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HISTORY REVISITED



Front Row, From Left: Sandra Jamison (Second Baptist Church Historian), John Schweikart (Ohio History Connection), Catherine Kennedy (Equal UA), Karen Truett (UA Schools), Nic Fortkamp (Equal UA). **Back Row:** Jennifer Rigney-Carroll (Equal UA), Kim Shoemaker Starr (author), Seyla Kramer and Lisa Wilson (Equal UA), Kristin Greenberg (UA Historical Society), Emma Speight (City of UA), Marianne Mitchell (Equal UA), Melanie Circle Brown (UA Historical Society), Jeff Anderson (City of UA), Chris Potts (UA Schools). **Not Pictured:** Diane Kelly Runyon (author), Reita Smith (James Poindexter Foundation), Jared Nyhart (City of UA), Paul Imhoff, Keith Pomeroy, Andy Hatton (UA Schools), Gerald Moore (Equal UA), Krista Horrocks and Diana Welling (Ohio Historical Society)

Thanks to the work of local historians and authors, Diane Kelly Runyon and Kim Shoemaker Starr, awareness has been raised in the community about a former slave, Pleasant Litchford, who lived in the area and made great contributions to the Central Ohio community in the 1800s. Litchford made his way to what was then Perry Township in the early 1800s with his wife and young children. A blacksmith by trade, he became a landowner of more than 227 acres, including the area that today is home to the Upper Arlington High School and portions of Northam Park. *Secrets Under the Parking Lot*, published in 2017, traces the history of the era and of Litchford, including his establishment of a "Colored School" and a private cemetery for people of color.

Today, a broader group of community representatives and area historians are working collaboratively to further research and appropriately recognize this previously little-known part of our community's history. This includes the above-mentioned authors, representatives from the Upper Arlington Schools, City of Upper Arlington, Upper Arlington Historical Society, Equal UA, the Ohio Historical Society, Ohio History Connection, Second Baptist Church and the James Poindexter Foundation.

In the mid 1950s, the Board of Education acquired several parcels of land in order to build a high school. One of those parcels included the private cemetery started by Pleasant Litchford. The remains of 28 people were moved to either Greenlawn Cemetery or Union

Cemetery. Over time, the site of the cemetery was covered by an addition to the existing high school building and an adjacent parking lot. Now that construction is underway on a new high school, demolition of the existing building is scheduled to begin in 2021, which will allow the district to further investigate the cemetery site in cooperation with the descendant community.

This is an incredible learning opportunity for UA Schools students and the community. In the coming years, teachers will expand the existing history curriculum to include the events and figures that helped shape our area prior to the founding of Upper Arlington

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in 1918. A subcommittee of the community group is working to further research milestone dates and identify primary source documentation that the Upper Arlington Public Library can add to the UA Archives.

Plans are also developing for installing historic markers designed to inform the broader community and visitors about Pleasant Litchford and his place in UA's history. This will likely include a marker at the site of the former Colored School, where the Senior Center and Tremont Elementary School reside today. An additional marker or markers are tentatively planned for a site at the High School, possibly as part of a broader History Trail project the City is launching in partnership with the Upper Arlington Historical Society.

The committee anticipates working together over the course of many months to bring these various projects to a successful conclusion, timed with the Schools construction schedule and other considerations. Other members of the community are welcome to get involved as this process unfolds. To express interest, please contact Emma Speight, at espeight@uaoh.net.

We encourage you to watch for updates in the months ahead.

CITY STREETS

Street Ratings Progress Update

Since 2014, the City has been implementing an aggressive residential Street Reconstruction Program, and it's making a difference. For example, within the current 10-Year Capital Improvement Program, all residential curbs with a rating of 5 (lowest) will be eliminated by the end of 2022 (with the exception of some upcoming waterline projects), and all of the residential curbs with a rating of 4 will be eliminated by the end of 2024. An added plus, as residents enjoy much improved aesthetics on our streets, the City's annual costs for the City's Street Reconstruction Program will begin to level off to approximately \$2.2 million annually in the later years of the program.

Lane Avenue Planning Study Update

As the City's most rapidly evolving commercial district, the Lane Avenue Planning Study was initiated to help the City better understand the impacts of future growth and put in place a framework to guide this growth in a way that best benefits the community.

The study process began in August 2019 and is expected to conclude in the Spring of 2020. It includes two phases of citizen engagement, providing ample opportunity for residents to learn about the significance of the business district for Upper Arlington's future and to provide input on what they believe should be priority considerations.

The first round of community outreach and information gathering for the study ended in mid October. In the month of September, the planning team from OHM Advisors hosted an Open House and two community pop up meetings at locations along the corridor, as well as meeting with area business representatives. An online survey—based on idea boards used at the open house—was fielded over the first two weeks of October. An impressive 1,887 residents completed this survey.

The second round of engagement is expected to occur at the close of the year, at which time OHM will present its findings and initial recommendations for review and discussion.



Full details of the Lane Avenue Planning Study—including the survey results—can be found under the Community Projects section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

An Open House hosted at COhatch on Lane Avenue featured a variety of idea boards to gather feedback from participants.



Community Center Feasibility Task Force Update

A significant recommendation in the 2018 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan is for the City to revisit the issue of inadequate indoor community gathering space. Most notably, in a statistically valid survey, 81% of respondents supported a feasibility study on a multi-generational indoor recreation facility. The plan also brought to light that a number of recreation and leisure components desired by residents are currently lacking in UA—components that would typically be found within a community center.

City Council has established a 16-resident-member Community Center Feasibility Task Force (CCFTF) to guide this process, with Margie Pizzuti and Nick Lashutka serving as co-chairs.

The Task Force determined the process would be best served with the



assistance of a consultant team experienced in conducting feasibility studies of this nature. To that end, a subcommittee was formed this fall to consider proposals. The subcommittee was scheduled to make its recommendation to the Task Force of the Whole.

Thereafter, the recommendation will be shared with City Council, seeking authorization for the City to enter into contract with the consultant to begin the feasibility study process in earnest. It is anticipated that the consultant team will be on board and beginning its work with the Task Force in November.

The Task Force has also decided to form additional subcommittees to work on the following topic areas:

- Finance
- Community Engagement
- Facilities & Partnerships

The work of the Task Force is expected to run into 2020, with the goal of presenting the findings and recommendations back to City Council by the summer. Visit upperarlingtonoh.gov for updates.

REED ROAD PARK PLAYGROUND



Over the summer, the City's Parks & Recreation Department began planning for the replacement of the Reed Road Park playground. Through this process, resident feedback was gathered via a series of activities: a survey regarding playground styles, an open house allowing residents to discuss proposed improvements and final design options, and a follow-up survey for residents to help select the final design.

The results from the second survey revealed a virtual tie between two of the three options, along with suggestions and comments. In all cases, the feedback received stressed the importance of including three main elements in the final design:

- Provide shade options for the playground equipment.
- A climbing component should be incorporated into the design.

- Include separate playground elements for older and younger age groups.

Rather than selecting one of the two options, Staff asked the playground vendor to modify the final design in a way that would incorporate these three elements. The final design (pictured left) now features a large climber, slides, monkey bars and a rope bridge. To help provide more shade, a large shade umbrella will be installed near the center of one of the playground elements—in addition to the existing trees surrounding the playground—to help keep equipment cool on hot, sunny days.

