take advantage of this to avoid being ticketed or towed.

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day
10 am-2 pm, Saturday, October 27
3600 Tremont Road
POLICE 614-583-5150
In addition to hosting the year-round drop-off unit for old and unused prescription drugs, the Police Division also participates in twice yearly Drug Take Back events coordinated by the Drug Enforcement Agency. Drop-off old and unused prescription drugs drive-thru style.

Doggie Dip
3-6 pm, Sunday, September 9
Reed Road Water Park
PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300
Our popular Doggie Dip returns for a splashing good time for our canine companions. The cost is $5 per dog, and dog owners are required to bring proof of immunizations and dog license. Dogs must be on a leash when not in the water.

Senior Center Luncheons
SENIOR CENTER 614-583-5320
The folks at the UA Senior Center invite you to join them for their monthly luncheons, which begin at 11:30 am:

• Tuesday, September 11 – Bob Mann will entertain with one of only 300 Martin guitars made with Andy Griffith’s signature on the label. Cost: $10 by September 7.
• Tuesday, October 9 – enjoy the delightful harmonies of the Sweet Adelines. Cost $10 by October 5.
• Tuesday, November 13 – don’t miss the annual Thanksgiving Meal & Veteran Recognition. Cost $10/$7 for Veterans, by November 9.

City iNSIGHT eNews
CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE 614-583-5040
Get updates from the City, with information similar to what you find in this newsletter sent directly to your inbox. To register to receive our twice monthly e-newsletter, go to www.upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Goodwill Columbus E-Waste Collection Drive
9 am-2 pm, Saturday, September 15
Municipal Services Center Parking Lot, 3600 Tremont Road
The City’s Public Service Department has scheduled an e-waste collection event, in partnership with Goodwill Columbus. Visit www.goodwillcolumbus.org for details of the items that will be accepted, including old computers, cameras, home and cell phones, rechargeable batteries, old Christmas lights and more. Please note, this date is in place of a previously scheduled collection in August.

Public Holidays
City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:
• Monday, September 3 – Labor Day. Solid Waste service is delayed by one day for all collection zones.

Public Meetings
CITY CLERK’S OFFICE 614-583-5030
A full list of upcoming public meetings of City Council and its various Boards and Commissions can be found under the Event Calendar, at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov. Highlights of upcoming Council Meeting agendas are now being shared on Facebook, with meetings livestreamed—like @CityofUA for these useful updates today!

Sunday Swim at UA High School
PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300
Sunday Swim provides a weekly opportunity for families to enjoy the High School’s indoor aquatics facility, held most Sundays starting October 7 and running through May 5, 2019, from 1-3 pm. The cost per visit is $3 for a resident or $20 for a season pass ($40 for a resident household).
Book the Barn for Your Event
PARKS & RECREATION  614-583-5300
Since opening in 2011, the Amelita Mirolo Barn has become a popular year-round venue for weddings, birthday parties, retirements, baby and wedding showers, corporate events and more! Book the Barn at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov.

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

Garage/Yard Sales
CODE COMPLIANCE  614-583-5070
Residents may conduct one garage/yard sale during any six-month period not to exceed three consecutive days or two days on two consecutive weekends. Sales may be held 8 am–8 pm, with items placed for display in a garage or backyard. Any signage should meet a set of guidelines, available at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Beggar’s Night Safety Tips
Wednesday, October 31, 6–8 p.m.
POLICE  614-583-5150
Tips for Kids
• Plan your route in advance and tell your parents where you will be going.
• Wear a costume that does not block your vision.
• Trick-or-treat in a group, stay together.
• Never enter a stranger’s house.
• 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 she/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.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery®
Sunday, November 4
As Daylight Savings Time comes to a close, clocks “fall back” one hour at 2 am on Sunday morning. The Fire Division advises that this is also a good time to change the batteries in your home’s smoke alarms. This should be done at least once a year, but changing them while changing your clocks serves as a great reminder. Alarms should also be tested once a month and if an alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

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

Internet Exchange Meetup Site
POLICE  614-583-5150
Who doesn’t love a good deal on a quality kitchen table or a bicycle that has only been ridden twice? These are just some of the countless items available through Internet marketplaces such as Craigslist, Letgo or Facebook Marketplace. But with little to no regulation, conducting business transactions with people you don’t know can lead to unwanted theft or a dangerous proposition. To assist, the Police Division has established an Internet Purchase Exchange Location in the parking lot on the southeast side of the MSC, 3600 Tremont Road. The area is marked by a sign labeled “Meetup Spot: Internet Purchase Exchange Location.” It is within a few steps to the UA Police Division and is under 24-hour video surveillance.
Master Plan Design Phase On Time, On Budget

The expansive design process for a new high school and five new or renovated elementary schools remains on schedule and on budget.

