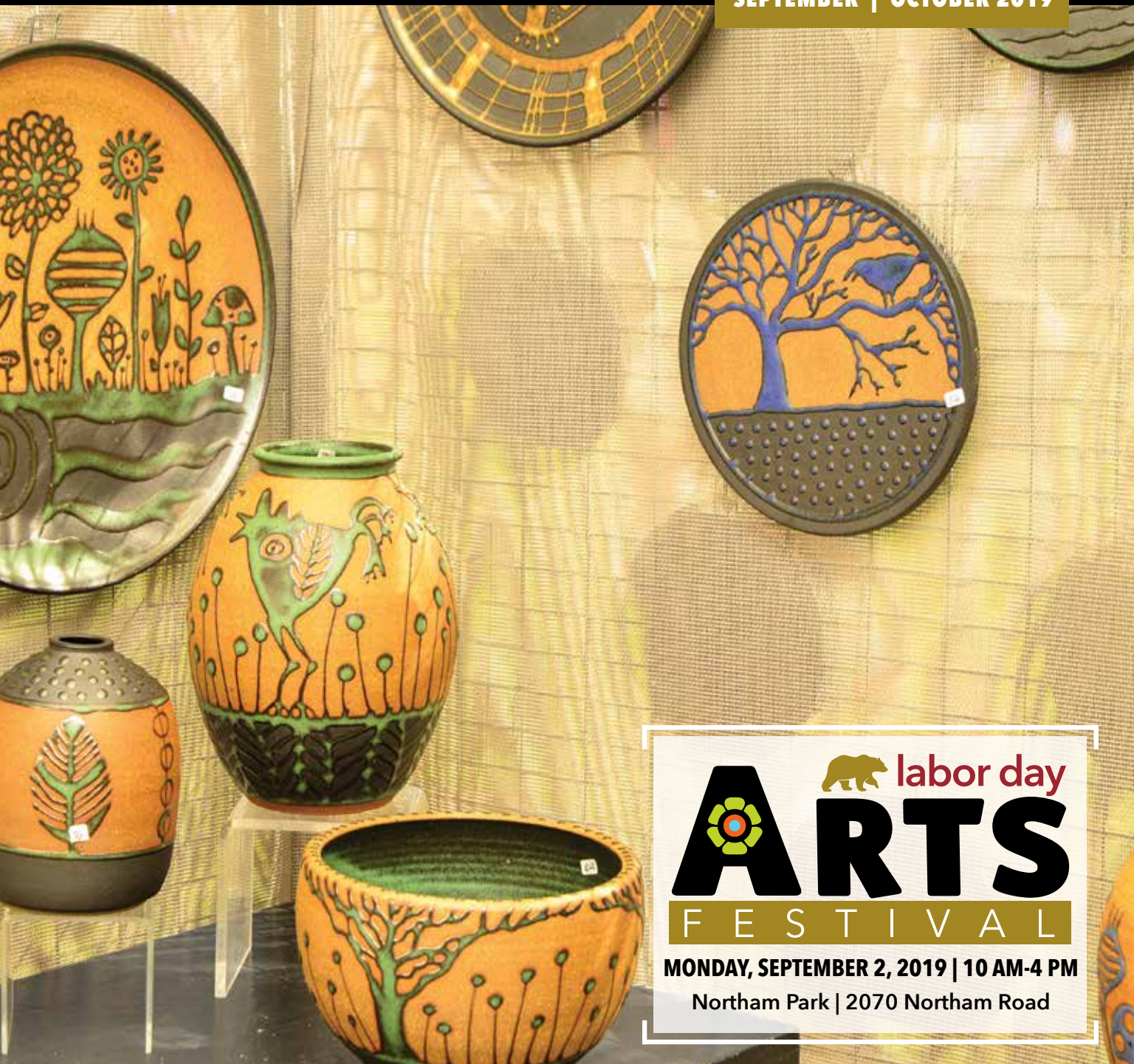


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## WORK BEGINS ON LANE AVENUE PLANNING STUDY



The Lane Avenue business corridor is the City's most rapidly evolving commercial district, and it continues to experience unprecedented levels of reinvestment. This transformation has enhanced the area's vibrancy and appeal, providing new dining, retail, housing and service options, along with the community's first hotel (with a second under construction).