The Parks & Recreation Department is excited to share this final design of the playground with the community, and thanks everyone that participated. The new playground is expected to open in April of 2020.

To see additional renderings for the playground, visit the **Parks & Recreation** page, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Steve Schoeny

Where Do We Go From Here? I Don't Know

Ok. So, these are not the most inspirational words from your new City Manager. Please, bear with me.

Upper Arlington has been my family home for over 13 years. We are a community that is the envy of others around the country. We have a strong and rich history. We are in a fantastic financial position. We are located at the doorstep of a university that is one of the greatest economic drivers in the world. Our residents are knowledgeable and engaged. Our schools are built to help every child succeed. We are in a region that is becoming the model for how to prosper without choking on growth. While we cannot grow geographically,

we have the opportunity to remake significant elements of our community. We have a City staff that are dedicated, creative and motivated to serve. These things I know.

Here is what I do not presume to know. I do not presume to know what you want for our community over the next 12 months, over the next five years or over the next 50 years. I do not know why you chose Upper Arlington as your home or why you chose to come back after growing up here. I do not know what you think will be important to help you live the rest of your life here. I do not know what will be important to making Upper Arlington attractive for our kids to return. I do not know what we need to do to attract a new and diverse set of residents to our community.

I have assumptions and ideas about all of those things, but I need to understand what our residents think before we can chart a path forward together. I need to hear your ideas. More importantly, I need to hear your priorities. Ideas without priorities are how you make a Christmas list. Priorities are how you make a plan and a budget.

There are many ongoing formal activities to engage with you to learn about your ideas and priorities—Council meetings, open houses, topic-specific online surveys to name a few—but don't feel like you have to wait for us to ask you opinion. Reach out via e-mail or through the City's website. If you have a group that you want me to come and sit down with, let me know.

I don't know where we go from here. I do know that we will define success and chart the course to achieve it together.

All the best,
Steve

Second AED Installed in a UA Park



From left: Matt Leber, Recreation Superintendent, Mike Fitzpatrick for UA Youth Football and the UA Community Foundation, Debbie McLaughlin, Parks & Recreation Director.

A new climate controlled Automatic External Defibrillator has been installed at Northam Park, thanks to generous donations from the Upper Arlington Youth Football program and Upper Arlington Community Foundation. The AED unit is located on the Block House at Northam Park. This is the second AED unit installed in our parks—the first was installed at Northwest Kiwanis Park earlier this spring.



Blood Drive **City of Upper Arlington** **Upper Arlington City Bldg**

Council Chambers
3600 Tremont Road
Upper Arlington, OH 43221

Tuesday, November 19, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS
Or visit: RedCrossBlood.org
Sponsor Code: CityofUA

FROM CHAMBERS | Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

Community Relations Assessment Update

An area of focus brought to the City's attention thanks to the work of Equal UA, is a desire to advance the community as a place that is welcoming, cohesive and inclusive. To help us get there, UA resident Floyd Akins recently led a community relations assessment effort to help uncover the issues requiring attention AND develop a road map that will build on our strengths and shore up areas of weakness, so that all in our community feel connected, supported and valued.

More than 400 community members were directly invited to participate in two workshops, and an open invitation was extended to the community. An online survey was fielded in May, generating 133 responses that helped spark discussions at two public workshops, held on May 18 and June 5. In total, 85 individuals participated.

In September, Mr. Akins and representatives of Equal UA discussed his *Upper Arlington Community Cultural Workshop Summary Report* with City Council. The report identifies a series of ideas and initiatives that would positively



2019 Upper Arlington City Council

Front row (from left):

Michele Hoyle, Brendan King (Vice President), Kip Greenhill (President), Carolyn Casper

Back row: Jim Lynch, Brian Close, Sue Ralph

impact the community if implemented, and recommends that City Council should further consider creating a community advisory board to move this important initiative forward.

Council recognizes that the composition, charge and priorities assigned to a public entity focused on community relations would need to be determined and that input from representatives of Equal UA, the UA Schools and Library would be beneficial in determining next steps. To that end, Council formed a temporary Community Relations Assessment Committee that is currently meeting to further review the ideas and recommendations within Mr.

Akins' report, and to develop its own set of recommendations for Council. The Committee is expected to report back to Council in December.

Members of the Committee are: City Council members Michele Hoyle, Jim Lynch and Sue Ralph, Equal UA representatives Nic Fortkamp, Marianne Mitchell and Michelle Montgomery, Schools representative Tricia Fellingner, Library representative Jenn Faure, City Manager Steve Schoeny, Police Chief Steve Farmer and Community Affairs Director Emma Speight.

Details of this process, along with meeting dates, can be found at upperarlingtonoh.gov.



In late August, Mayor Kip Greenhill (pictured fourth from the right) joined with representatives of National Church Residences and First Community Village to celebrate the start of construction for The Fairfax, a new 70-unit independent living facility at the Village.

Smart911™

The City's emergency dispatching provider—the Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center (NRECC) at the City of Dublin—has enhanced the level of service emergency responders can provide by becoming a Smart911™ agency.

Smart911™ is an online tool enabling residents to create a household "Safety Profile" that is directly shared with NRECC dispatchers should you call 9-1-1 for assistance. Once registered, if an emergency occurs at your home or to a family member whose information and phone number is included in the Safety Profile, dispatchers will have instant access to information that could prove invaluable to first responders and, ultimately to those who need help.

When you register your household with Smart911™, you decide what information to include in your Safety Profile, such as:

- **Details about your home** – in the event of a fire emergency, this information would help firefighters in their response, by knowing in advance the number and location of bedrooms and exit points.
- **Details about your family members** – this includes the option to upload a photograph of each person, and to provide details such as age, weight, hair and eye color. Should a child or an elderly loved one go missing, police officers will be sent the photograph and



pertinent information to help them in their search. It also gives firefighters critical information about the number of people to search for in a fire rescue situation.

- **Details about your pets** – for safety reasons, it's helpful for police officers responding to a burglary report to know if a home has dogs. Plus, if firefighters know how many pets live in your home, they are better positioned to rescue them in an emergency situation. And, if one of your family members has a service animal, emergency responders would know the companion should accompany the family member in a transport situation.
- **Details about medical conditions or other special needs** – by sharing details of any medical conditions, prescription medications, disabilities or other special needs of family

members, emergency responders will be able to provide the best possible care and make sure this vital information is shared with medical professionals in the event of a transport to hospital.

Even if an emergency situation occurs outside the home, if the phone number of the person making the 9-1-1 call is associated with your Safety Profile, this will give emergency responders additional information, helping them pinpoint and inform other family members of what's happened.

Your Safety Profile is private and secure, and you control what information is made available to 911 dispatchers. Once registered, Smart911™ will prompt you to review and update your Safety Profile every six months, to help you keep information current.

For all police, fire and EMS emergency responders, whenever they answer a call for help, they face many unknowns. The more they can know in advance, the better prepared they can be to provide the right assistance quickly and effectively. The information that can be made readily available to emergency responders through a household's Safety Profile, can bring some clarity and insight to an otherwise chaotic and stressful situation.