During a series of community meetings in July, community members got a closer look at the revised initial site and building plans for all six projects. The revisions were due to community feedback gathered at the community meetings in May as well as construction estimates in June coming in higher than expected.

At the end of the schematic design phase, the second of four phases in the design process, the estimates of construction costs for the high school in particular came in above the amount allocated for the project.

“We have to stay on budget. There is no mechanism to go over budget,” Superintendent Paul Imhoff shared. “We also have to stay on schedule because if you start to lose weeks and months in the construction schedule that actually costs you money.”

There were two main drivers for the higher than expected construction estimates for the high school, Imhoff said: the 8-foot difference in elevation between Brandon and Mount Holyoke roads, and the expenses associated with moving all of that dirt by reconfiguring all elements of the site, as well as the cost of a stormwater retention system as required by code.

“All of those things added up to millions and millions of dollars,” Imhoff noted.

In order to keep the process on schedule and on budget, the Board of Education tasked the design and construction team for the high school to provide solutions to align the estimates with the budget “without sacrificing even one part of the academic program,” Imhoff said. “The Board of Education has made it clear throughout this whole project that what matters most is the academic program.”

The result of the design team’s work is an updated site and building plan that:

• Rebuilds Marv Moorehead Stadium in place—with new home bleachers, a new press box, a new track, new north entrance, visitor locker rooms, and new energy efficient lights. The turf, which was installed in 2013 and has years of life left, will remain, as will the visitor bleachers and light posts.
• Reorganizes the academic building into three stories, instead of four, without losing any academic spaces.
• Retains the front door on Zollinger Road for better access for first responders in the event of an emergency, as recommended by the community members on the Financial Advisory Board during the facilities master planning process.

“We did not lose a classroom, we did not lose a collaboration space, and we were able to stay on our budget,” Imhoff said.

Steven Turckes, an architect with Perkins + Will, noted that aligning the scope of construction projects with the budget is a “normal, routine” part of the design process and praised the Board of Education for the outcome.

“Hats off to the Board of Education,” he said. “They really kept their eye on the ball and focused on academics.”

To view the updated draft building and site plans and an updated construction timeline, please visit www.uaschools.org/facilities.
SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES
Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

Fall is always an exciting time in our schools, and that has never been more true as we embark on our second century.

Our mission in the Upper Arlington Schools is to challenge and support every student every step of the way. The talented teachers in each of our buildings strive to personalize learning for all of our students through the use of technology and innovative teaching techniques. In addition, students across all grade levels participate in various service learning opportunities, which not only help our community but also help students learn empathy and critical problem solving skills.

This school year also brings exciting progress in the implementation of the first phase of our facilities master plan.

My thanks to the many community and staff members who have taken part in the design phase for these projects over the past several months. It has been wonderful to watch so many people share their ideas and feedback in order to create schools that will set the standard for education in Ohio.

In the spring of 2019, you’ll see construction beginning at the high school, Barrington, Greensview, Tremont and Wickliffe sites. Greensview, Tremont and Wickliffe elementary schools are tentatively scheduled to be completed during the 2020-2021 school year, and Barrington, the new Windermere and the new high school will tentatively open in the fall of 2021. More detailed construction timelines will be available in January.

And this fall, you’ll see our student athletes using a new turf practice field behind Tremont Elementary School. New baseball and softball diamonds will complete that site in the spring.

Another exciting project on the horizon is our strategic planning process. We will once again use the hybrid planning process that combines the best elements of private sector and public sector strategic planning.

One of our major areas of focus will be well-being. We’ll convene a team of students, staff, community members and experts to examine what next steps need to be taken in areas such as, but not limited to, mental health supports, safety, bullying prevention, substance abuse prevention, student stress reduction and physical health.

