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Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan

The community is invited to help us undertake an extensive review of our parks, the facilities within them, as well as the recreational programming provided by our Parks & Recreation Department

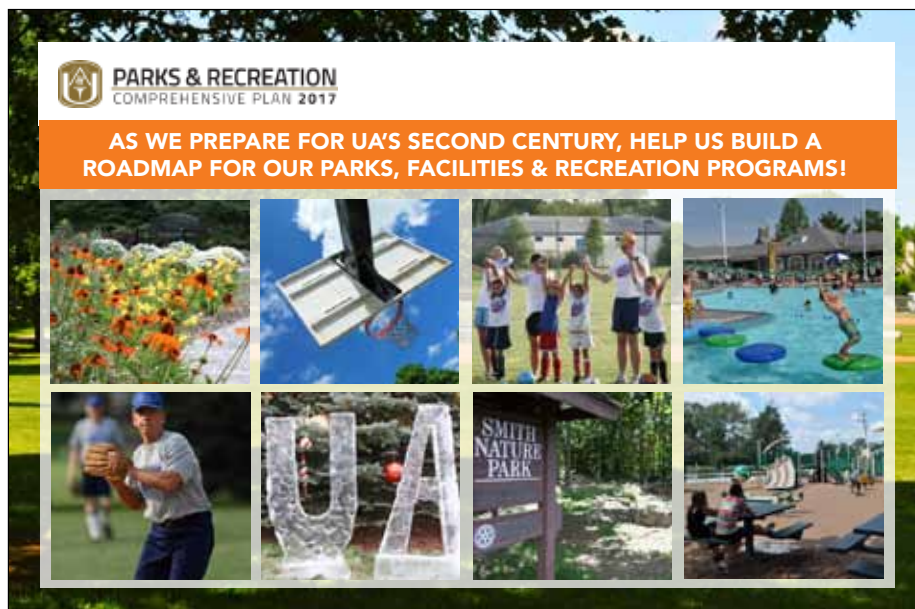
The Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan process is in full swing. Expected to take nine months to a year to complete, this review and planning process is seen as a vital step in guiding future decision-making on how to get the most value from our limited parkland and the facilities within them, while fulfilling the recreational wants and needs of the community.

Key elements of the process include:

- **Background Research and Analysis** - to include demographics, trend analysis and benchmarking.
- **Public Engagement** - to include interviews, focus groups, statistically valid surveys, online surveys and public meetings.
- **Evaluation of Existing Facilities, Operations and Programs** - with emphasis on the Senior Center, tennis complex and athletic fields, with recommendations for future development.
- **Action Plan** - final recommendations with outlines for implementation.

After a period of time spent mapping out how to accomplish this, the community engagement process began in July. A quick questionnaire is being used at various community events and recreation facilities, and is also available online, designed to obtain a high-level view of what residents love about our parks and recreation system and where improvement might be needed. To complete this questionnaire, go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/uaparksplan.

A more detailed, statistically valid survey will be conducted in the fall, with an on-line version also made available to provide additional depth to the feedback received and to allow everyone in our community to participate should they so choose.



Our consultants from PROS Consulting and OHM Advisors have been conducting phone interviews with various community leaders, and hosting meetings with groups that have included Parks & Recreation Department staff, UA Schools Administration, relevant Boards and Commissions, and representatives from the Senior Advisory Council, Northam Park Tennis Advisory Council, the Field Sports Advisory Group and Cultural Arts Commission.

A series of focus groups were held August 23 and 24 for anyone interested in a more in-depth discussion with the consultant team.

Public Meeting 1

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 19

Amelita Mirolo Barn, Sunny 95 Park

The first of three larger public meetings is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, September 19 at Sunny 95 Park. We hope you can join us to learn about the findings

to date and to provide us your thoughts on what you love about the current park system, and where improvements are needed.

Stay Informed

One of the best ways to keep updated on this process is to register for email updates from the City. Either click on the link on our homepage, at www.uaoh.net, or go to <http://tinyurl.com/uaenewsletter>.

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

BUILDING BLOCKS

J. Liu Project Update

Petitions seeking a referendum on the rezoning of five residential parcels on Westmont Boulevard as part of Shanghai Enterprises' mixed-use project, were filed with the City's Finance Director August 4, 2017. By law, the petitions were held for public review for 10 days before submission to the Franklin County Board of Elections (FCBE). FCBE must then examine all signatures to determine the number of valid registered voters who signed the petition—approximately 1,500 are required for the referendum to proceed.

If the petitions meet all requirements, the rezoning referendum will go before voters at the November 2018 General Election, since the statutory time for this November had already passed.

The referendum process is a procedural component of legislative action included in the rezoning of properties, enabling residents to challenge the decision of Council by seeking a vote of the people. Changing how land can be used in a community is a significant step, and if there are some who disagree with a decision, it's appropriate to have this course of action available.

UA has been experiencing re-growth and reinvestment for a number of years, which has been intensified by a strengthening economy and growth of the Central Ohio region. This phase of change is vital to keep the community healthy, protect property values and remain attractive.

Residents recognize that growing the City's business base generates income tax revenues to fund City services and reinvestment in infrastructure, and provides a mix of amenities and services. Residents also cherish UA's residential nature and existing attributes, so when a change is proposed that some believe could impact their neighborhood, they may not be receptive to a particular commercial proposal.

Our community is older and built out, so when redevelopment is planned, the costs and complexities trend projects toward intense land use with multiple stories and a mix of uses. Cases do arise where developers seek to rezone properties surrounding a site to facilitate their plans.

This is the case here, for Shanghai Enterprises' plans for a hotel and restaurant, with structured and surface parking on Lane Avenue, next to the existing mixed-use project.

The developer's team has been working on a project at this site for several years, and began meeting with area neighbors in 2016 to share details of its proposal and make refinements before submitting formal plans to the City early in 2017.



The project underwent the standard public review procedures, which allowed for resident participation, before receiving approval of a Preliminary Development Plan by the Board of Zoning and Planning (BZAP), and an affirmative vote by City Council relative to the requested rezoning of five residential properties. Through that process, many components were adjusted in response to feedback from residents, planning staff and BZAP.

The Lane Avenue corridor has already experienced several new projects that have enhanced the synergy of the district, providing residents access to restaurants, shops, services and hotel accommodations for visiting business associates, friends and family, and all in a convenient, walkable environment. This project is consistent with recent redevelopment and goals for the district.



Proposed Arlington Gateway Update

On June 26, 2017, Arcadia Development of Ohio, LLC, submitted an Amended Final Development Plan application for its proposed Arlington Gateway project, located on Lane Avenue east of North Star on the site currently occupied by Darron's Furniture and several other retail establishments.

The revised proposal includes a nine-story mixed use building with a six-story, 338 space parking garage. It would feature 14,000 square feet of ground floor retail/restaurant space, 60,000 square feet of office space on three floors, with 82 condominiums on the top five floors. The proposed building is 122 feet tall and 129 feet tall to a corner element. The application notes that the height increase is due to a prospective office tenant. A date for BZAP's review of this application is pending. Please check www.uaoh.net for updates, or register to receive the **City Insight e-Newsletter** at <http://tinyurl.com/uaenewsletter>.

FROM CHAMBERS

Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

Four 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 2017, four Upper Arlington City Council seats are on the Tuesday, November 7 ballot.

Council President Debbie Johnson and Council Member David DeCapua are both completing their second full terms and are therefore not eligible for reelection. Council Member John C. Adams has chosen not to seek a second term, following one full term and two years as a Council appointee, for a total of six years of service. Council Vice President Kip (Francis C.) Greenhill is running for a second term. Community members Michaela Burriss, Brian Close, Bob Foulk, Omar Ganoom, Michele M. Hoyle, Malika Jacobs, Jim Lynch and Lowell Toms have all filed with the Franklin Board of Elections as candidates for a seat on Council.

Details of candidates' community experience and goals will be provided via the *This Week Upper Arlington News*, and other forums as election day approaches.