We encourage you to learn more about Smart911™ and to register your household, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.



ALERT
Emergency Notification System

Franklin
County



The City is part of the Franklin County emergency notification system, an online tool that can quickly dispatch emergency texts, emails and voice messages. The City uses this system to notify residents of summertime mosquito spraying. To receive the most benefit from this notification tool, you are advised to register and tailor your account relative to how you would like to receive updates.

REGISTER TODAY AT: upperarlingtonoh.gov/connect

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The Magic of Parks & Recreation's Fall Fest



Families took advantage of a beautiful fall day in October to enjoy this year's Fall Fest at Fancyburg Park. Kids enjoyed making scarecrows, pressing apple cider, a donut eating contest and much more, thanks to the team in Parks & Recreation.



2019 Community Awards

Nominations are now being accepted!

Each January, the citizens of Upper Arlington are invited to join with City and community leaders for the annual State of the City Address, for a recap of the accomplishments from the past 12 months and a look ahead to a new year of exciting projects.

An integral part of the Address is our Community Awards program. Each year, we seek nominations of the many worthy individuals and groups that have helped make our community better in some way. Now is the time to submit your nominations for the following categories:

- **Business** – Involved in community service projects, provides financial or in-kind support for various causes, or brings other significant benefits to the community.



- **Community Enrichment** – Individual or group involved in programs to enhance the City's quality of life, in areas that include the arts, education, recreation, cultural diversity and the natural environment.

- **Community Safety** – Individual or group involved in activities to raise awareness of or improve the overall health and safety of our community.
- **Senior** – Individual actively involved in the community through volunteer service, taking a leadership or participatory role in community programs.
- **Youth Award** – Youth individual or group involved in volunteer service or community programs to benefit others and setting a positive example to fellow UA youth.

Details and nomination forms can be found at upperarlingtonoh.gov. The deadline is Monday, January 6, 2020.

Mark your calendars for Monday, January 27, and join us for our 2020 State of the City Address.

Leaf Collection Begins October 28

Public Works Division614-583-5350

The City is providing free leaf collection services October 28–December 6, weather permitting. The program is typically comprised of five pass throughs (rounds) of the City. Residents are asked to stop raking leaves to the curb by Sunday, December 1.

Each season differs, due to weather conditions. We appreciate your patience throughout the program, especially during periods of heavy rain or an early snow-fall. A Leaf Collection Tracking Map can be found at upperarlingtonoh.gov, helping residents anticipate when collection crews are likely to be on their street.



Program 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 15 feet away from either side of leaf piles so that collection crews have safe access to the leaves with their truck and leaf machine.

The City's solid waste contract offers year-round collection for yard waste. When the leaf collection program is not in effect or if you only have a small pile of leaves, place them 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 for containers are available at the Municipal Services Center and UA libraries.

Try Mulching Your Leaves

A great option for reducing the amount of leaves you have to rake and that helps feed your lawn, is to mow your leaves. All it takes is a few passes of the lawnmower each week to break leaves on the lawn down into smaller shreds. These leaf shreds will then work their way through the grass and decompose into the top layer of soil, acting as a natural fertilizer and weed control agent.

Holiday Recycling Reminders

Public Works Division614-583-5350

As we enter the holiday season, the City wishes to share a few recycling reminders:

- Please break down cardboard boxes so that they take up less space.
- Are you disposing of old Christmas lights? Either put them in the trash, or you can donate them to Goodwill Columbus' e-waste recycling program.
- Plastic grocery bags can't be recycled through the curbside recycling program. Either reuse or re-purpose them, or take them back to the grocery store. Better yet, invest in reusable grocery bags.
- Likewise, plastic bottles and jugs only are accepted—packaging plastics are not part of the curbside recycling program.
- Please make sure your recyclables are clean—rinse out food containers, empty bottles, and make sure paper products are clean and dry.

2020 Solid Waste Holiday Collection Schedule

Public Works Division614-583-5350

Since Local Waste collection crews follow some, but not all City holiday observances, here's a rundown of collection delays for 2020:

New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Wednesday & Thursday zones delayed by one day

Memorial Day: Monday, May 25

All zones have a one day delay

Independence Day: Saturday, July 4

No delays

Labor Day: Monday, September 7

All zones have a one day delay

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 26

Thursday zone collected on Friday

Christmas Day: Friday, December 25

No delays

New Year's Day: Friday, January 1, 2021

No delays

NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Monday, November 11** – Veterans Day. Solid Waste services are not affected.
- **Thursday, November 28** – Thanksgiving. Thursday's Solid Waste collection zone will receive service on Friday.
- **Wednesday, December 25** – Christmas Day. Solid Waste service is delayed by one day for the Wednesday & Thursday zones.
- **Wednesday, January 1, 2020** – New Year's Day. Solid Waste service is delayed by one day for the Wednesday & Thursday zones.

City e-News

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 614-583-5040

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

- **City Insight** - twice monthly e-news on City services, special projects, upcoming events & more.
- **Activity Link** - monthly programming updates from Parks & Recreation
- **Arts Link** - monthly updates on Concourse Gallery exhibits and other community arts programming
- **Sentinel** - monthly program updates from the Senior Center

To register for these convenient options, visit the **Connect** section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 614-583-5030

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

Parking Restrictions During OSU Home Football Games

PUBLIC SERVICE 614-583-5350

To address parking, access and safety concerns, the City restricts parking for streets in the proximity of OSU's campus abutting North Star Road on home football games. Hours run from four hours before through four hours after each game. "No Parking" signs are posted on the fire hydrant side of the following streets:

- Ashdowne Road;
- Berkshire, Essex, 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.

Book the Barn for Your Event

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

The Amelita Mirolo Barn at Sunny 95 Park is a popular venue for weddings and other memorable events, such as birthday parties, retirements, baby and wedding showers, and corporate events. And by the close of 2019, acoustics within the building will be much improved, thanks to the installation of new wall and ceiling sound panels. Book the Barn at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Tobacco Free Parks

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

Continuing Upper Arlington's commitment to protecting the health and welfare of its residents, effective June 2019 the use of all nicotine products are prohibited in the City's public parks. This includes cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes and vaping devices.

SCRAM! Wildlife Control

www.SCRAM!Wildlife.org

The City contracts with SCRAM! Wildlife Control, a division of the Ohio Wildlife

Center, to provide wildlife management services to residents and businesses at a discounted rate. Full details can be found at www.SCRAMwildlife.org. The City has an Animal Control guidelines page under the Resources section of its website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery*

Sunday, November 3

As Daylight Savings Time comes to a close, clocks "fall back" one hour at 2 am on Sunday morning. 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.

Sunday Swim at UA High School

1-3 pm, Sundays, Starting October 6

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 6 and running through May 3, 2020, from 1-3 pm. The cost per visit is \$3 for a resident or \$20 for a season pass (\$40 for a resident household).

Recycle Election Yard Signs

CODE COMPLIANCE 614-583-5070

Immediately following the November 5 election, the City's Code Compliance Division facilitates the recycling of old political signs in partnership with SWACO. If you bring your yard signs to the Municipal Services Center by 5 pm, Friday, November 8, our Code Compliance Division will take care of this on your behalf. Just drop signs off at the back bay by the Police entrance to the Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road. Staff will take them to the Bill McDonald Athletic Complex (4990 Olentangy River Road) during SWACO's Saturday, November 9 collection, which

runs from 8-11 am. If you miss the City deadline, you can always head directly to the collection location the morning of the event.