This builds upon the safety-related policy and procedural changes made by our Board of Education during the summer. The changes include:

- Increasing a focus on all areas of student well-being as part of the next strategic planning process;
- Expanding the functionality of student identification cards to include the ability to have students utilize the ID card system to enter and exit schools, assisting with attendance tracking;
- Implementing a visitor management system;
- Adding two school resource officers (SROs), in collaboration with the City of Upper Arlington, so that there will be full-time officers at the high school and both middle schools, as well as an SRO who divides time among all five elementary schools;
- Increasing training and exercises for safety and violence prevention;
- Adding or upgrading security cameras at all buildings; and
- Discontinuing the open lunch policy at the elementary and middle schools beginning with the 2018-2019 school year and phasing in the discontinuation of the open lunch policy at the high school over a four-year period, as outlined in the safety recommendation report.

To learn more about these safety-related changes, please visit www.uaschools.org/safety. If you have any questions or thoughts related to our schools, please reach out by emailing superintendent@uaschools.org or calling 614-487-5030.
Staff Members Honored for Excellence, Service

Congratulations to all of the staff members who were honored at a staff ceremony in August. Receiving district-level employee of the year awards were:

- Administrator of the Year: Tammy Yockey, assistant principal, Jones Middle School
- District Teachers of the Year: Elizabeth Ingraham, Windermere Elementary School, and Jonni Ford, Burbank Early Childhood School
- Classified Employees of the Year: Phillip de Roche, Operations; Claudia Leveto, Transportation; Diane Sauner, Food Service; and Kirsten Schaefer, Secretarial
- Support Staff Employee of the Year: Jeanne Trexler, Greensview Elementary School

Also honored with a Nancy Losekamp Career Development Leadership Award for their work to engage students in service learning were: Michelle Johnson, Greensview Elementary School; Richard Wharton, Jones Middle School; and Eva Frustaci, Upper Arlington High School.

Additionally, 28 staff members were recognized for 20 years of service to Upper Arlington Schools, and six employees were recognized for 30 years of service.

Tremont Creates Connections for International Families

Tremont Elementary School is starting the new school year with stronger connections among families within the diverse school community thanks to a program launched last school year.

Erica Riesen, a third-grade teacher, launched Tremont’s International Family Partnership in August 2017. The partnership paired families who have moved to Tremont from other countries with English-speaking families to help support the transition to Upper Arlington.

“We are so lucky to have such a diverse Tremont community,” Riesen shared.

“The goal of this program was to foster and encourage conversation and build a stronger sense of community at Tremont.”

At the start of last school year, Riesen connected the families together through a “Popsicle Picnic” in September and then shared with them monthly emails of activities and conversation starters for meet-ups that the families would schedule on their own.

“We really enjoyed the IFP program,” Carolyn Rau shared of her experience as an Upper Arlington family partnered with two other Tremont families, one from China and another from Boston. “It has been fun to make new friends. I trust our friendships will continue to grow.”

COO Chris Potts Honored With National Achievement Award

Chris Potts, chief operating officer for Upper Arlington Schools, will be honored with a Pinnacle of Achievement Award from the Association of School Business Officials International for the district’s facilities master planning process reflecting the community’s vision for the future of the schools.

The Pinnacle Awards are the highest honors from the international organization for school business professionals and celebrate the work of outstanding individuals whose original solutions maximize resources and enhance student achievement.

“I am honored to accept this award on behalf of our district, community and the monumental team effort that was necessary to ensure our master planning process was truly community driven,” Potts said. “To be recognized nationally for our process is humbling and exciting.”
Potts is among four school business professionals from across the country honored for this year’s Pinnacle Awards.

“We are very fortunate to have Chris on our team, and I can think of no one more deserving of this award,” said Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D. “He is extremely dedicated to our school district and the Upper Arlington community. He works tirelessly each day to make sure that our schools are operating efficiently and able to support the needs of our students.”

Windermere, Livingston Schools Form lasting Partnership

A partnership between Windermere Elementary School and Livingston Elementary School in Columbus has given students and staff members at both schools an opportunity to give and receive, and to grow with one another.