2017 Upper Arlington City Council

Front row (from left):

John C. Adams, Kip Greenhill (Vice President), Debbie Johnson (President), David DeCapua

Back row: Brendan King, Sue Ralph, Carolyn Casper

UACO Section 105.03 sets the contribution limitations in Upper Arlington. Financial 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 19
3600 Tremont Road
www.leadershipua.org

As a service to the community, Leadership

UA is holding a Candidates & Issues Night, a chance for residents to learn more about the candidates running for the four City Council seats, the two School Board seats on the November ballot. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m., with an informal open house with the candidates. From 7-9 p.m., a moderated forum will take place in the Council Chamber.

Questions for candidates can be submitted in advance at the Leadership UA website.

UA Centennial Update

The start of UA's Centennial year is only about four months away, and the UA100 Centennial Task Force is ramping up its efforts to put on a year to remember. Here is a summary of some of the exciting projects we have in store:

UA History Book

Pre order Your Copy Today
www.uahistory.org

Thanks to the Upper Arlington Historical Society, a new history book of UA's first 100 years, *A Cherished Past, A Golden Future*, will be published this fall in time for the holidays. Copies can be pre-ordered online.

Centennial Merchandise

Pre orders Taken at UA Labor Day Arts Festival, Monday, September 4

Look for the City/UA Centennial tent at the Arts Festival this year, to see samples of the Centennial merchandise that will soon be



available. We'll be taking pre orders that day, and scheduling other opportunities in the weeks ahead.

Centennial Magazine

As 2018 begins, UA households will all be mailed a copy of our *Centennial Magazine*, featuring articles about our Centennial celebrations, interesting historical anecdotes about UA, and a full calendar of events for the year. Businesses are invited to support this publication by

placing advertisements in the magazine. Please contact Tim McKelly, at tmckelly@cityscenemediagroup.com or 614-572-1256. The deadline is November 1, 2017.

Support the Centennial

www.UA100.org

A Centennial Fund has been established at the Upper Arlington Community Foundation. Your donation, large or small, will help us fund a series of celebratory activities, from Centennial street banners to a Centennial Time Capsule. Visit the Centennial website for details, or call 614-583-5045.



Tips for Wildlife Control

The abundance of wildlife that was here long before humans began changing the landscape has adapted to dwindling natural habitats and even capitalized on the new food sources and nesting opportunities brought about by development.

Some wildlife can become unwelcome “tenants,” causing destruction to property and, in some cases, posing a health risk. The City has prepared a webpage filled with useful resources, to help residents take steps to make their homes and yards less appealing to potential “tenants,” and what to do when a problem occurs.

Basic Preventive Measures

It’s often the case that issues with wildlife are the result of human oversight, so the City advises all residents to take the following measures as a matter of routine practice:

Correct Management of Trash and Recycling

- Place trash and recycling out weekly for pickup. Do not allow trash to accumulate on your property.
- Bag your trash and place it in containers with securely fitting lids.
- Replace damaged containers or lids.

Useful Resources

Code Compliance

614-583-5070 | www.uaoh.net

If there is a property maintenance issue in your neighborhood that you believe might be contributing to an increase in unwanted wildlife issues—such as accumulating trash on private property—you can notify our Code Compliance Division via an online reporting form.

Wildlife Resources

Ohio Division of Wildlife

1-800-Wildlife | <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/>

Franklin County Board of Health

614-525-3160 | <http://myfcph.org>

Ohio Wildlife Center

614-793-9453 | www.ohiowildlifecenter.org

Professional Pest Control Companies

Capital City Exterminating Co.

614-436-6200 | www.capitalcityexterminating.com/

Critter Control

614-291-4400 | <http://crittercontrolcolumbus.com>

Varmint Guard

614-794-8169 | www.varmentguard.com/

**Our inclusion of a company on this list does not represent an endorsement from the City or any City officials or staff members. If you would like your pest removal company included, please email jnyhart@uaoh.net.*

- Place containers at the curb no sooner than the evening prior to your regular collection day.
- Once collected, return trash containers to a garage or shed.
- Do not over fill containers.
- Open recycling containers should be emptied and rinsed regularly.

The Correct Way to Compost

- Pick a compost bin made of hard plastic with a secure lid.
- Make sure it is rodent proof.
- The compost bin should be the furthest distance possible from your home (taking care not to place it close to a neighbor’s home).
- Follow recommended practices for effectively maintaining a compost bin.

Maintain Your Yard

- Don’t let yard waste piles accumulate.
- Regularly cut grass and weeds in the growing season.
- Haul away any leftover building/project materials.
- Stack firewood on racks or pallets that are at least six inches off the ground.

Remove Possible Food Sources

- Clean up any pet waste daily.
- Store food kept outside or in your garage in rodent-proof containers.
- Limit how much birdfeed you place in feeders. Put out only enough for the daytime and regularly remove any birdfeed that falls to the ground.
- If you feed pets outside, only leave the food out for as long as it takes for your pet to finish eating.
- Pick up any fallen tree fruit or garden vegetables.

Northam Park Playground



In the words of a resident: “Congratulations on a wonderful event at Northam. The playground is FANTASTIC. I hope people can see how outdated what we had was and what an incredible change a playground can have for a neighborhood and a community. It’s more than just a place for kids to play. I was thrilled to see all ages and all abilities together in the same area. Well done! I teach at a special needs preschool and love the ground and design and how it is accessible to all. I love the changes and look forward to more!”

Fire Division to Launch Community Paramedicine Program

This spring, our Fire Division was named as the 2017 Emergency Medical Service Agency of the Year. The division was selected out of 1,300 EMS agencies across the State of Ohio. An accomplishment like this is the result of hard work, dedication and commitment over several years. The round-the-clock efforts of our firefighter/paramedic crews, combined with the creation of exemplary programs designed to support a safe and healthy community—such as STAY UA—are what put our agency at the top of the list.

Hot on the heels of receiving this prestigious award, the division is readying to launch an innovative community paramedicine program this fall. The program will work in tandem with STAY UA and provide a non-emergent medical component to the existing service coordination.

The Fire Division's CARES program (Community Assistance, Referrals and Education Services) will focus on education, injury prevention and building community partnerships to help improve the lives of Upper Arlington residents.

A revolutionary concept in community health care, CARES will expand some of the non-emergency duties performed by the division's paramedics to develop and nurture a safer community. The team will offer a variety of training sessions, in-home consultations, and wellness and safety checks. In some cases, they will provide connections to additional resources and services, or tools that help certain resident populations stay safe in their homes.

The services planned within the program include:

- **Scheduled Home Assessments** - Paramedics will visit residents to do non-emergency medical evaluation and education in their homes. This keeps the residents in their homes reducing the need

for future emergency care. These appointments can be requested by the patient, family members or medical facilities.

- **Naloxone Training** - building on the first such training held in June in partnership with Franklin County Public Health, watch for additional training dates.
- **Child Car Seat Safety Checks** - the division offers quarterly drive-thru events to check that your car seats are installed correctly and to provide other useful safety information.
- **Safe Baby Checks** - being a new parent can be nerve racking. This program will offer at home evaluation and classes to give parents peace of mind.
- **Special Needs Registry** - paramedics will meet with families of a resident with special needs to better understand their needs before a medical emergency occurs.
- **Bike Helmets for Children** - the division will have a limited number of bicycle helmets available to help minimize the risk of head injury when accidents occur.
- **CPR Training** - you never know when or where someone may experience a heart attack. Through this program, residents can attain American Heart Association certification in CPR and learn how to use an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED).

Watch for full details of CARES in September. The division will be unveiling the program at the Labor Day Arts Festival Monday, September 4, and literature will be widely available at UA libraries, City buildings and other locations.

If residents or area health organizations see an opportunity for partnering with the Fire Division to expand public health, we want to hear from you. If you have questions, contact the Fire Division at 614-583-5100, or CARES@uaoh.net.

CITY SERVICES

Holiday Refuse Collection Delays

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

- **Labor Day, Monday, September 4** – delays all collection zones by one day.
- **Veterans Day, Friday, November 10** – collection not affected.
- **Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 23** – delays Thursday collection by one day.

Normal service resumes the following week.