Recent Thefts From USPS Mailboxes

POLICE 614-459-2800

The Police Division has recently received several reports of thefts from USPS mailboxes. Residents have been made aware of this problem when a check they had mailed to pay a bill was cashed for a much higher amount than they had originally written. This issue is currently under investigation, but in the meantime the division has some advice to share, so that you don't fall victim to this problem:

- Whenever possible, pay your bills online.
- If you do need to send a check by mail, drop it off at one of the mailboxes available **inside** your local post office location.
- The mailbox located at the Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road, is another good option for drop-off since our building houses the 24/7 operations of our Police Division.

If you experience mail theft, please report it to our Police Division at the above listed number.

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 option to avoid being ticketed or towed.

Snow Angels

FIRE 614-583-5123

Each winter, the City's CARES Program and UA Commission on Aging partner on the Snow Angels, matching

volunteers to elderly neighbors who need help with snow shoveling. We encourage individuals, families and/or groups of neighbors to "adopt" a senior during the season and help them with this winter chore.

Firefighters for Kids Toy Drive

9 am-4 pm, Saturday, December 14

Station 72, Reed Road

FIRE 614-583-5100

Help the UA Fire Division make the Christmas holidays memorable for Central Ohio kids in need, by dropping off new toys at Station 72. Beginning November 30, toys can be dropped-off at the front entrance (on Lytham Road), or you can participate in the drive-thru collection on Saturday, December 14.

2020 Community Calendar upperarlingtonoh.gov

As a service to the community, the City provides an online Community Calendar of special events on its website. These event listings are oftentimes promoted by the City via other means, as space and scheduling permits. Now is the time to send us details of qualifying community events. Visit the **Events** section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov, where you will find submission details.

RITA Income Tax Subpoena Program

9 am-4 pm, November 18-20

MSC, 3600 Tremont Road

www.ritaohio.com

All residents aged 18 and over must file an annual income tax return with the City, regardless of whether any tax is due. The City's Income Tax Subpoena Program has been scheduled for residents with a delinquent tax filing. Taxpayers who receive a subpoena from RITA/UA should appear in person to resolve their delinquent account. Failure to appear results in penalties, interest and possible legal action.

2020 Wall of Honor Call For Nominations

www.uahistory.org

Each May, a new bronze plaque is added to the limestone wall of the Municipal Services Center Plaza to honor a deceased UA resident who had a positive impact on the community and beyond through his or her professional, philanthropic, volunteer or public service. Nominations are being accepted for the 2020 Wall of Honor inductee, a partnership of the UA Historical Society and the City's Parks & Recreation Department. Nomination forms are available at www.uahistory.org. The deadline is Friday, January 10, 2020. The 2020 induction ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 17.

Home Security Alarm Permits POLICE 614-583-5100

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

UA Labor Day Arts Festival Coordinating Committee CULTURAL ARTS 614-583-5312

It takes a great team to plan and coordinate one of the City's largest events. Join the Coordinating Committee and be part of bringing great art, music, food and activities to Upper Arlington. Several opportunities are available on the committee including artist management, performances, refreshments, logistics, art activities, and volunteers. We are looking for people that work well with a team, have creative ideas, and will be dedicated to making Festival great. For details, contact Jodi Osborne at 614-583-5312 or josborne@uaoh.net. Meetings begin in February.

Schools[★]iNSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

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New learning opportunities are unfolding for students as construction progresses on the new and renovated buildings that are part of the first phase of the facilities master plan.

At the high school, the end products of these real-world whole learning opportunities related to construction are very visible to the community, thanks in part to the new scoreboard in the renovated Marv Moorehead Memorial Stadium. Funded entirely through advertising sponsorships, the scoreboard is a professional-quality video board that has the technical capabilities to play videos similar to what you'd see in a professional athletic venue. The new high school will also have similar video boards in the new gymnasium and natatorium, and sponsorships are still available.

"The opportunity to embark on a new learning endeavor with students and our community is exciting," communications teacher and WARL adviser Amanda Fountain said. "This learning opportunity is a great way to build upon the old and break into the new. It's allowing us to explore the possibilities of what's to come with student learning engagement in our new building."

All of the work that students are doing on the scoreboard now is voluntary, but, Fountain said, "everything we're doing is laying the foundational groundwork so it can be one of our classes of the future."

Senior Ellie Hartranft is one of the broadcast students who helped create a "Respect the Game" video that spotlights Golden Bear student-athletes and, generally, gets all Golden Bear fans excited before every home game.

"It is super cool to see something that I have created be put on a



big screen in front of hundreds of people," she said. "I am very lucky to be in a school that provides different opportunities that let me explore my passions."

As fans at the homecoming game on September 20 sought shelter from lighting and rain, they might have caught a glimpse of a video of the Golden Bear "taking shelter" from animated lightning bolts. Senior Will Reynolds helped create that and about 20 other short videos like it.

"I love working with the scoreboard because I could use the editing skills and computer skills that I learned in the future with my career," he shared.

Students working on the weekly WARL Kickin' It Live broadcast at the high school have also been sharing updates on construction at the high school, as well as the elementary schools.

"Although I am not able to experience the new school, I'm really excited for the future of UA and am thankful for the opportunities here for me now," senior Maria Monesi shared.

Fountain added: "We are fortunate to have a supportive community backing these new learning spaces that will be reflective of the world that we are preparing our students for."

On Schedule, On Budget

Contractors are continuing to make great progress this fall on the five projects underway in the first phase of the facilities master plan.

The high school project continued to progress during the months of August, September and October with the installation of foundations, stair towers and structural steel for the new

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building. Also on the high school site, the newly renovated Marv Moorehead Memorial Stadium opened on schedule on August 16 for the fall athletics season. For photos from the re-dedication ceremony, please see Page 17.

On the elementary sites, construction continues to progress on footing and foundation work and exterior walls for the new buildings or additions to Barrington, Greensview, Tremont and Wickliffe.

For detailed monthly construction updates and photo galleries, as well as a construction timeline, please visit www.uaschools.org/facilities.

Legacy Campaign update

The Upper Arlington Board of Education and Legacy Steering Committee would like to thank the many generous individuals, families and businesses that have supported the Legacy Campaign! This private fundraising effort is seeking to raise \$7.5 million to complete and enhance the scope of the projects in the Upper Arlington Schools facilities master plan. We are excited to share these projects are on budget and on schedule!

In a short period of time, the Legacy Campaign has raised nearly \$6 million in donations ranging from \$25 to \$1 million. This is a historic moment for our community as we begin our second century educating students in new facilities. Private donors are contributing and making a mark, by leaving a Legacy!

NOW is the time to join Legacy - pledge now until November 15, 2019, and your gift will be matched! Thanks to the generosity of Matt and Claire Hamilton and two anonymous families, all gifts will be matched up to a total of \$300,000. To learn more, please visit www.uaschools.org/legacycampaign.