The partnership was launched at the start of the 2017-2018 school year by Windermere Principal Julie Nolan, Livingston Principal Stacy Harris-MacCarthy and Windermere parent Stori Rex. It was funded by the Tri-Village Rotary Club with additional support from First Federal Bank of the Midwest.

“Through this reciprocal partnership, all students were able to gain a deeper understanding that, although we have had different experiences, we can connect with others, learn from each other and gain a newfound respect for one another,” Nolan shared.

In the spring, with the help of Rotary members and Rotary Interact students from Upper Arlington High School and a donation from Lang Stone, Livingston Elementary students created and installed a rock garden that now serves as a welcoming piece for Windermere. Rotary has already agreed to fund the partnership again for the new school year, Rex said.

To view a video about the partnership, please visit www.uaschools.org/Windermere and click on “About Us.”
Retired Educators, Alumni Honored Auring UAAA’s Alumni Day

Four retired Upper Arlington Schools teachers and four alumni were honored for their service and contributions to the schools and the community at the Alumni Day Open House, hosted by the Upper Arlington Alumni Association (UAAA) in July.

Graduates, teachers, community members, family and friends gathered at the high school to honor the new inductees into the Educator Hall of Fame and the individuals recognized as Distinguished and Outstanding alumni by the UAAA.

Upper Arlington Schools Educator Hall of Fame
The Educator Hall of Fame was established in 2007 by former UAHS Principal and current City Council President and Mayor Kip Greenhill to honor “the best of the best” teachers in the district. Four teachers—nominated by their peers—were selected by a group representing teachers and alumni for induction into the Hall of Fame:

Bruce Brombacher – Brombacher taught math at Jones Middle School and was Teacher of the Year twice, thanks to his commitment to students of all levels. His first award led to district, state and national teacher of the year honors. Now, in retirement, Brombacher is enjoying time with his five grandchildren as well as gardening, volunteering and fishing.

Joe Caruso – Caruso was a math and science teacher and taught at Jones and the high school during his career. In addition to being a wonderful teacher, he led an impactful drug intervention program at the high school. In retirement, Caruso and his wife are enjoying traveling and spending time with their six grandchildren.

Ellen Erlanger – Erlanger began her career as a social studies teacher at Jones. When she became an administrator, she led programs focused on career education and student development. Erlanger and her friend and colleague Kathy Meyer now provide leadership for the “Growing Together” Service-Learning Network in Central Ohio, which has allowed Erlanger to maintain strong ties to Upper Arlington.

Sharon Whaley – Whaley was a beloved intervention specialist at Jones. She also took on projects such as coordinating the Washington, D.C. trip and helping plan the annual Veterans Day lunch. Whaley passed away recently after a 10-year battle with cancer, but until just weeks before her passing, her husband said, she was enjoying life.

To submit a nomination for the Educator Hall of Fame, visit www.uaschools.org/EducatorHallofFame.aspx.

UAAA Outstanding Alumnus Awards
The Upper Arlington Alumni Association selected two Outstanding Alumni who have generously dedicated their time and service to the community.

Charlie Groezinger (Class of 1968) – Groezinger has been a resident of UA since 1953. Many know him because of his work with the Upper Arlington Historical Society, an organization that he has served as president since 2011. He is also current chairman of the Legacy Projects Committee for the Centennial Task Force.

Beth Wroe (Class of 1973) – Wroe was selected for her continued work on behalf of the UAAA and her class reunion committee. She celebrated her 45-year reunion this year.

UAAA Distinguished Alumnus Awards
The Distinguished Alumnus Awards were presented to two accomplished alumni who have had exceptional personal and career achievement.

Jack Mortland (Class of 1953) – Mortland was on the cross country and basketball teams while at Upper Arlington High School. He took up race walking as a graduate student at The Ohio State University and went on to be a member of the U.S. National track teams in 1961 and 1965. He competed in the 1964 Olympics, finishing 17th in the 20-kilometer race-walk in Tokyo. For 51 years, he edited and published a newsletter on the sport of race walking, The Ohio Racewalker, which circulated nationally and internationally.

David Younkin (Class of 1958) – After graduating from Upper Arlington High School, Younkin studied aeronautical and astronautical engineering at The Ohio State University. He became a B-52 co-pilot in the Air Force and volunteered repeatedly for Vietnam. After earning his MBA in 1984 and retiring from the Air Force, Younkin spent eight years in the space program for the government and then went into industry as a space systems engineer and project engineer.
The Upper Arlington High School girls lacrosse remains the top team in the state for the fourth consecutive year after winning the Division I state championship in June.