Leaf Collection

Streets Division.....614-583-5380

The City is providing free leaf collection services from October 30 through December 8, weather permitting. Please follow these guidelines:

- Place loose-raked leaves close to the edge of the street in the tree lawn.
- Leaf piles should not exceed four feet in width and be no further than two feet behind the curb.
- Do not place rocks, sticks or objects in leaf piles.
- Keep piles away from signposts, light poles, trees and mail boxes.
- Do not block storm sewers as this can increase the chance of flooding in the event of a heavy rain.
- When the leaf collection program is not in effect, place leaves in approved biodegradable bags or refuse cans as part of the City's yard waste collection, or use the free drop-off at SWACO's regional composting facility on Roberts Road.

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

Yard Waste Guidelines

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

Yard Waste Program guidelines:

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

Regional Composting Facility

4100 Roberts Road

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

Yard waste can be dropped off in recyclable yard waste bags free-of-charge at SWACO's Regional Composting Facility. Accepted items include brush, yard trimmings, sod and grass. Call 614-921-9335 to confirm hours.



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Theodore J. Staton

2017 Community Survey

Every few years, the City undertakes a broad based survey of the community. It's the most effective way to obtain feedback that is reliable and statistically representative of the entire community. It provides a means to check that our service delivery is on track in all areas as we determine how best to allocate public funds. This process also helps us identify any key issues that may require our attention.

For 2017, the City contracted with Illuminology (formerly The Strategy Team), with a hybrid data collection approach to account for UA's higher percentage of older adult demographics. 1,500 randomly selected households across the community were first invited to complete the survey online. After a couple weeks, a hard copy version of the survey was mailed to those households

yet to complete the survey. A total of 521 residents (35%) completed the survey.

Overall, residents hold strong, positive views of life in Upper Arlington

Nearly all respondents believe UA is a great place to live and raise children, and most are satisfied with how things are going in the City. Although the majority of residents rate the quality of most municipal services provided by the City as "excellent" or "good," the quality ratings for trash and recycling collection services decreased significantly from 2013 to 2017.

Most are supportive of UA's capital improvement investments

Over three-quarters of residents (77%) reported being "very" or "somewhat satisfied" with the capital improvements work completed since 2014. Furthermore, 80% are in favor of the City paying for the installation of new sidewalks on qualifying streets to expand safe access to schools, if funds

are available to do so. Lastly, most (75%) support the idea of the City improving recreational facilities, among other infrastructure investments, as part of its Capital Improvements Program.

Satisfaction with the City's economic development efforts

Most residents are "very" or "somewhat satisfied" with the economic development that has occurred along Lane Avenue over the past few years. They are also satisfied with the economic development that has occurred in the Kingsdale area.

Opinions about government officials are mostly positive

Most survey respondents trust Upper Arlington's government officials to do the right thing most of the time, and a majority agree with the statement, "The Upper Arlington City Council effectively represents the attitudes and opinions of UA residents."

The report is at www.uaoh.net. If you have questions, contact Community Affairs Director Emma Speight (espeight@uaoh.net, 614-583-5045).

Late August Decision on Solid Waste Program

What once was applauded as an innovative solution for reducing UA's solid waste stream, increasing recycling and allowing residents to control costs, has outlived its usefulness. The sticker program is labor intensive and cannot adapt to industry advancements. Crews lack incentive to ensure household compliance and the haphazard mix of refuse and recycling containers result in blowing trash and unsightly streets.

The new approach will:

- Enable residents to dispose of yard waste at no extra charge.
- Enable residents to put out bulk items at no extra charge.
- Pricing will be similar to 1992, before the sticker program was instituted.
- Provide one (recycling) or two (recycling plus refuse) uniform, larger volume containers with lids and wheels

at no additional cost.

- Still cater to elderly or infirm residents who need at-the-door collection.
- Still provide a premium, at-the-door service option.
- Provide a discount for residents over 60 years.
- Evenly spread the unavoidable costs associated with sending refuse, recycling and yard waste trucks and crews down every UA street, every week of every year.
- Position us to take advantage of advances in solid waste delivery – which means quicker collections, fewer broken containers, and a happier/healthier solid waste workforce.

Local Waste is the "lowest and best" bidder, with three primary options emerging:

- **Option 1** – Trash output unlimited; recycling container provided; residents to provide refuse containers.
- **Option 2** – Recycling AND trash containers provided; trash output limited to container, except Fourth of July & Christmas holidays.
- **Option 3** – Recycling AND trash containers provided; no limit on trash output.

Following an extensive phase of outreach this summer to secure feedback from residents on the options under consideration, a final recommendation will be presented to Council for its endorsement, at the August 21 Council Conference Session and August 28 City Council Meeting. Both meetings begin at 7:30 p.m., at 3600 Tremont Road.

For background on this issue, visit www.uaoh.net/trash2018.

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CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holiday:

- **Monday, September 4** – Labor Day
- **Friday, November 10** – Veterans Day
- **Thursday, November 23** – Thanksgiving

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 614-583-5030

Check the "Public Meetings" link under Upcoming Events on the City's homepage for dates of City Council meetings, agendas, plus Board and Commission meetings.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery®

Sunday, November 5

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

Finance Department Receives Budget Award

FINANCE 614-583-5280

The City's Finance Department has received notice that it is the recipient of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2016-2017 budget document, from the Government Finance Officers Association. This is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and requires that the budget document satisfies nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. This is the 27th year the department has achieved this mark of distinction.

Mosquito Awareness

FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

www.myfcph.org 614-525-BITE

Help keep mosquito populations to a minimum—and reduce the need for overnight fogging—by checking your

property for areas that can collect water and serve as breeding sites.

Parking Restrictions During OSU Home Football Games

PUBLIC SERVICE 614-583-5350

To address parking, access and safety concerns, the City is again restricting parking for streets in the proximity of The Ohio State University (OSU) campus abutting North Star Road on home OSU football games. Hours of restriction are four hours before and after each game. "No Parking" signs will be posted on the fire hydrant side of the following streets:

- Ashdowne Road;
- Berkshire, Essex, Guilford, Grenoble and Barrington roads between North Star Road and Northwest Boulevard;
- Cardiff and Doone roads between North Star Road and Brandon Road;
- Beaumont Road between Grenoble Road and Lane Avenue.

PARKing Day

CULTURAL ARTS 614-583-5130

Friday, September 15

The Cultural Arts Division and Cultural Arts Commission are participating in PARKing Day, an annual event where citizens, artists and activists collaborate to temporarily transform metered parking spaces into temporary public places. The project began in 2005 and has evolved into a global movement, with organizations and individuals creating new forms of temporary public space in urban contexts around the world. We are going to be transforming parking spaces into creative spaces in Upper Arlington and we want you to join us. Visit www.uaoh.net/communityart for more information.

Grass/Weed Control Guidelines

CODE COMPLIANCE 614-583-5070

The proper care and maintenance of property and landscaping benefits the entire community. City code specifies that grass must not exceed 10 inches in height and should be kept free of noxious weeds. Failure to comply with this guideline will result in notice from the City to rectify the

situation within five days, at which time the City will make arrangements to cut the grass/weeds at the owner's expense.

Community Backyards Program

www.communitybackyards.org

UA has again partnered with the Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District to offer \$50 rebates on rain barrels, compost bins, native plants or trees and soil testing. These are all great backyard conservation resources that help protect our Olentangy and Scioto River watersheds. A simple presentation and test yields either a \$50 coupon or rebate.

2016 Popular Annual Financial Report

FINANCE 614-583-5280

The 2016 edition of the PAFR is being distributed to all UA households soon. This report provides a user-friendly summary of the City's financial activities and standing from the previous year. This year's report includes special information about the benefits of economic development. Electronic versions of previous PAFRs and other financial documents can be found at www.uaoh.net.

Prescription Drug Take Back Day

POLICE DIVISION 614-583-5150

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, October 28
Municipal Services Center Parking Lot

The Police Division is participating in the fall Prescription Drug Take Back Day by hosting a drive-thru collection in the front parking lot

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It's been a great summer for swimmers, with the addition of the new Tremont Pool at Northam Park.

of the Municipal Services Center. Residents can drop off unwanted, unused or expired prescription medications, no questions asked. Watch for additional details as the date approaches.