We hope you will consider joining the Legacy family - Every Donor, Every Dollar Contributes to Success!



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

Strategic Priorities at Heart of State of the Schools, Other Projects

Over the next three years, our new strategic plan will be driving our work in the Upper Arlington school district.

I hope you will join us to learn more about our new strategic plan, take in student performances and projects, and more at our fifth State of the Schools, at 6 pm on Thursday, November 14 at Upper Arlington High School, 1650 Ridgeview Road.

At the core of the strategic plan are two priority areas: whole learning and student and staff well-being. The whole learning focus is not new for our district – it builds on our long-running philosophy of educating and supporting the whole child.

A crucial part of this work will be developing a Profile of a Learner for Upper Arlington Schools. The Upper Arlington Profile of a Learner will articulate the knowledge, skills and attributes that we believe will prepare our students to serve, lead and succeed in Upper Arlington and beyond. This document will reflect our vision for all Upper Arlington learners at every stage and grade because we value the experience of every student, at every point in the Upper Arlington education.

In September, a team of approximately 70 teachers, administrators and service-learning leaders began the work on this document. We appreciate the work of these educators and look forward to sharing more as this important work unfolds!

Community Screening and Discussion

The second priority area in our strategic plan – student and staff well-being – incorporates our continuing district-wide

focus on diversity, equity and inclusion.

In September, dozens of staff members and parent volunteers from across the school district came together for two days of important conversations on diversity, equity and inclusion.

We will be continuing these conversations throughout the school year with not only our staff but also our community.

This fall, Upper Arlington Schools will become the first school district in Ohio to host community screenings and discussions for *America to Me*, a 10-part documentary series filmed at Oak Park and River Forest High School in suburban Chicago. *America to Me* offers an in-depth look at the effects of race, equity, culture and privilege on educational opportunities in a well-resourced suburban community.

From October 21 through November 18, we are offering weekly screenings and facilitated discussions for each of the first five episodes. Each screening will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a facilitated discussion, in the Hastings Middle School auditorium, 1850 Hastings Lane. For a full schedule, please visit our website, www.uaschools.org.

These events are free and open to everyone in the community. Due to mature themes in the documentary series, we recommend the events for high school age or older.

As always, if you have any questions or thoughts related to our schools, please reach out by emailing superintendent@uaschools.org or calling 614-487-5030.

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SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



Students Become First in Ohio to Take Part in BioEYES



Fourth grade students in the Informal program at Barrington Elementary School became zebrafish researchers for a week through Project BioEYES and a partnership with OSU. Barrington is the first school in Ohio to host BioEYES, a hands-on, K-12 science education program that got its start at the Carnegie Institution for Science in Maryland. The goal is to set up a BioEyes center at OSU and provide this opportunity to other students throughout the region.

For a week in September, the students at Barrington followed the BioEYES curriculum, studying adult zebrafish and their embryos until they hatched. Because zebrafish are biologically similar to humans and their bodies are clear, they provide a unique opportunity for students to understand the human body.

BioEYES at Barrington was made possible through funding from OSU's Department of Molecular Genetics and College of Arts and Sciences, the Upper Arlington Education Foundation and the Barrington PTO.

52 UAHS Students Earn Ohio Seal of Biliteracy Award

Fifty-two Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Spanish students from Upper Arlington High School have been recognized with the Ohio Seal of Biliteracy award for demonstrating high levels of proficiency

in English and at least one other language.

Students must meet state-established guidelines to earn this distinction during their junior or senior year.

Congratulations to the Seal of Biliteracy recipients from the UAHS Classes of 2019 and 2020: Alex Arend, Lujain Assaf, Zachary Backiewicz, Steven Baird, Adelaide Baldwin, Sarah Boehm, Ruth Buergenthal, Anna Carriero, Matthew Cramer, Nicholas DiMickle, Peter Edwards, Cooper Ellis, Grace Golembiewski, Grace Gutierrez, Madison Heck, Richard Jinschek, Allan Kawakami, Meghan Keeler, Frances Kirk, Paige Kompa, Alex Larkin, Brendan Larmor, Laken Lee, Yoon Seo Lee, Joanna Li, Jacob Lord, Emma Lutman, Diego Ly, Kyle MacLaughlin, Luke Marshall, Kyle McCabe, Grant Menke, Madison Miller, Camryn Morin, Kavya Pamulapati, Michael Patridge, Paige Plagenz, Hayden Raish, Chloe Ruscilli, Joshua Russell, Isabella Sanfilipo, Faith Seely, Gavin Shafer, Andrew Shapiro, Hannah Sharp, Mallory Sharp, Cole Smith, Jessie Stevenson, Amanda Strayton, Nathaniel Swords, Isabella Triplett, Alden Trotter.

10 UA Students Recognized as National Merit Semifinalists



Ten Upper Arlington High School students have qualified as Semifinalists in the 64th annual National Merit Scholarship Program, giving them the opportunity to compete for college scholarships in recognition of their academic achievement.

Congratulations to Samuel Bonasso, Nathanael Burns-Watson, Nicholas Ferraro, Allan Kawakami, Jessica Price, William Root, Lindsey Rush, Grace Taylor, Leon Wu and Ainsley Young.

These students from the UAHS Class of 2020 are among approximately 1.6 million high school students across the country that entered the National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Of those entrants, approximately 16,000 high scorers – or the top 1 percent – qualify as Semifinalists.

UAHS Athletic Hall of Fame to Welcome 10 Inductees

The Upper Arlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame, in its fourth year, will welcome six former student-athletes, three retired coaches and its first Friend of the Program for their outstanding contributions to the impressive history of the school's athletic program.

- **Jeff Backes** (Class of 2001), football, basketball and track
- **Gus Crim** (Class of 1966), football, basketball and baseball
- **Kirsten Flower** (Class of 2006), tennis
- **Jim Hamilton**, coach (1968-1986), basketball and golf; athletic director (1986-1993)
- **Blake Haxton** (Class of 2009), crew
- **Tim McClellan** (Class of 1987), wrestling, cross country and track
- **Audrey Plant** (Class of 2010), softball
- **Bill Ruoff**, Friend of the Program
- **Dave Shelby**, coach (1953-1984), lacrosse and tennis
- **Lee Spitzer**, coach (1973-2006), wrestling, lacrosse and cross country

The inductees will be introduced at approximately 7 p.m. on January 3 before the varsity basketball game

against Marysville. A reception open to the public in the first floor of the learning center at Upper Arlington High School will precede the game at 5:30 pm.

For more information on the inductees and the events in January, please visit www.uaschools.org/uahsathletics.

Marching Band Invites Community to Free Concert

Please join the Disney-bound UA Golden Bear Marching Band for their biggest concert of the season on Thursday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Arlington High School auditorium, 1650 Ridgeview Road.

The concert is free and will feature music from all fall shows as well as favorite tunes and cheers.

Upper Arlington Schools App Now Available

Upper Arlington Schools has launched a new mobile app that allows students, families, staff members and community members to stay connected with what's happening in their schools and the school district.

The app is free and available for iOS, Android and Windows devices. Users may customize their display to view the school – or schools – of their choice and receive notifications through the app.

Please search "Upper Arlington City Schools" in the App store or Google Play, or visit www.uaschools.org for direct links for a free download of the app.