Greensview Elementary School teachers and families gathered on a lovely July evening for Books on Blankets, a fun event to encourage summer reading.

Upper Arlington High School freshmen on the Class of 2022 Advisory Committee gathered for their first meeting on July 31 to talk about lunch at the high school and creating new traditions.

Approximately 50 UA Crew student-athletes, representing seven boats, competed in the Scholastic Rowing Association of America regatta in late May. Three boats went on to compete in the finals, finishing 3rd, 4th and 6th overall in the nation.

The Upper Arlington High School Marching Band, under the direction of Todd Fessler, marches along Northwest Boulevard in the Fourth of July parade.

Upper Arlington Schools is excited to welcome approximately 40 talented new teachers and certificated administrators for the 2018-2019 school year! The new teachers completed a rigorous hiring process to fill both new positions created due to the district’s growing enrollment and existing positions open due to attrition. This talented group of new teachers includes seven Upper Arlington High School alumni. To those new teachers, welcome home!

High school students on the district’s YES (Youth Employment Services) painting crew spent the summer preparing our buildings for the new school year. In addition, six students participated in a similar program called Tech YES.
Senior Capstone Spotlight

The Senior Capstone Project is the culmination of students’ academic experiences at Upper Arlington High School. It is a way for seniors to merge their interests, passions and curiosities with academic goals. Seniors demonstrate the autonomy, complexity and uniqueness of their Senior Capstone Project in written format and through an oral presentation before high school peers and teachers.

In place of the Senior Capstone Project, seniors in the Community School at Upper Arlington High School engage in a full-time, self-designed independent study exploration. These quarter-long projects may involve career-related experiences, community service endeavors, opportunities to hone practical skills, participation in college programs, involvement in a research project or the pursuit of a creative endeavor.

We welcome community ideas for our seniors. Please submit those ideas, and read about more senior projects, at www.uaschools.org/CapstoneSpotlight.aspx.

Jack Weimer

Peter Pan Jr: Running A Tech Crew

My project involved tech directing Jones Middle School’s fall production: Peter Pan Jr. Over the scope of several months, I worked with a team of adults and middle schoolers to pull this musical together and bring it to life. My duties as the tech director included attending production meetings, scheduling teams, overseeing all technical aspects of rehearsals and shows, troubleshooting and finding solutions to any tech (and team) issues that arose, and ensuring a smoothly run tech crew through the shows. It also involved the fundraising for, purchasing of, and installation of brand new, state-of-the-art, industry-standard lighting equipment. After the installation, all students who showed interest in learning about this equipment were trained and given the opportunity to use it prior to the show.

Why did this focus interest you?
I have always been interested in theater.

How does this project bookend your academic experience at the high school?
I have always loved tech theater. I’ve been participating in tech crews since the sixth grade in and out of school. As such, this project let me showcase several of my strong suits and talents while expanding upon other skills. I am always up for a challenge, and this one fit perfectly with my career goals, passion for what I do, and tech experience.

What is your next step after graduating in May?
I will be attending Columbia College Chicago. In addition to pursuing a major in theatre design and technology, I will also be minoring in creative advertising.
Miller Park Children’s Area Gets Update Thanks to Donations

Visitors to the Miller Park Library will soon be able to play with a castle, grab a book from a rowboat, and read under a canopy of trees and lights.

The new children’s area at Miller Park will feature custom-built furniture and decor, a mural, lighting and other additions. The theme is inspired by the picture book *Journey* by Aaron Becker.

This venture was made possible by over $23,000 donated in memory of Upper Arlington resident Dr. Drew Ammons. Library staff worked with Dr. May Ling Ammons, the State Library of Ohio, and COSI to develop a beautiful and functional space that young patrons will enjoy. COSI’s designers and carpenters spent weeks on pieces to capture the essence of the book.

An event is planned at the branch for 4 pm, Tuesday, September 4.

“Exciting projects like this one wouldn’t be possible without private funding,” said Library Director Chris Taylor. “It demonstrates what can happen when individual donations are pooled together for a large effort. We’re so thankful to everyone who donated in memory of Dr. Ammons, and look forward to welcoming patrons to the new space.”