Sunday Swim at UA High School PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

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

Website Focus Groups COMMUNITY AFFAIRS 614-583-5040 www.uaoh.net

The City is in the midst of building its next generation website. The Community Affairs Office will be hosting some resident focus groups in the fall to solicit ideas for improvement. Please watch for details on our current website or call us to let us know that you are interested in participating.

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.

Beggar's Night Safety Tips Tuesday, October 31, 6-8 p.m. POLICE DIVISION 614-583-5150 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.
- 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.

Leadership UA Class of 2018 www.leadershipua.org

Leadership UA is currently accepting applications for its 2017/18 program. If you have ever considered giving back to your community through public service, this program has what you need to learn about the inner workings of local government while networking with like-minded citizens and honing your leadership skills

Are You Registered for ALERT Franklin County?

If the answer is "no," you could be missing out on important severe weather alerts from the County, as well as useful updates from the City.



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Schools*i*NSIGHT

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS



Tours of Six School Buildings Scheduled for September, Ahead of November 7 Ballot Issue

All six buildings that would be renovated or rebuilt during the first phase of the community's master plan will be open to residents for tours in September.

"In keeping with the Board of Education's commitment to transparency throughout the facilities master planning process, we want to give all residents the opportunity to see firsthand the condition of our aging schools before they decide on the ballot issue this fall," Superintendent Paul Imhoff said.

All five elementary schools will be open to community members for tours at 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 12. The high school will be open for tours at 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 19.

"These tours will take residents through not only the classrooms, media centers and gymnasiums but also the boiler rooms and basements—spaces they likely haven't seen," said Chief Operating Officer Chris Potts. "The tours will give residents another opportunity to get a full picture of the state of our school buildings."

More than three years ago, a team of resident volunteers looking into the efficiency of the district during the strategic planning process identified the cost of maintaining the district's school buildings as its biggest concern. At this team's urging, the board launched a facilities master planning process.

Since then, thousands of community members have volunteered on building teams, attended community meetings or in-home coffee chats, or shared their thoughts through a survey.

After 2½ years of work by community volunteers to develop a master plan, the Upper Arlington Board of Education took the final step in June to place a combined 3.75-mill operating levy and a 5.17-mill bond



Community members gather at a building tour of the High School in August 2016.

issue on the November 7, 2017, ballot. The bond issue would raise \$230 million to fund the first phase of the master plan.

As finalized by the Board of Education in May, the first phase of the master plan involves:

- Rebuilding the high school facing Zollinger Road and relocating the athletic facilities on the site for easier access and a more efficient site layout.
- Renovating Barrington and Tremont elementary schools; rebuilding Wickliffe and Windermere elementary schools; and rebuilding all but the 1997 and 2009 additions at Greensview Elementary.
- Addressing drainage issues and installing a turf field and baseball/softball diamonds on district-owned land behind Tremont Elementary School for use by high school athletics.
- Raising at least \$5 million in private donations—the largest private fundraising effort in the district's history—to offset the cost of the master plan to homeowners.

The community's master plan also calls for looking into the possibility of selling the district's central office and using the funds from the sale for relocation, potentially at the high school.

The 3.75-mill operating levy, the district's lowest operating-funding request in more than 35 years, would allow the district to continue offering the high-quality academic programs the Upper Arlington community expects for its students.

Taxes to support the \$230 million bond issue, the first bond request in more than 20 years, would be collected at a rate of approximately *5.17 mills above current collections.

Combined, these issues would be collected at a rate of no more than 8.92 mills, adding approximately \$312 a year in property taxes per \$100,000 of 2018 market value as determined by the Franklin County auditor. For the average Upper Arlington home, with a market value of about \$400,000, that would amount to approximately \$1,248 more per year (for more on the property valuation and how it impacts Upper Arlington

homeowners, please see the Treasurer's Notes column on Page 16).

If the ballot issue is approved, the Board of Education would immediately launch a community-driven design phase for the six buildings involving all residents, students and staff members interested in participating.

"The theme of the master planning process was 'Your Voice Matters,' and if UA voters approve the ballot issue, that will continue to be true as residents, staff and students work together to ensure these buildings can support high quality education well into our second century," Imhoff said.

For more information about the ballot issue and the master planning process, please visit www.uaschools.org/facilities.

**The 5.17-mill calculation assumes a bond interest rate that does not exceed 5 percent and level total property valuation based on 2018 values.*

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SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff

Strategic Plan Guides Our Work for Historic School Year

As we start this historic school year, there is no better time to be a Golden Bear. In 2018, we celebrate the centennial of our community and our school district—our cherished past and our golden future.

Upper Arlington's founders felt strongly that our community's children receive the highest quality education possible, and nearly 100 years later, that remains true. Upper Arlington is a lighthouse district, and our innovative strategic plan is the beacon that guides our work.

In this third year of the plan, we continue our work toward the goals that will positively impact student performance, personalize education for each child, increase our district's efficiency and support our commitment to open and transparent service to our community.

Just a year ago, we became one of the first school districts in Ohio to launch a one-to-one technology program district-wide, with all students in kindergarten through grade 12 receiving a device to serve as a tool for their learning.

Many of our teachers describe one-to-one technology as a game changer in their classrooms, allowing students to learn in the way and at the pace that best suits their needs. As we enter the second full year of this program, we will ensure the technology continues to support our mission to challenge and support every student, every step of the way.

During the 2017-2018 school year, we will also have a district-wide focus on literacy. This may seem like a basic concept, but the importance of literacy skills cannot be overstated. Literacy is the key to students excelling not only in reading and writing but truly in every subject area. Our amazing teachers already do great work in this area,

and we are excited to push even further for the benefit of our students.

You'll be able to learn more about student academic performance and progress toward other goals in the strategic plan in our third annual Quality Profile report, due out this fall. This document was created by a committee of residents and educators and fits into the accountability goal in the strategic plan. It is meant to give our community a transparent report on our district's strengths and areas on need. You can learn more at www.uaschools.org/qualityprofile.

It's likely that you, or one of your friends or neighbors, took part in the facilities master planning process, which is part of our efficiency goal. This effort was launched nearly three years ago at the urging of a group of community volunteers that was looking into the district's operations.

Since then, thousands of residents have shared their thoughts on our facilities through volunteer building teams, meetings and surveys. In all, we had more than 8,000 points of contact as community members came together to plan for the future of our schools.

On November 7, Upper Arlington voters will consider a combined operating levy and bond issue that would maintain the high-quality educational programming offered in our schools and fund the first phase of the community's master plan.

To read our strategic plan or to learn more about the master planning process, please visit our website, www.uaschools.org. Also feel free to reach out to me by emailing superintendent@uaschools.org or calling 614-487-5030.

This is truly an exciting time to be in Upper Arlington, and I couldn't be more proud to be a Golden Bear!

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BITES From the Apple

SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



Hastings B.E.A.R.S. to be Recognized by OMLA



The inaugural B.E.A.R.S. group from Hastings Middle School will receive the 2017 Student of the Year Award from the Ohio Middle Level Association at its statewide conference in November.

"We are humbled and proud to have worked with such deserving and incredible kids," advisers Catherine Shapiro and Carrie Stieg shared.

The group, whose initials stand for Bringing Empathy, Acceptance, and Respect Schoolwide, was honored in January with the Youth Award from the City of Upper Arlington.

The students have been recognized for their work on spreading kindness at their school and beyond through HIP (Hastings In-Reach Program) Day, guest speakers, kindness challenges, monthly enrichment activities and more.

Media Specialists Go Extra Mile For Summer Reading



Families with students at Greensview and Windermere elementary schools had some extra summer reading help thanks to the media specialists at those schools.

Greensview's Jill Merkle launched Teacher Tuesdays, four summer sessions at the Lane Road Library, to encourage students to read and participate in the Upper Arlington Public Library's Summer Reading Program. Inspired by Merkle's program, Shannon Hemmelgarn launched Windermere Wednesdays, also at the Lane Road Library, during the month of July.

The media specialists, along with teacher volunteers at Greensview's Teacher Tuesdays, engaged with dozens of families and students through these programs.

"Studies simply state, 'More access to books results in more reading,'" Merkle said. "I truly believe that if you increase access to books and provide a little motivation, students will read over the summer months."