As the area has changed, the City has implemented measures to address parking and traffic concerns, provide transitional buffers from the commercial district into the adjoining residential neighborhood, and to enhance pedestrian and bicycle access where possible.

A statistically valid survey on the corridor—conducted at the close of 2018—demonstrated high levels of resident satisfaction with recent developments, increased access to shops and amenities, and the steps taken to mitigate traffic and access.

With new developments already underway and on the horizon—such as The Lane II (which began construction this summer) and Arlington Gateway—combined with the pressures of a growing region, City Council has approved a contract with OHM Advisors, to take a detailed look at the district to 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 Lane Avenue Planning Study process will include:

- A detailed review of pertinent guiding documents, such as the Master Plan, Unified Development Ordinance, past studies and survey data.
- Developing commercial streetscape standards to enhance the district, with a focus on pedestrian activity, bicycle access, transit use, outdoor dining, and opportunities for public art and public gathering spaces.
- Reviewing and making recommendations for modifying the City's commercial design standards.
- A comprehensive traffic evaluation of Lane Avenue, from Riverside Drive to State Route 315—to include traffic counts and projecting maximum future development counts—to develop a phased approach to congestion mitigation and parking requirements.

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 opportunities 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.

This September, residents can participate in the first round of information gathering, in the following ways:

- **Open House 1:** 6-8 pm, Wednesday, September 18, COhatch, 1733 W. Lane Avenue
- **Community Pop Up 1:** 7:30-9 am, Thursday, September 26, Crimson Cup, 2468 Northwest Boulevard
- **Community Pop Up 2:** 5:30-7 pm, Thursday, September 26, Whole Foods, 1555 W. Lane Avenue

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

The City encourages residents to become involved in this important review process to help develop a roadmap that will further the corridor's appeal as a major hub for community activity, while preserving the peaceful nature of surrounding neighborhoods.

Full details and project updates can be found at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov).

## UA Fire a Huckleberry House Safe Place U.S. Flag Collection Box

Huckleberry House's beginnings date back to 1970, as a single shelter for runaway teens. Today, it has multiple locations that provide shelter for children in need and support four core programs: Family Support, Youth Outreach, Transitional Living, and Crisis Shelter.

When children run away, many don't know where to go. The Safe Place Program fills that void, offering safe places for children that then connect them with the support services offered by Huckleberry House.

In the Columbus region, Huckleberry House has over 90 Safe Place partners, with the City's Fire Division recently joining this effort. Fire Stations 71 on Arlington Avenue and 72 on Reed Road are designated Safe Places, providing immediate help and safety for all youth in crisis, while Huckleberry House is contacted and further arrangements made.

After reaching a Safe Place, children are welcomed into the Huck House Crisis Shelter, where they receive counseling and guidance in addressing the issues that caused them to run away. The Crisis Shelter is 100% voluntary and guardian consent is required once children have arrived. An overarching goal of the program is to reunite these children with their families.

All Safe Place locations have a black and yellow Safe Place sign on the exterior. Children/teens can send a text to 69866 with the word SAFE and their current location, and they will immediately receive a text with details of the closest Safe Place. They can also call The National Safe Place hotline, at 1-888-290-7233. To learn more, visit [huckhouse.formationstudiocreates.com](http://huckhouse.formationstudiocreates.com).

The U.S. flag's history and the proper etiquette for the retirement of a U.S. Flag are sometimes misunderstood or not practiced. In 2018, local Eagle Scout Joseph Piccininni wanted to help raise awareness to these issues, putting together a plan to purchase a U.S. Flag collection box for the community and to educate members on proper etiquette through his Eagle Scout Service Project.

Joseph raised the funds needed to purchase a U.S. Flag collection box, and to cover other miscellaneous costs associated with the project. He also worked with fellow Scouts to write brochures about U.S. flag history, etiquette and proper retirement in order to provide information and resources for people who want to learn more.

These brochures can be found at the U.S. Flag collection box, which is located at the Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road.

Residents can stop by any time during regular business hours to properly retire any worn flags.