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September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

As students head back to school, there is one essential school supply that requires no shopping and doesn’t cost a penny – it’s a library card. This September, the UA Public Library is joining with the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide for Library Card Sign-up Month, to encourage parents, caregivers and students to obtain a free library card that will save them money while reaping rewards in academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

Whether it’s providing free access to computer workstations, *The New York Times* and other electronic resources, or a selection of over five million cataloged items, an Upper Arlington Library card is one of the most cost effective back-to-school supplies. Celebrate all your library card can do by participating in Miller Park Library’s Library Word Search game all month long. Patrons of all ages can solve the puzzle and earn a small prize.

Visit www.ualibrary.org or stop by the location of your choice to get a library card for everyone in your family.
The Outsider  
*By Stephen King*  
They say everyone has a doppelganger out in the world, a person that could pass for your twin. But what do you do when that person commits horrendous crimes and you are blamed? Who would believe in your innocence when the proof and facts are so overwhelming that even those closest to you have doubts? Again, King masterfully weaves a tale of supernatural suspense that keeps the reader on the edge of their seats.  
— Melanie Stanley, Adult Services

The Girl Who Saved the King of Sweden  
*By Jonas Jonasson*  
An able screenwriter could easily turn this book into a hilarious film starring Quvenzhané Wallis and Zach Galifianakis. With plot twists galore and an early setting straight out of *Slumdog Millionaire*, the story juxtaposes the protagonist, exceptionally bright South African girl Nombeko Mayeki, with Engelbrecht van der Westhuizen, an anti-hero quite like *Chance in Being There*. As funny as Jonasson’s earlier *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out The Window and Disappeared*, this book includes laugh-out-loud antics and skilled writing that reads like Bill Bryson or P.G. Wodehouse. Bravo!  
— Eliza Sproat, Reference

Scythe  
*By Neal Shusterman*  
When an entire group of middle school students recommended that I read this book, I knew I needed to add *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman to the top of my reading list. The world has evolved and mortality has been eliminated. With no one dying, Scythes are tasked with keeping the population of the world under control by killing or “gleaning.” Two teenagers are invited to become Scythe apprentices, a role which neither of them wants. The powerful journey of the Scythe apprentices brings up many questions about values and mortality in a thought-provoking way. This young adult novel has great characters, an intricate new world, and suspense which makes it a must-read.  
— Sarah Kleinhenz, Miller Park Library

We Don’t Eat Our Classmates  
*By Ryan T. Higgins*  
With the start of school upon us, it’s good to have a little reminder of why it’s more important to make friends with your classmates than to eat them.  
— Laura Griffin, Youth Services

Our House  
*By Louise Candlish*  
What would you do if you returned home and found another family moving into your house? Could your husband really sell it out from under you and your two children without your knowledge? Fiona is about to find out. British author Louise Candlish delivers a slow-burning domestic noir with a surprise twist.  
— Bonnie DeWitt, Technical Services

The Keeper of Lost Things  
*By Ruth Hogan*  
Anthony Peardew has spent the last 40 years collecting people’s lost possessions with the intention to return the items to their owners. He spends years spent collecting, cataloging and writing stories about each item. Upon Anthony’s death, his assistant Laura learns that she is his sole heir, which includes his estate and his odd collection of found objects in the locked study. While Laura contemplates how to grant Anthony’s dying wish, her daily life becomes entwined with the gardener and the neighbor’s daughter.  
— Dana Grimes, Adult Services

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New Databases
We’ve added several new resources to our list of research databases: African American Heritage, Fold3 (U.S. military records), Kids Infobits (age-appropriate info for elementary students), Oxford Research Encyclopedias, Oxford Very Short Introductions (concise info on dozens of subjects), Small Business Reference Center, and Transparent Language Online (interactive language instruction). Access these and over 100 others at https://databases.ualibrary.org.

Halloween at Miller Park
If you’re trick-or-treating near the Miller Park Library on October 31, stop in for some treats. Staff members love to see the kids in their costumes!