Alumni Spotlight

Lt. Col. David Eastburn, UA High School Class of 1994

Notable achievements at UA High School

While academics were always a challenge for me, I tried to take advantage of all the fantastic athletic and social aspects UAHS had to offer. I was a member of the boys soccer, football and wrestling teams, played for the Ohio-South Olympic Development Soccer team and Club Ohio Soccer, as well as participated in the UAHS broadcasting club.

College / career experiences

Upon graduation from UAHS, I served a three-year enlistment in the U.S. Army as a cannon crew member. I received the Army's Green-to-Gold Scholarship, awarded to enlisted soldiers who show great leadership potential. I attended Campbell University, where I was a member of the men's soccer team, student body vice president and a three-year Presidential Scholar. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism and was commissioned as a U.S. Army Field Artillery Officer in 2001.

I served in many leadership roles in conventional and special operations organizations including several combat tours during Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2008, I transitioned into the public affairs community. I received a master's degree in professional studies from the George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management and was the U.S. Army's spokesman in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, during the raid to kill Osama bin Laden.

In 2017, I was selected to serve as the U.S. Secretary of Defense's principal spokesman on Asia. Originally working for Secretary Jim Mattis, I've also worked for Acting Secretary Pat Shanahan and current Secretary Mark Esper, where I speak on behalf of the Pentagon and its leadership while providing expert communication strategy to the Secretary of Defense.

How did UA Schools prepare you for success?

Aside from being a member of the boys soccer, football and wrestling teams, the majority of my extracurricular time was spent with the late Joe Conley both on-camera and behind the scenes of the TV program: UA Alive! While I faced academic challenges in the classroom, the friendships I formed and experiences I had in the four years at UAHS certainly provided me perspective and decision-making skills that would prove vital throughout my career of military service.



SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Hastings Middle School students give a thumbs-up for HOP Day. Students spent the day working on service projects at Hastings and locations around Columbus, including parks, preschools and senior centers.



Jones Middle School kicked off a year-long service learning partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital on its annual Service-Learning Kickoff Day in September.



Members of Ambassadors for Change greet fellow students at Upper Arlington High School during Start With Hello week. Throughout the week, they encouraged students to say "hello" to people they don't know to promote belonging.



Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School raised money through a handmade craft sale for four local organizations near and dear to the Wickliffe community: Buddy Walk, the Make It Fit Foundation, Purple Day and Nationwide Children's Hospital.



Orchestra Honors

Fourteen students from the High School's orchestra program have been selected for the Ohio Music Educators Association Regional Orchestra, a big honor! Congratulations to: Anna Cho, Victor Gu, Debbie Hodson, Nathan Jeoung, Andy Jeoung, Brent Ju, Andrew Lehman, Anna Oh, Anna Schuler, Wendy Shi, Ben Underwood, Kaiwen Wu, Rena Zhao and Susan Zunic. The District XV regional orchestra will come together at the High School the weekend of November 22, with a performance at 3 p.m. November 24. Additionally, three students – Anna Schuler, Rena Zhao and Susan Zunic – were selected to represent Upper Arlington in the All-State Orchestra in Cincinnati in January.

SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Windermere Elementary School celebrated a milestone for the school year with Windermere Way Day in September. The annual day is full of community-building activities for students.



Fifth-grade classes at Tremont Elementary School learned how "Everyone Can Create" on iPads through a three-week "boot camp" designed by teacher Lindsay Kidwell and inspired by an Apple curriculum for educators.



Rededicating 'the Marv'

More than three dozen students representing the marching band, the varsity cheerleaders, the Bear Den spirit club and every athletic team that competes in the Marv Moorehead Memorial Stadium led a ceremonial ribbon-cutting for the newly renovated space on September 6, 2019. The students were joined on Ted Wolford Field by the retired lacrosse coach; Brett Moorehead, son of the late athletic director and football coach; the Board of Education; and state Rep. Allison Russo and state Sen. Stephanie Kunze. The stadium renovation, the first element of the high school site to be completed, opened on schedule on August 16 for the start of the fall athletics season.



Greensview Elementary School students and staff signed a beam that was put into place on their new school building at the end of September.



Student voice is a very important part of the process for the new and renovated schools! Elementary students shared their thoughts in October on furniture and furniture configurations for their new spaces.

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

We often say that schools are a "people" business – we are focused on helping young people become the best they can be. And when people are your business, it's



critical to understand just how many people you will be serving both now and into the future.

Because of that, we have an outside agency conduct an independent enrollment projection study for our schools each fall. These experts look at everything from real estate trends to birth data to project how many students

will be enrolled in our schools during the next 10 years.

We know the last 10 years have been a period of significant growth - with our enrollment increasing by approximately 500 students, or about 10 percent.

Our most recent enrollment projections indicate that growth rate is only going to climb. We anticipate adding 1,250 more students in the next 10 years. That's an increase of an additional 20 percent. These figures signify what many residents already know. Our community is a wonderful place to live and to raise children, and many young families are coming here.

We are both proud and excited to be part of such a sought-after community, but as a people business, we also know that more students means the need for more funding.

In Upper Arlington Schools, our state funding has remained relatively flat for more than two decades. We have seen very little increase in state funding despite a substantial increase in enrollment during the past decade.

Another funding fact to keep in mind is the effect of House Bill 920. This is the law that essentially forces school districts like ours to return to the voters every three to four years to keep up with inflation. To put it simply, when voters pass a levy, they are agreeing to raise a certain amount for schools through property taxes. So when property values increase, school property tax rates decrease to ensure the school district is getting that same flat amount. There are some exceptions that allow for a small amount of revenue growth, but overall, we must ask for an additional tax levy just to keep up with inflation, let alone current enrollment trends.

As we shared during our 2017 levy request, we will be back on the ballot with an operating levy request in November of 2020. In the meantime we will focus on the goals of our new strategic plan to ensure we are continuously improving and being efficient with resources to keep our costs as low as possible while maintaining our high level of educational programming.

2019-20 SCHOOL DATES

**End of First Trimester
(Kindergarten-Grade 5)**
Monday, November 4

**No School for Students
(Voting Day)**
Tuesday, November 5

State of the Schools
6 pm, Thursday, November 14
Upper Arlington High School, 1650
Ridgeview Road

Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, November 27-Friday,
November 29

**End of Second Quarter and First
Semester (Grades 6-12)**
Thursday, December 19

No School for Students
Friday, December 20

Winter Break
Monday, December 23-Friday, January 3

**For the full school year
calendar, please visit**
www.uaschools.org/calendars.aspx

UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION



2019 Upper Arlington Board of Education

From Left: Scott McKenzie,
President Stacey Royer,
Vice President Nancy Drees,
Marjory Pizzuti, Carol Mohr

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 www.uaschools.org for the most up-to-date information.

Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, November 19, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, December 10, 6 pm – Council Chamber

For additional meeting dates, visit www.uaschools.org/board.

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BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Beth Hatch is New Library Director

After conducting a nationwide search, the Upper Arlington Public Library's Board of Trustees selected Beth Hatch to be the Library's fifth director in its 52 year history. Ms. Hatch, previously director of the Perry Public Library in Perry, Ohio, started her new position on October 15.