The City thanks Joseph and his fellow Eagle Scouts, and all who helped make this project a reality for our community.

## UAHS Class of 1949 Celebrates 70th Reunion with Visit to Historic Tree Grove

Of the many traditions that make UA's Independence Day celebrations so special, the milestone class reunions for UA High School graduates are a favorite. Former classmates travel from near and far to reconnect and share fond memories of their childhoods.

This year, the UAHS Class of 1949 gathered to celebrate their 70th anniversary in a special way. Twenty years earlier, this group commemorated their 50th anniversary by donating a grove of historic trees to the City for the community's enjoyment, located at the east end of Northam Park. The alumni worked with then students of Tremont Elementary School to plant a selection of tree species propagated from trees of historic significance. A kiosk with interpretive signage was also installed.

Some of the original trees were not well suited to the Central Ohio climate, requiring replacement by new species.



The class is pictured in front of a burr oak, one of the trees originally planted in 1999.

Despite the changes within the tree grove, as members gathered at Northam Park to visit the grove and reminisce, they shared with our Parks & Forestry Division how inspired they are by the progress made in just 20 years, while

knowing their gift represents a legacy of history and sustainability for decades to come.

We thank all members of the UAHS Class of 1949 for their generosity and enthusiasm for preserving UA's beautiful natural environment.



## Community Center Feasibility Task Force



**Front row (from left):** Chuck Manofsky, Matt Rule, Bill Westbrook, Greg Comfort, Nick Lashutka (Co-chair)

**Back row:** Todd Walter, Kelly Boggs-Lape, Supen Bowe, Margie Pizzuti (Co-Chair), Linda Mauger, Merry Hamilton, Linda Moulakis, Wendy Gomez, Brian Perrera

**Not Pictured:** Friedl Bohm

There is a strong interest by many residents to revisit the issue of inadequate indoor community gathering space. Most notably, in a statistically valid survey conducted for the 2018 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan, 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.

On July 8, City Council formed the Community Center Feasibility Task Force (previously called the Community Center Study Group) to guide this process.

In July, Council President Kip Greenhill asked the members he planned to nominate as co-chairs—Margie Pizzuti and Nick Lashutka—to take the lead on advance preparations for the Task Force. At press time, Council was expected to vote on the nominees at the August 19 Council Conference Session.

"We're experiencing so much activity to enhance community life in new and exciting ways, as Upper Arlington enters its second century," said Margie Pizzuti. "I am gratified that Council has taken the bold step of revisiting this issue and for their willingness to let residents lead the way."

"It's an honor to be able to serve my community on an issue that is important to my family," said Nick Lashutka. "Like so many parents, we know first-hand the challenges of getting our kids to their extracurricular activities. While we are unsure of what the outcome from this process will be, I'm glad the City has set the framework for us to have this important conversation."

An initial focus of the Task Force will be to determine if Upper Arlington needs a community center. If the answer is yes, they must then find out if the community will actually support such a facility.

The scope of the study will likely include:

- Extensive opportunities for community participation.
- Assessments of existing conditions.
- Reviewing options for replacement of the City's existing Senior Center (as either a combined or stand-alone facility).
- Reviewing the facilities and models of operation in other communities.
- Reviewing Upper Arlington's history relative to a community center.
- Considering public/private models.
- Identifying the scope, projected costs and possible location.
- Exploring funding strategies for constructing, operating and



maintaining a prospective facility.

- Reporting out the emerging options and cost scenarios, and studying the level of community support.

A first meeting was held August 13. Members shared details of their backgrounds and reasons for participating in the Task Force. Staff presented information that would be of use to the group, including highlights from the 2018 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan and a brief history of past community center efforts. It was agreed that the Task Force should seek the assistance of a consulting firm to help guide their process, to be selected through a formal Request for Qualifications process.

At press time, the fall meeting schedule had not been finalized. In the coming weeks, watch for updates on this process and how you can be involved. Visit [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov) where you can register for email updates and send your thoughts to the Task Force.