Hemmelgarn added: "This was a great way to meet with families who need help choosing books and/or some motivation to keep reading this summer."

Student Earns Top Award in National French Contest

Isabelle Petersen, now a freshman at the High School, received a Platinum Award, the highest honor, in the National French Contest, "Grand Concours." She was among 17 eighth-grade students from Hastings Middle School to receive national awards during the 2016-2017 school year for



their placement on the test, put on by the American Association of Teachers of French. More than 20,000 students nationwide took the test at the eighth-grade level.

Only 136 students from across the country received the Platinum Award. Maxine McCraw and Lydia Silver, who both attended eighth grade at Hastings last school year, were among the 609 Gold Award winners nationally.

"This is the first year that students have had the opportunity to participate thanks to a PTO mini-grant," said Kelly Smith, a French teacher at Hastings. "Our students did an incredible job."

Athletic Hall of Fame Accepting Nominations

The Upper Arlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame is accepting nominations for former student athletes, coaches and friends of the program who have made significant contributions to the school's athletic program and embody or support the school district's vision of uniquely accomplished students prepared to serve, lead and succeed.

The deadline for nominations for the second induction class is September 1, 2017. Nominations for subsequent classes will be accepted after that date.

The second class of inductees will join legendary golfer Jack Nicklaus, Class of 1957, in the Upper Arlington High School

Athletic Hall of Fame. The second class will be announced during the varsity football game on October 6, 2017, at Marv Moorehead Stadium and will be inducted on January 5, 2018, at the home basketball game versus Marysville. A ceremony and reception will follow on January 6, 2018.

To learn more about the nomination guidelines and submit a nomination online, please visit www.uaschools.org/uahsathletics.

Golden Bear Bash!

The Upper Arlington Education Foundation invites you to enjoy an evening of fun with friends and neighbors at the **Golden Bear Bash!** on Sunday, September 3 at the Tremont Center.

Reservations are \$60 per person (\$70/person after August 26 - no tickets will be sold at the door as it always sells out) and include food and entertainment.

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

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

Jones teacher studies Andes through prestigious program

Rebecca Searls, a teacher at Jones Middle School, was selected to participate in the prestigious Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad (GPA) Program with the Center for Latin American Studies at The Ohio State University during the summer.

Along with 11 other K-12 teachers from across the country, Searls traveled to Ecuador and Peru for four weeks to study the indigenous languages and cultures of the Andes region.

This program, funded by a U.S.

Department of Education grant, sought to equip teachers with the knowledge and resources to integrate the Andes and Amazonian cultures into K-12 education.

"The goal of this grant was to develop innovative approaches to teaching and studying the underrepresented Andes region, and to have a multiplicative impact in sharing those innovative materials and approaches," said Searls. "I take that goal very seriously, and will be working to create engaging ways of continuing to cover my Spanish curriculum while also incorporating what I've learned in South America. And, of course, I hope to share with as many community members as possible!"

Wickliffe counselor honored as distinguished educator

Felice Kassoy, school counselor at Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School, was honored in June as Celebrate Teaching Distinguished Educator by Battelle for Kids.

Kassoy is among 33 teachers from across Ohio to receive the 2017 Celebrate Teaching Distinguished Educator Award as a representative of excellence in the teaching profession.



2017 KEY SCHOOL DATES

Labor Day

Monday, September 4

No School Students and Staff

Early Dismissal (K-12)

Wednesday, September 27

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

End of the First Quarter (Grades 6-12)

Friday, October 13

No School: Staff Work Day

Monday, October 16

Elementary Conference Window

Monday, October 16 – Friday, October 27

Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, October 25

School all day (K-5)

Elementary Early Dismissal (Grades 1-5):

Staff Professional Day

Thursday, October 26

- No Kindergarten or LIFT classes
- Dismissal at 11:05 a.m.

End of First Trimester (K-5)

Monday, November 6

No School: Staff Work Day

Tuesday, November 7

Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, November 22 – Friday, November 24

End of 2nd Quarter and 1st Semester (Grades 6-12)

Tuesday, December 21

Winter Break

Friday, December 22-Thursday, January 4

No School: Staff Work Day

Friday, January 5

Additional early release dates for Middle School only (Grades 6-8) for 2017:

September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13

To see the full 2017-2018 school year calendar, please visit our website at www.uaschools.org/calendars.

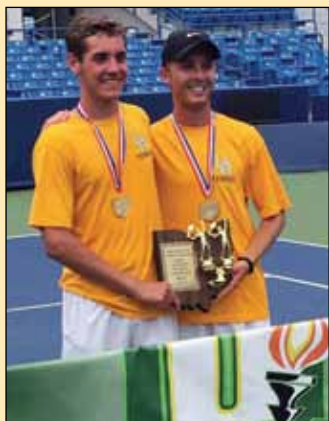
SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED

Students on the YES painting and technology crews have been learning real-world workforce skills while helping prepare the schools to reopen to students.



Students at Greensview Elementary built and launched paper rockets as part of a school-wide MakerSpace challenge.

Junior Josh Cole and senior Jack Zelezny captured the 18th state doubles championship for Upper Arlington's boys tennis team on May 27 with a two-set victory over Cincinnati Sycamore.



The Upper Arlington High School girls lacrosse team won its third consecutive state title, and eighth overall, on June 3.

Alumnus Blake Haxton (Jones class of 2005, UAHS class of 2009) spoke to graduates at Jones Middle School's annual recognition ceremony.



Students at Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School filled 450 hygiene bags for men and women served by the YMCA's Van Buren Center.

Students from Barrington Elementary showcased their school-wide service-learning project at the Power of Service-Learning Summit at the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.



The Destination Imagination team, with students from Windermere Elementary and Hastings Middle School, became the first team representing UA Schools to qualify for the Global Finals.

SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED

Eighth-grade students from Hastings and Jones middle schools visited Arlington National Cemetery and laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



Students and staff at Tremont Elementary joined together for a fun-filled Tremontpalooza, an annual musical showcase to mark the end of the school year.

Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

More than 400 Upper Arlington High School seniors joined the prestigious ranks of Golden Bear alumni at the 93rd annual commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 28. "It has been a joy to work with the class of 2017," Principal Andrew Theado said. "This class really embodies our vision of 'Serve, Lead and Succeed.'" The members of the class of 2017 have accepted a total of \$9,060,800 in scholarships and will be attending more than 100 colleges and universities. The map below shows in gold all of the states and locates some of the universities where graduates plan to attend school, as they reported to the "Arlingtonian" magazine. The five universities where the most graduates will attend: Ohio State University, Columbus State Community College, Ohio University, Miami University and University of Cincinnati.



Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

If you have been watching the real estate market in Upper Arlington and other communities, you know that homeowners have been able to sell their properties quickly and for top dollar. So it's no surprise that Franklin County Auditor Clarence Mingo recently announced local property values are going up.

In UA, Mingo estimates the average property value will increase by 13.6%. When looking at Franklin County school districts, Dublin City Schools has the smallest average increase at 8.5%, and Grandview the largest at 29.9%.

So what does the average 13.6% increase in UA mean for our property taxes? According to Auditor Mingo, it translates to an average increase of approximately 2.3%.

Many residents are surprised to learn that the percentage increase in taxes is lower than the percentage increase in property values. That discrepancy is due to a state law known as House Bill 920, which limits the amount of taxes a school district can collect on voted levies. Essentially, as property values increase, the collection rate of levies is rolled back so that the total amount collected remains flat. Generally speaking, the only way school districts see an increase in property tax revenue is when voters approve a new levy.

This fall, Upper Arlington voters will consider a new operating levy combined with a bond issue that would fund the first phase of the community's master plan. If the issue is approved, it would mean an annual increase of approximately \$312 per \$100,000 of home value as determined by the auditor's office.

All homeowners will receive an individualized appraisal estimate from the county this fall. If you have questions about your appraisal, you are encouraged to contact the Franklin County Auditor's Office. If you have questions regarding the proposed ballot issue here in Upper Arlington, email me at treasurer@uaschools.org or call 614-487-5030.