Library at Labor Day Arts Festival
Coming to the UA Labor Day Arts Festival on Monday, September 3? Stop by our table to make a monster bookmark. We’ll also have our Makey Makey piano and can sign you up for a library card on the spot if you don’t have one.

Passports for Holiday Travel

Summer Library Club
Our Summer Library Club wrapped up on July 31. A total of 4,091 people registered, and 1,279 completed the program by reading 20 hours and doing 20 activities. Congratulations to grand prize drawing winners Adler, Lizzie, Spencer, Gus and Kathryn.

Fall Library Closings
All three locations are closed Sunday, September 2 and Monday, September 3 for Labor Day. We are also closed Monday, October 8 for a Staff Development Day.

Tickets to Upper Arlington Author Series Available Now
Amor Towles, author of A Gentleman in Moscow and Rules of Civility, is the featured speaker at the 2018 Upper Arlington Author Series at 2 pm, Sunday, October 14, at Upper Arlington High School.

A pre-talk VIP reception hosted by the Upper Arlington Community Foundation is planned for 11:30 am at the Amelia Mirolo Barn. This event serves as a fundraiser for the UACF’s Ann Royce Moore Fund, which has supported author visits to Upper Arlington since 2012.

Ticket prices for Towles’ talk range from $10-$35; reception tickets are $50. Tickets are on sale at www.ualibrary.org. Those wishing to pay by cash or check can purchase tickets at the Main Library’s Adult Services desk.

Gramercy Books will be at the talk to sell Towles’ two books, or you can buy now via their website, at www.gramercybooks-bexley.com. Gramercy will donate 20% of these purchases to the Ann Royce Moore Fund.

Amor Towles’ first novel, Rules of Civility, was a New York Times bestseller and was named by the Wall Street Journal as one of the best books of 2011. A Gentleman in Moscow has been on the New York Times bestseller list for over a year and was named one of the best books of 2016 by The Chicago Tribune, The Washington Post, The Philadelphia Inquirer, The San Francisco Chronicle, and NPR.

Kenneth Branagh will produce and star in a TV adaptation of A Gentleman in Moscow, with Tom Harper directing. The Upper Arlington Author Series is presented in partnership with the Upper Arlington Community Foundation.
Soapy spheres filled the air at Lane Road Library’s Bubble Party.

Staff from The Ohio State University brought telescopes to the Lane Road Library for some after hours stargazing.

Sweaty but smiling library staff marched in the UA Fourth of July Parade.

Pete the Cat stopped by the Main Library to meet young fans.

Charlie from Ohio Concrete explains the cement mixer to kids at the Main Library’s Rock Out program.

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month. The Main Library’s youth department has a collection of early learning resources and parenting books that can help families dealing with dyslexia. Thank you to UA Kid for assisting with funds to buy these resources.
Program Highlights

A Visit from the Farm
Meet some animal friends from the farm, including ducks, goats, a turkey and more when they visit the Miller Park Library at 10:30 am, Saturday, September 8. Weather permitting as this is an outdoor event.

hUmAn Connections: A Conversation
This fall we continue our programs based on the popular “hUmAn connection” Facebook series. Equal UA and the Library invite you to walk in someone else’s shoes for a morning. Join us in the Main Library’s Friends Theater at 10:30 am, Saturday, September 8 for a panel discussion spotlighting the challenges, victories, stories and personal journeys of UA residents. On Saturday, October 6 and Saturday, November 3 (also at 10:30 am), we focus on the impact of the 1998 Matthew Shepard case, in which a young gay man was brutally murdered in a hate crime.

“Appy” Hour
Join us to share your favorite apps and learn about brand new ones, on Wednesdays in September, October and November beginning at 7 pm in Meeting Room B of the Main Library. These roundtable discussions include an introduction to two-four apps based on a topic, with time to share apps that you enjoy.

- **September 12**: productivity and organization
- **October 17**: health and wellness
- **November 14**: entertainment

No experience required, but these apps apply to smartphone users. Android and iPhones welcome!

Ghost Hunting: Insights Into The Unknown
Do you believe in ghosts? You might after this program! Greg Feketik, co-founder and lead investigator for the Tri-C Ghost Hunters, visits the Lane Road Library at 7 pm, Tuesday, October 9 to share Insights into the Unknown. Greg has been on over 250 investigations from a one-bedroom apartment to a large medieval castle. Take a trip into the world of the paranormal and ghost hunting, with evidence from some of Greg’s scariest, most memorable investigations. Registration required.