Beth has over 16 years of experience in a variety of roles in Ohio public libraries. In addition to serving as Director, she has served as a Special Projects Manager, Virtual Services Manager, PR and Marketing Librarian, and Reference Librarian. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and Master of Library and Information Science from Kent State University.

"I am honored to serve as director of Upper Arlington Public Library, and will

continue the stellar work that Chris Taylor accomplished during her tenure," she said. "I am looking forward to working with such an enthusiastic and dedicated staff, which I had the pleasure of meeting during the time I spent learning about the library. I am also excited to become an involved and active member of this wonderful community."

"In selecting the next director of the Upper Arlington Public Library, the Board wanted to assure the current forward movement of the Library, the continued involvement in the community, and the expansion of services" said John Yesso, president of the Library's Board of Trustees. "Beth brings a work ethic that is even-tempered, innovative and collaborative. Also her high energy and enthusiasm



impressed the Board and me. She understands the role of public libraries in the community as evidenced by her heavy involvement in local organizations. I think Beth has an excellent balance of technical and interpersonal skills that will help her build upon the great library we have in Upper Arlington."

Drive-Up Book Drop Now Open at Lane Road Library

After months of planning and fundraising, we've installed new drive-up book drops in the parking lot of the Lane Road Library.

Patrons can now stay in their cars and simply place their materials into the book drops from the driver's side window. The parking lot has been reconfigured to accommodate the addition, so be sure to follow the new traffic flow when visiting.

The units replace two old, rusty walk-up models. They're made of aircraft-grade aluminum and will never rust.

The Library conducted a fundraising campaign for the first half of 2019 to raise money for the purchase. Donors provided nearly \$11,000 to help fund the improvement.



The Library held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 27 to officially open the book drops and thank the

donors and partners, including the City of Upper Arlington, for their support.

Explore...GATHER...grow!!



State Senator Stephanie Kunze presented retiring Library Director Chris Taylor with a Proclamation of Thanks.



Curious George met some fans at the Miller Park Library.



Wellness instructor Brianna Schiavoni led three sessions on Meditation as Medicine, including a class on Yoga Nidra.



Youth Services Manager Tracie Steele led our outdoor StoryWalk Storytime featuring crafts and the book *That Pup!* by Lindsay Barrett George

Program Highlights

The Boogeyman Exists; And He's In Your Child's Back Pocket

Join The Stand Project, Syntero and counselors from UA middle schools to discuss Jesse Weinberger's book, *The Boogeyman Exists; And He's In Your Child's Back Pocket*. We have sessions at the Main Library on Monday, November 4 at 7 pm for middle school parents, and Thursday, November 7 at 7 pm for elementary school parents. As your children traverse the digital world, they may be exposed to cyberbullying, sexting, sexual predation and illegal substances. The discussion about digital safety needs to begin the very first time your child uses a tablet or smartphone with a parent or guardian sitting right next to them. This program is led by counselors from Jones and Hastings middle schools and covers digital safety, how to have that conversation with your child, and why it's important to have that conversation early and often.

Time and Change: 150 Years of The Ohio State University

This year The Ohio State University is celebrating 150 years of its history, landmarks, and traditions. Join University Archivist and author Tamar Chute at the Main Library on Wednesday, November 6 at 7 pm as she discusses the University's past through the lens of historical photographs of campus, its buildings, and its people. Learn more about the University's founding and the ways in which today's University reflects the hopes and dreams of its earliest years.

Learn About Podcasts

What are podcasts? Where do you find them? How do you listen to them? We'll explore the wide world of podcasts along with some tips for creating your own podcast at the Lane Road Library on Wednesday, November 13 at 7 p.m.

Note that this date is a change from the one listed in our Fall *Library Link* publication.

Baby Shark Party

All baby, mommy, daddy, grandma and grandpa sharks are invited to play games, make crafts, and dance to the popular song "Baby Shark." Join us at the Main Library on Thursday, November 14 at 3:30 pm. Activities are geared toward grades K-5.

Art History: Renoir

Renoir was one of the innovators of the Impressionist style of painting in Paris, and his colorful, vibrant works are wonderful examples of the movement. Renoir lived to be almost 80 and created thousands of pieces of work in his long and successful career. Learn more from Ann Shifflet of the Columbus College of Art and Design at the Main Library on Friday, December 6 at 12:30 pm.

Board Games at Miller Park

Inspired by the Jumanji movies, stop by the Miller Park Library over winter break from December 20-January 5 to play our board games, both classic and new! All ages welcome.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Seated: Gloria Heydlauff,
John Yesso

Standing: Bill Shkurti,
Kevin Fix, Kate Hare

Not pictured: Maura Bowen,
Peter Hahn



In general, meetings of the Upper Arlington Public Library Board of Trustees begin at 5 pm 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:

- No meeting in November
- Tuesday, December 3 at 5 pm at the Lane Road Library

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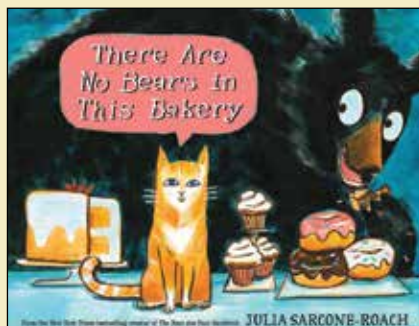
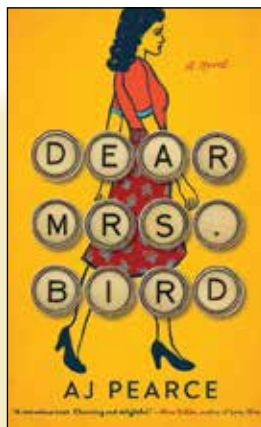
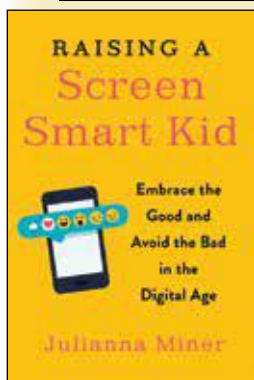
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

There are No Bears in This Bakery

By Julia Sarcone-Roach

Muffin the cat protects the territory around The Little Bear Bakery at night. There are no bears here - until one night when Muffin hears an unfamiliar "grrrrr" coming from the bakery and sets off to investigate. Muffin finds a young bear with a rumbling tummy and decides to give the bear some bakery treats. That's when the really loud growling begins and Muffin discovers they are not alone - a very large bear has come looking for its baby! (preK-2nd grade)

— Sue Emrick, Lane Road Library



Dear Mrs. Bird

By AJ Pearce

This is a charming, yet sometimes-raw novel that offers a glimpse into the life of a young, independent English woman with high career aspirations and a deep desire to "do her part" during World War II. The main character's youthful innocence is refreshing, yet sets her up for some life lessons that are hard to watch her learn. The author left enough loose ends for a sequel, but there's no sign of one coming just yet - although Ms. Pearce's website says she is working on a second book. In the meantime, *Dear Mrs. Bird* has been optioned to become a TV drama, so perhaps some of the unresolved plot points will be fleshed out in a different medium.