Alumni Spotlight

Catherine McMichael, Class of 1972 and 2017 Upper Arlington Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus

Notable achievements at UAHS: Catherine was the accompanist for the 220 voice UAHS choir for all three years of her attendance at UAHS. She was also a member of the independent 16 member singing ensemble Strollers. In addition to her musical activities, she was one of the top 20 scholars in her enormous '72 class of 792 students.

College experience: Catherine has her bachelor's degree in Piano Performance and master's in Chamber Music and Accompanying from the University of Michigan. While there, she won the annual Concerto Competition, which led to her being a soloist with the University Philharmonia Orchestra. She has taught hundreds of students in piano, improvisation and composition, and has written hundreds of pieces on commission. She is a performer, arranger, composer and/or co-director for several musical groups in Michigan including the River Raisin Ragtime Revue in Ann Arbor, the Bijou Theatre Orchestra of Bay City and the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra.

How did UA prepare her for success? "There was an expectation of excellence communicated by every teacher I had at UAHS. That expectation was complemented by an enthusiastic atmosphere of support for learning and effort. I felt prepared to catch everything the University of Michigan could throw at me, and I did, because of the expectation of excellence fostered by UAHS faculty and staff."



THE UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION



2017 Upper Arlington Board of Education

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

Front row: Stacey Royer, Vice President Carol Mohr, President Robin Comfort

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

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, September 12, 6 p.m. — Council Chamber
- Tuesday, October 10, 6 p.m. — Council Chamber
- Tuesday, November 14, 6 p.m. — Council Chamber
- Monday, December 11, 6 p.m. — District Office, 1950 North Mallway Drive

Library **iNSIGHT**

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Author Jamie Ford Speaks in Upper Arlington October 1

Jamie Ford will be the featured speaker of this year's Upper Arlington Author Series event at Upper Arlington High School on Sunday, October 1 at 3 p.m. (Please note that 3 p.m. is a change from the previously announced time.) A catered reception and book signing will follow at the Upper Arlington Main Library at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets for his talk and the reception are now on sale at www.ualibrary.org. Tickets to the presentation range from \$10-35 and tickets to the reception and book signing are \$50.

Jamie Ford is the bestselling author of *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, a 2009 historical fiction novel. It was named to a number of literary lists, including the IndieBound NEXT List, Borders Original Voices, Barnes & Noble Book Club, Pennie's Pick at Costco, and Target Bookmarked Club. It was named the #1 Book Club Pick for Fall 2009/Winter 2010 by the American Booksellers Association and has been translated into 35 languages. *Hotel on the Corner of*



Bitter and Sweet has also been optioned by Hollywood with Ford himself writing the screenplay adaptation.

He is also the author of 2013's *Songs of Willow Frost* and the upcoming *Love and Other Consolation Prizes*, which will be published this September.

Information about the author and his work is available at www.jamieford.com. He is also active on Twitter and Facebook. The Upper Arlington Author Series has

Win One of 10 Signed Copies of Jamie Ford's *Love and Other Consolation Prizes*

Here's your chance to be entered to win a signed advance reader copy of ***Love and Other Consolation Prizes*** by Jamie Ford. We'll choose and notify one winner at random each day September 5-14. One email submission per person, please.

Visit <http://authorbeat.ualibrary.org> to submit your name and email address. You'll be entered in the contest and receive occasional information about author visits and other literary events in our area.

become a signature community event thanks to the partnership of the Upper Arlington Library and the Upper Arlington Community Foundation. Additional support is provided by the Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library.

Library Sponsors Social Justice Series

Social Justice. It's been a hot topic in the news lately. With various agencies fighting for civil rights, private citizens demonstrating on behalf of socio-economic groups, and dozens of new nonfiction books hitting the market, the social justice landscape can be overwhelming and confusing.

Join us this fall for a series of talks on social justice topics led by area experts. Learn what it's all about, form your own opinions, and be able to hold your own in a conversation with your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors.

All programs will be held in the Main Library's Friends Theater. We hope you can join us.

Concepts of Social Justice

7 p.m., Monday, September 18

Improve your cultural fluency at this presentation and discussion of key concepts in social justice.

Structural Racism: Race, Power, and Policy

7 p.m., Monday, October 16

Learn about the different ways that structural racism impacts us as a society: economic insecurity, education, mass incarceration, racial profiling, and employment discrimination.

Safe Conversations About Race

7 p.m., Monday, October 23

Join Suzanne Roberts and Jim White for an

interactive conversation on how to have civil conversations regarding the complicated history of race in the US.

Economic Justice: The Wage Gap

7 p.m., Wednesday, November 1

Join Sarah Pariser from the Women's Fund of Central Ohio for a discussion about economic justice and the wage gap.

Economic Justice: Poverty, Homelessness and Hunger

7 p.m., Wednesday, November 15

Join representatives from the Community Shelter Board and the Mid-Ohio Food Bank to learn about issues of poverty, homelessness and hunger. Learn how homelessness and hunger impact health, education, employment and life expectancy.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Chris Taylor

Reading a Good Story is a Walk in the Park

Helping parents and caregivers practice early literacy skills with their children is a core service of the library. You may be familiar with our children's storytimes. They provide entertainment and interaction for kids, but also use song, play, reading and talking to teach skills that are critical to the development of early literacy. Many of the songs, rhymes and activities are deceptively simple. They seem like they're just for fun, but they are the building blocks necessary to acquire language and prepare children to learn to read.

We're proud to announce a new project that continues this commitment to supporting early literacy. We've collaborated with the City of Upper Arlington's Parks & Recreation Department to create a StoryWalk®. The StoryWalk® will be installed at Fancyburg Park and includes 20 posts with frames that enclose a page from a picture book. Each page will include sample extension activities to help parents and caregivers draw connections and stimulate deeper learning and understanding of the story concepts. Children and their caregivers



move from post to post to continue reading the story. This will combine physical activity, play, nature and reading into one experience.

StoryWalks® have been installed in several other communities around the country and have been popular with both children and adults. The books will change each quarter and our librarians will offer periodic storytimes at Fancyburg Park. We are very grateful to the Upper Arlington Rotary Club and the Friends of the Library for their generous donation of funds. Without them, we would not have been able to pursue the project.

Look for the first StoryWalk® in Fancyburg Park this fall.

Library Seeks Applications for Avenue of Trees



You may be reading this in August, but we are already well into planning our 46th annual Holiday Happiness event. This Upper Arlington family tradition will be held at the Main Library Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The day features favorite kids' crafts, music, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

One returning display is our Avenue of Trees. This row of festively decorated trees is one of the first things visitors to the Main Library see upon entering the building. We invite local nonprofit organizations to apply to be included in this display. It's a great way to publicize your organization and to show your holiday spirit. We encourage not only 501(c)(3) organizations, but also schools, scout troops, service organizations and other such groups to apply. If you would like to be considered to decorate one of five trees, please visit <http://bit.ly/AvenueofTrees> to fill out an online application form. Tell us about your organization, your contact info, and what kind of decorations and theme you would choose. Deadline for applications is 9 a.m. Monday, November 6. Those selected will be notified November 7. Empty trees will be provided and must be decorated during normal hours of operation from November 20-22. Patrons vote for their favorite tree and the winning organization is named the Patrons' Choice winner.

We also are looking for patrons to participate in our annual gingerbread building competition. Registration forms will be available at <http://gingerbread.ualibrary.org> on Friday, November 10. Gingerbread creations must be delivered to the Main Library on Friday, December 1. Prizes for first and second place will be furnished by the Friends of the UA Library.

Pay Library Fines and Fees with Credit Cards

We've installed credit card readers at each of our three libraries. You may now pay for overdue fines with a credit card while you're in any of our buildings.

In addition to fines, you can pay for large print and copy jobs, as well as passport photos and execution fees, by credit card. For large print jobs, first use one of our computers or your mobile device to submit the job. Once the cost of the job has been determined, stop by the Help Desk to pay by credit card. Return to the printer with your receipt and a staff member will release the job for you.

For smaller jobs, you will probably find it more convenient to continue to use the attached coin boxes.

All major credit and debit cards are accepted, including Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express. We also accept Apple Pay, Samsung Pay, and other compatible contactless/NFC payment systems.