Fantastic Beasts From Columbus Zoo
Dragon keepers and magizoologists from the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium visit the Lane Road Library at 1 pm, Saturday, November 3 to explore magical beasts from J.K. Rowling’s Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them. They’ll even show you some of their relatives who live at the Columbus Zoo. Registration required.

Authors Edith Pattou and Kate T. Parker
The Main Library welcomes two writers this fall: Edith Pattou at 6 pm, Thursday, November 15, and Kate T. Parker, at 3:30 pm, Friday, November 16. *New York Times* bestselling author Edith Pattou has written many critically and popularly acclaimed novels for children and young adults, including *Ghosting* and the award-winning *East*. Her new book *West* is being released this fall. Photographer and author Kate T. Parker’s *Strong is the New Pretty* series celebrates the strength of girls being themselves 100%. Cover to Cover Children’s Books will be here during both events to sell books and the authors will have book signings. Registration is required and opens November 1.

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

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:**
- **Tuesday, September 18 at 5 pm**
- **Tuesday, October 16 at 5 pm**

Seated: Gloria Heydlauff (Vice President), John Yesso (President)
Standing L-R: Peter Hahn, Bill Shkurti (Secretary), Maura Bowen, Kevin Fix, Sarah Mueller
**Concourse Gallery**  
M-F, 8 am-5 pm, 3600 Tremont Road  
Cultural Arts Division | 614-583-5310  
**Here and There: Of Cochineal and Amate, Elena Osterwalder**  
Through October 25  
Reception: 5-7 pm, Friday, September 14  
In her UA Studio, Osterwalder uses pre-hispanic methods to prepare dyes got her contemporary art installations. Her work includes writings, videos and talks on the history of elements “Cochineal” and “Amate.”

**UA Farmers’ Market**  
3-6 pm, Wednesdays through September 26 (rain or shine)  
1945 Ridgeview Road  
UA Parks & Recreation | 614-583-5300

**Golden Bear Bash**  
7-11 pm, Sunday, September 2  
Tremont Center  
UA Education Foundation  
www.goldenbearbash.com  
Enjoy live entertainment and great food, while supporting the UA Education Foundation. Reservations required.

**Labor Neighbor Day**  
All day, Monday, September 3  
UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org  
Featuring kids’ bicycle races and whiffleball tournament.

**Labor Day Arts Festival**  
10 am-4 pm, Monday, September 3  
Northam Park  
UA Cultural Arts | 614-583-5310  
LDAF celebrates UA’s Centennial, with 200+ artist exhibits, music, arts activities for all ages, refreshments and more.

**Doggie Dip**  
3-6 pm, Sunday, September 9  
Reed Road Water Park  
UA Parks & Recreation, 614-583-5300  
See page 10 for details.

**e-Waste Collection**  
9 am-2 pm, Saturday, September 15  
3600 Tremont Road  
See page 10 for details.

**String Spooktacular**  
3 pm, Sunday, October 28  
Upper Arlington High School Auditorium, 1650 Ridgeview Road

**UACA Golden Bear Scare**  
October 16, 17, 18  
Elementary age kids: 6:30-7:30 pm  
Middle School age: 7:30-9 pm (a bit scarier)  
Smith Nature Park, Fishinger Road  
UA Civic Association, www.uaca.org  
Free event.

**Prescription Drug Take-Back**  
10 am-2 pm, Saturday, October 27  
Reed Road Water Park  
UA Parks & Recreation, 614-583-5300  
See page 10 for details.

**Beggar’s Night**  
6–8 pm, Wednesday, October 31  
Throughout UA neighborhoods  
The City’s volunteer Pumpkin Patrol ensures children are safe while passing out candy.

**Labor 1918 Historic Trolley Tour**  
Saturday, October 27  
UA Historical Society, www.uahistory.org  
Purchase tickets online. Tours fill quickly, so don’t delay. Cost: $21.50 for members of the UA Historical Society, $26.88 for non-members.

**Fall Fest**  
1–5 pm, Sunday, October 14  
Fancyburg Park  
UA Parks & Recreation, 614-583-5300  
Annual family event with a fall twist.