— Nancy Byron, Miller Park Library

to where some of those children may end up. Luke Ellis is a child genius living with loving and supportive parents when his world is destroyed in one terrifying night. Luke will wake

up at a place called The Institute, in a room that looks exactly like his room at home. Outside his door are other kids who came to be here the same way Luke did. All they know for sure is there doesn't seem to be any way out and much chance they'll get out alive. As psychologically terrifying as *Firestarter*, and not since *The Stand* has Stephen King produced such a gut-wrenchingly dramatic story of good vs. evil in a world where the good guys don't always win.

— Melanie Stanley, Adult Services

Raising a Screen-Smart Kid: Embrace the Good and Avoid the Bad in the Digital Age

By Julianna Miner

This is a hugely valuable resource for parents of tweens and teens in the

digital age, or as the author describes us, "the last analog dinosaurs raising the first true digital generation." Julianna Miner is a public health expert and the creator of a hilarious parenting blog.

She provides insight into the online challenges and developmental stages teens are facing, and offers down-to-earth, nonjudgmental advice backed up by extensive research. Each chapter includes eye-opening interviews with real kids and ends with a set of takeaway tips and action items on the chapter topic.

— Bridie O'Shaughnessy, Miller Park Library

The Trial of Lizzie Borden: A True Story

By Cara Robertson

The murders of Andrew and Abby Borden on August 4, 1892 have remained in the American popular culture since the day they were committed. The trial and eventual acquittal of Lizzie Borden in 1893 has

led to enormous speculation as to what really happened and who did the crime. Instead of focusing on the murders, this book focuses on the trial, using transcripts of the legal proceedings, contemporary newspaper accounts, and letters from Lizzie herself. It's a fascinating look into the Gilded Age and one of its most sensational crimes.

— Matilda Davis-Northrup, Technical Services

Botanicum

By Kathy Willis, illustrated by Katie Scott

From the "Welcome to the Museum" series, *Botanicum* invites readers to explore the beautiful specimens of the botanical world, from minuscule fungi to towering trees. Kathy Willis' informative yet accessible text is accompanied by Katie Scott's stunning illustrations, which work together to bring the reader into the varied and dazzling world of plants. Suggested for ages 8-12, but really this book appeals to all ages.

— Kat Thompson, Youth Services

Holiday Fun Headed Your Way

The winter holidays are just around the corner, and the Upper Arlington Public Library is offering plenty of chances for family fun.

Our 48th annual Holiday Happiness event will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 10 am-2 pm at the Main Library. This UA tradition features music from UA's middle schools, festive displays, children's crafts, balloon sculptures and face painting, and refreshments. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit from 12-2 pm only.

Young kids will love our Jingle Bell Storytimes on Tuesday, December 3 at 10:15 am, 11:15 am, and 7 pm. Dash through the snow for this music-and-movement program with a winter theme.

The Miller Park Library will host its annual Home for the Holidays event on Thursday, December 12 from 4-6 pm. Festive music, a children's craft and refreshments are on the agenda, as well as a station for writing a letter to Santa. Santa will be on hand for the entire event, too.

For those too young to make it to midnight, we offer Countdown to Noon. Preschoolers can celebrate the old year and welcome the new one at a more manageable time! Come to the Main Library on Tuesday, December 31 at 11:15 am for crafts and a countdown to "the other 12 o'clock" complete with noisemakers.

For more details on these and all of our programs, see our quarterly Library Link publication or our online program calendar at www.ualibrary.org.

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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Main Library Elevator Out of Order

The elevator at the Main Library is scheduled to be unavailable for approximately 6 weeks beginning November 11 as we perform a major upgrade and modernization. If you're unable to use the stairs and need something from the Reference Department, please see a staff member on the first floor. We'll be happy to assist you.

Pardon Our Dust

Improvements are coming to the Lane Road Library! We're adding a contained staff work room, and the front desk area will be designed for better customer service...all made possible through a generous private donation. Work is ongoing and will be completed by the end of the year. We appreciate your patience with the remodeling activity, noise, and temporary service desks.

Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library will hold its Fall Book Sale from November 3-17 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 \$3. A special presale just for those with current, paid memberships will be held on the first day of the sale, Sunday, November 3 from Noon-1 .m. On the final day of the sale, Sunday, November 17, Friends members can fill a paper grocery bag with books for just \$5. The non-member price is \$10 per bag. Because of quarterly book sales, permanent in-library book stores, and memberships, the Friends are able to provide thousands of dollars of support to the Library each year.

Avenue of Trees Applications

Our annual Holiday Happiness event will take place at the Main Library on Saturday, December 7 from 10 am-2 pm. We'll once again host the Avenue of Trees: a row of festively decorated trees that welcome visitors 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, 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 Sunday, November 10. Those selected will be notified on Monday, November 11. We'll provide empty trees and groups must decorate them during normal hours of operation from November 25-27. Patrons will vote for their favorite tree and the winning organization will be named the Patrons' Choice Winner.

Holiday Closings

UA Libraries close at 5 pm on Wednesday, November 27 and remained closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28. Regular hours resume on Friday, November 29. We are closed on Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 for Christmas. We will close at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31 and remain closed on Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Or follow us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram for event updates

Concourse Gallery

M-F, 8 am-5 pm, 3600 Tremont Road
Cultural Arts Division | 614-583-5310

Clintonville Arts Guild

November 1-25

Reception: 5-7 pm, November 14

A collaborative show featuring artists
from the Clintonville Arts Guild.

Beggar's Night

6-8 pm, Thursday, October 31

Throughout UA neighborhoods

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

Senior Center Monthly Luncheons

SENIOR CENTER

614-583-5320

The Senior Center hosts monthly
luncheons, featuring guest
entertainment. Cost is \$10 with pre-
registration required.

- **Tuesday, November 12, 11:30 am:**
Thanksgiving Meal and Veterans
Recognition, \$10. Register by
November 8.
- **Tuesday, December 10, 11:30 am:**
Holiday meal, \$10. Register by
December 6.
- **Thursday, December 19, 10:30 am:**
Bingo, Pizza and Movie, \$6. Register
by December 17.



State of the Schools

6 pm, Thursday, November 14

UA High School, 1650 Ridgeview Road

All UA residents are invited to the
State of the Schools address, featuring
performances and presentations,
followed by a Learning Fair with displays,
presentations and performances by
students and staff representing all nine
schools.

Santa's Mailbox

November 22-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. To guarantee delivery,
include child's full name, address and an
un-affixed postage stamp. One child's
letter per envelope please!

Lemonade & Cookies

7 pm, Monday, November 25

3600 Tremont Road

Join us for a social gathering with
members of the City Council and hosts
from the Upper Arlington Education
Foundation.

Winter Festival

6-8:30 pm, Friday, December 6

Mallway Park on Arlington Avenue

UA Parks & Recreation | 614-583-5300

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

Brunch With Santa

**Various times, Saturday,
December 7**

Amelita Mirolo Barn, Sunny 95 Park

UA Parks & Recreation | parks.uaoh.net

Enjoy a special brunch with Santa.
Registration begins November 1 at
6 am. Visit parks.uaoh.net.

UACA Christmas in the Park

December 1-5

Thompson Park

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

Reservations required, with registration
beginning November 15 at 6 am, at
parks.uaoh.net.