The Twin Rivers Garden Club sponsored landscaping at the library, early 1980s.



A child at a computer terminal, mid-1980s



A teen magician performs for summer reading club participants, 1998



Former First Lady of Ohio Hope Taft leading storytime, 1999



This fall we're continuing our celebration of 50 years as an independent library system. In 1967, the Upper Arlington Public Library was established thanks to the dedication of residents such as Wall of Honor inductee John Dunkel. See page 22 for photos from John Dunkel's Wall of Honor induction ceremony.

Our "50 for 50" campaign is underway. We're looking to raise \$50,000 for the creation of new group work and study space. Your donation to this campaign will allow us to provide this much-requested improvement for the benefit of students, families, individuals, and everyone looking to gather at the Library. Visit <http://50for50.ualibrary.org> for information and to give.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our story wall displays this summer. They will return for a final display at our anniversary party on Monday, December 11. Details to come!

Are you following our "50 Ways to Use Your Library" on Facebook? Each Monday we post two ways to get the most out of your library. What new ideas will you discover?

1980s & 1990s



Board members Katharine Jones, Sally Blue, and Marjorie Smith and Director Russell Walker at the Main Library expansion groundbreaking, 1986.



Children gather to make crafts much as they do now, late 1980s.



Board member Dan Boda and Director John Brooks-Barr review returns determining the fate of the Library's first levy, 1992



A page checks in VHS tapes, mid-1980s.

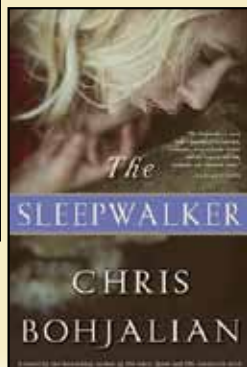
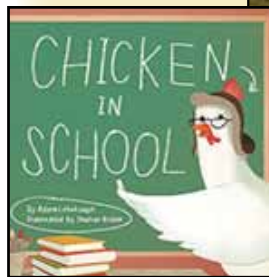
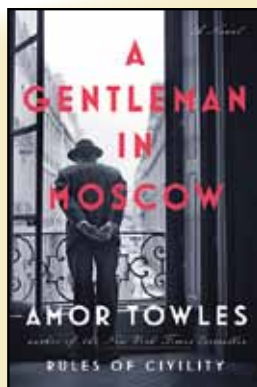
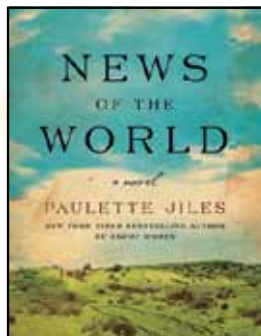
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

The Sleepwalker

By Chris Bohjalian

Annalee Ahlberg's disappearance one evening when her husband, Warren, was away at a conference leaves her family with nothing but unanswered questions. As Warren, their two daughters, and a detective who appears to know too much about Annalee work to uncover what happened to her, family secrets rise closer to the surface. The one fact guiding their search for answers is that the only time Annalee would leave her bed at night was when her husband was away. Centered firmly in the world of parasomnia, *The Sleepwalker* takes readers on a twisty, memorable journey into intriguing new territory.

— Hari Ruiz, Adult Services



News of the World

By Paulette Jiles

Narrator Grover Gardner brings to life the story of Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd, who travels around Texas in the years following the Civil War reading from newspapers to guests paying 10 cents each to be enlightened. He makes his journeys alone until one day he is offered a \$50 gold piece to return a girl who had been captured by Indian raiders back to her family. The girl, having since taken Indian ways and language, is not exactly thrilled at this prospect. She tries to escape and fights against "civilized" ways. However, over the dangerous miles they get to know each other and begin to build a relationship. This title was a National Book Award Finalist last year.

— Kate Porter, Assistant Director

The Thirteenth Tale

By Diane Setterfield

This is a story within a story within a story. Margaret, a reclusive woman who lives and breathes books, is sought out by a world-renowned writer named Vida Winter, who

wants Margaret to write her autobiography. But what is truth, what is fiction, and what mysteries will Margaret uncover as she sinks deeper into Vida's tale? Some readers might guess some of the twists and turns, but I guarantee there will be surprises. You might even shed a tear or two.

— Dena Little, Youth Services

A Gentleman in Moscow

By Amor Towles

Count Alexander Ilyich Rostov and the Metropol Hotel have a lot in common. Even the soul-crushing Bolsheviks can't tarnish their elegance and charm. The story unfolds in Moscow during the rise of the fledgling Soviet Union. Rostov is a poet, and unrepentant aristocrat, sentenced to permanent house arrest at the grand old hotel in lieu of execution. Stripped of his privilege and his luxurious guest room, the Count is exiled to a cramped attic room with only a handful of possessions. As the world outside is razed and rebuilt anew, so too is the Count's life transformed. The essence of the story is familiar but told with surprising style and wit.

— Bonnie DeWitt, Technical Services

Chicken in School

By Adam Lehrhaupt

Zoey the chicken is back after her space adventure and this time she decides to start a school in the barnyard! This is a fun celebration of creativity, friendship and yummy snacks as Zoey brings her own ideas to the classroom.

— Tracie Steele, Youth Services

Days Without End

By Sebastian Barry

This book has risen to the top of my list of favorite reads of 2017. Spanning the Indian Wars of the 1850s through the American Civil War, it traces the life of Irish immigrant Thomas McNulty. It is a lyrical and moving story about the relationship between McNulty and fellow soldier John Cole, and the family they create with a young Sioux girl named Winona in the hard scrabble world of the plains of Wyoming and the farmlands of Tennessee. The

audiobook is beautifully narrated by Aidan Kelly, and it is available to stream now on Hoopla. Search for the Hoopla Digital App in the Apple App store, the Google Play store or the Amazon App store, and use your library card to check out up to 10 titles per month.

— Katy Hite, Media Services

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Reading Garden Opens at Main Library

As part of Phase II of the Northam Park improvements, the City has installed a reading garden on the far east side of the Main Library.

The reading garden features bench and table seating, including a six-seat table donated by the Upper Arlington Women's Roundtable. There is also a serpentine sitting wall facing the new playground.

The highlight of the area are three Alfred Tibor sculptures donated by the Tibor family. Alfred Tibor, a former Bexley resident, was a Holocaust survivor who emigrated to the United States in 1956. He passed away in March 2017, and his work is now installed at both the Miller Park and Northam Park libraries.



While there is no direct access from inside the Main Library, the area can be reached via walkways from both the parking lot and Northam Road. It is a great space for reading, resting, gathering, and even some



outdoor library programming.

A reading garden was the top space improvement request in our 2014 patron survey.

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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Miller Park Library Parking Lot

The City and Library are working to improve parking at Miller. The parking lot will be repaved with three new spaces created, including one ADA space. In addition, the driveway off Stanford Road will be widened and edged with curbs, and the gravel shoulder along the north side of Stanford will be removed and replaced with six paved parallel parking spaces. Finally, the City will repave Stanford Road along the park. Park and library parking on Tremont, Edgemont, and Cambridge should remain unaffected during construction. The bulk of this work will occur in October at the City's cost.

Libraries Offer Programs on Middle School Early Dismissal Days

UA middle schools will be released early on September 13, 27, October 11 and November 8. Kids in grades 6-8 looking for something to do those afternoons will find activities at our Lane Road and Miller Park Libraries. The Lane Road Library will offer Teen Takeover at 3 p.m. on each early dismissal day (2 p.m. September 13). We'll have study tables, video games, movies, board games and other activities available in the meeting room. The Miller Park Library will offer volunteer projects and students can earn

an hour of service credit. Registration is required for each session and snacks will be provided. The Main Library gets into the act on October 11 at 2:30 p.m. when we'll show a movie in the Friends Theater.

Serendipity Garden Club Flower Show

The Main Library will host the Serendipity Garden Club's Standard Flower Show on Saturday, October 21 from 1-4 p.m. "Celebrate 50!" recognizes the golden anniversaries of the UA Public Library and the Serendipity Garden Club. Designs and horticulture from club members will be on display.

Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the Upper Arlington Library will hold its Fall Book Sale from November 5-19 in the atrium of the Main Library. You'll find a large selection of used books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl 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 5 from Noon-1 p.m. On the final day of the sale, Sunday, November 19, Friends members can fill a paper grocery bag with books for just \$5. Nonmember price is \$10 per bag. Memberships will be sold onsite for those who would like to take advantage of these ben-

efits but are not yet members. The Friends donate thousands of dollars to the Library every year, so you can shop knowing you're making a difference in your community.

Passports for Holiday Travel

Planning your holiday and winter travel? The Main Library offers U.S. passport processing by appointment, and you can get a passport photo taken anytime. Information and scheduling can be found at <http://passportservices.ualibrary.org>.

National Newspapers

You can use National Newspapers to access the full-text articles from the five most respected US newspapers: *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *Chicago Tribune*. With just your UA Library card and PIN, you can read today's news, research news stories from the 1980s, and everything in between. Access it by going to databases.ualibrary.org with your UA Library card, and locating "National Newspapers" in the alphabetical list of library database subscriptions.

Fall Closings

All three libraries will be closed Monday, October 9 for our annual staff development day. We will also close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, November 22 and remain closed Thursday, November 23 for Thanksgiving. Regular hours resume Friday, November 24.

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



Ohio Machine Head Coach Bear Davis gave tips to young lacrosse players at Miller Park on July 27.



Two young patrons built a wall using plastic cups at one of our Drop In and Build programs.



Media Services Associate Alexa Elgabri (right) helped a patron during our Tech Assist program.



Kids built "cars" and listened to stories at Drive-In Storytime on June 3.



Tom Burns, director of Perkins Observatory, leads patrons in an exercise to demonstrate the size of the earth relative to the sun.



Library Director Chris Taylor and UA Historical Society Treasurer Ed Seidel look at historical photos of the library at the Wall of Honor Induction Ceremony for John Dunkel.



A plaque honoring library pioneer John Dunkel is installed on the Wall of Honor at the Municipal Services Center.



Board President Sarah Mueller was the guest emcee at the July 29 Music in the Parks Concert.

Fall Program Highlights

Fire Truck Visit

The Upper Arlington Fire Division will make its annual trek to the Miller Park Library on Saturday, September 30 at 10:30 a.m. Firefighters will visit to teach kids about fire safety and to show off their fire engine.

Gardening Series

Build your gardening skills with help from local experts. With **Landscape 101** on Saturday, September 9 at 11 a.m., Tisa Watts-Columbus Garden Coach—discusses how to create a basic action plan you can take home to get started on your project. Tisa returns Wednesday, September 13 at 1 p.m. for **Extending the Gardening Season for Fruit and Veggies**. Franklin County Master Gardener Lori Overmyer helps with **Ridding Your Yard of Garden Pests** on Wednesday, September 27 at 1 p.m. Tisa is back Wednesday, October 4 at 1 p.m. to talk about the requirements for a healthy backyard habitat at **Is Your Yard Eco-Friendly or Eco-Hostile?** Registration opens September 1. All programs are held at the Main Library.

Fundamentals of Organizing

Tame the clutter with help from professional organizer Christina Renzelli at a Main Library series, held Wednesdays starting at 1 p.m. We start with **Downsizing for Seniors** on October 18. If you're feeling overwhelmed, come to **Tips on Taking the First Step** on October 25. Deal with emotional attachments at **Sentimental Clutter: How to Let it Go** November 1. Finally, attack that stack at **Paper Clutter 101** November 8. Programs are aimed seniors, but all adults are welcome.

Cardboard Challenge

The Main Library is serving as a Global Cardboard Challenge site Saturday, October 7 at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to dream, design, and build creations out of cardboard. Materials are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Other participating sites include Wickliffe Elementary, the Columbus Museum of Art, and the PAST Innovation Lab. This event is outside weather permitting. Find more at <http://imagination.is/our-projects/cardboard-challenge/>.

Teen Read Week

The Main Library will celebrate Teen Read Week from October 8-14 with a different activity each day, with the exception of Monday, October 9, when we will be closed for Staff Development Day. Those in grades 6-12 are invited to join us and perhaps even win a prize. Stop by or see our Library Link for descriptions of each activity. Oct. 8: Book Cover Bingo; Oct. 10: Mystery Tweets; Oct. 11, Book in a Jar; Oct. 12: Puzzle It Out; Oct. 13: Guess Who; Oct. 14: Would You Rather? Teen Lit Edition.

Walk Down Fines on October 21



Over the years, our fine reduction programs have become popular ways for patrons to save money on fines. Since cards become blocked after accumulating \$10 in fines, these programs also allow patrons to continue to borrow materials.

This fall each Upper Arlington Library will offer Walk Down Fines on Saturday, October 21 at 10:30 a.m. Patrons of all ages can meet at the library of their choice to walk a designated route in the adjacent park. A library staff member will explain the route upon your arrival. Walk at your own pace, and when you complete the route, you'll receive up to \$10 off of your existing overdue fines.

Participants can begin walking at 10:30 a.m. and must be finished by 11:30 a.m. In the event of rain, we'll offer participants the opportunity to read down fines inside the library buildings.

Don't miss this chance to reduce your fines and get some exercise in the fresh air!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Seated: President Sarah Mueller; Vice President John Yesso

Standing L-R: Peter Hahn, Maura Bowen, Bill Shkurti, Secretary Gloria Heydlauff, and Kyle McKee

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 19 at 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 17 at 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 5 at 5 p.m. (note date change)



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Concourse Gallery

M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 3600 Tremont Road
Cultural Arts Division, www.uaoh.net

Central Ohio Glass Masters

August 28-October 26

Reception 2-4 p.m., Sun, October 8

Featuring the remarkable talent of Central Ohio studio glass artists.

Muse Gallery: Currents

November 1-30

Each of these artists has been influenced by the sea in this current body of work.

UA Farmers' Market

3-6 p.m., Wednesdays Thru September 27

1945 Ridgeview Road

UA Parks & Recreation, www.uaoh.net

Nationwide Children's Hospital Golf Championship

August 31-September 3

Ohio State University Golf Course

www.ncc-golf.com

Free admission.

Golden Bear Bash!

6:30-11 p.m., Sun, September 3

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., Mon, September 4

Northam Park

Enjoy a day of art, entertainment, food and more, with free admission.

UACA's Labor/Neighbor Day

All day, Mon, September 4

UA Civic Association, www.uaca.org

Morning bike races and a pet show, afternoon wiffle ball tournament.

UA Historical Society

Walking Tour

1:30-2:30 p.m., Sunday, September 17

www.uahistory.org

Tour starts at Miller Park. Free event.

Fall Fest

1-5 p.m., Sunday, October 8

Fancyburg Park

UA Parks & Recreation, www.uaoh.net

Annual family event with a fall twist.

UA Historical Society "Spirit of Community" Trolley Tour

9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., Sat, October 14

www.uahistory.org

Purchase tickets online. Tours fill quickly, so don't delay

UACA Golden Bear Scare

October 17, 18, 19

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

Free event.

String Spooktacular

3 p.m. Sun, October 29

Upper Arlington High School Auditorium,

1650 Ridgeview Road

Beggar's Night

6-8 p.m., Tues, October 31

Throughout UA neighborhoods

The City's volunteer Pumpkin Patrol ensures children are safe while passing out candy.

Santa's Mailbox

November 24-December 15

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.

Fall Philharmonic

7 p.m. Thur, November 30

Upper Arlington High School Auditorium,

1650 Ridgeview Road

Winter Festival

6-8:30 p.m., Fri, December 1

Mallway, Arlington Avenue

UA Parks & Recreation, www.uaoh.net

Celebrate the season as we light the holiday tree for the first time. Enjoy carriage rides, caroling, visits with Santa, holiday lights, a bonfire with s'mores and more. Free.

Breakfast With Santa

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sat, December 2

Amelita Mirolo Barn, Sunny 95 Park

UA Parks & Recreation, www.uaoh.net

Watch for ticket info this fall.

UACA Christmas in the Park

December 4-8

Thompson Park

UA Civic Association, www.uaca.org

Reservations required.