# BUILDING BLOCKS

As the region continues to experience unprecedented levels of growth, it's not surprising that developers are looking to communities like Upper Arlington for opportunities. Since UA is already built out with just five percent of its land zoned for commercial use—combined with zoning that requires greater density and a mix of uses in commercial districts to maximize their potential and protect UA's residential nature—redevelopment proposals are trending larger. Read on for an update on three such projects.

## Golden Bear Redevelopment



Located at the site of the Golden Bear Center at Riverside and Fishinger, this project has been in the public eye since the Spring of 2019. After an initial review by Staff and the Board of Zoning and Planning (BZAP) in March, the developer made refinements to its plan—reducing the size and height of the project—before returning to BZAP in June. At that time, the Preliminary Development Plan was approved. A Final Development Plan was submitted in June. At press time, BZAP action was pending August 19.

The proposed five-story project would be comprised of:

- 20,000 square feet of ground floor retail and restaurant space
- 24,000 square feet of second floor office space
- 79 residential condominiums on the 3rd-5th floors
- A 298 space parking garage at the rear of the building
- Traffic and site access in coordination with future ODOT and UA improvements to Riverside Drive and Fishinger Road

## Arlington Gateway



Approved by BZAP last summer, the developer recently submitted an update to the Final Development Plan, which was shared with BZAP in August. This latest version of the project includes:

- Ground floor retail and restaurant uses totaling 27,000 square feet
- 225 apartments on the 2nd-6th floors, wrapped round a seven-story garage with 866 spaces
- To the east of the apartments, an additional five stories are designated, with 139,000 square feet of office space

A tentative construction schedule for this project is pending.

## Lane II



The Lane II project is moving full steam ahead. Demolition was completed in July, with work transitioning to the relocation of utilities. We can expect to see the new hotel begin to rise from the ground very soon.

For more on these projects, visit the Community Projects section of our website.

## River Ridge Study Update

From the fall of 2017 into mid-2018, the City took a detailed look at the River Ridge/Kingsdale West neighborhood through a formal study process. The purpose was to identify ways to preserve and strengthen this area through thoughtful steps that are reflective of extensive input from residents. Areas of focus included housing trends, neighborhood connectivity, pedestrian access, safety and traffic.

In June of 2018, Council accepted the report and implementation steps. In the months since, a lot has been accomplished, with several zoning code changes enacted, such as allowing carport enclosures and restricting the height of homes to 28 feet. Looking ahead, a new sidewalk will be constructed on Mountview Road next year and on Nottingham Road in 2023.

The study process had also highlighted concerns about property maintenance issues, oftentimes the result of rental properties not being maintained appropriately by landlords or renters failing to meet their yard care requirements. It recommended that the City begin proactive inspections to encourage good stewardship of the district's homes and properties.

In response, earlier this year the City added a second Code Compliance Officer position within the Community Development Department. The first round of inspections within the district began late July and is expected to run into the fall. In the first week alone, approximately 80 property maintenance violations were noted (this included more than one issue for some properties). Notification letters have been sent detailing the issues, the timeframe for correcting them, and next steps should the issue/s not be resolved.

Even though the proactive program is now in effect, it's still possible to notify Code Compliance if you see any property maintenance issues you wish to have addressed. Visit [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov) for details.



## FROM CHAMBERS | Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

### Three Council Seats on November Ballot

Every 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 2019, three Upper Arlington City Council seats are on the Tuesday, November 5 ballot.

Council Member Sue Ralph has decided not to run for her first full term on Council. Council Vice President Brendan King and Council Member Carolyn Casper are both running for a second term. Community members Michaela Burris, John Kulewicz and Angela Lanctot have all filed with the Franklin County Board of Elections as candidates for a seat on Council.

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

UACO Section 105.3 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 6-9 pm, Thursday, October 10 3600 Tremont Road

As we head into an election season with five candidates running for three City Council seats and four candidates vying for three spots on the School Board, there's a lot to be informed about. To help you in your decision-making prior to heading to the ballot box, Leadership UA is once again to the rescue by hosting its Candidates Night.

Participate in an informal meet-and-greet of the candidates and learn about other issues on the ballot from 6-7 pm



### 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

in the Concourse Galley. A moderated Q&A forum begins at 7 pm, moderated by local news anchor for ABC6/Fox 28, Kurt Ludlow.

You can submit questions in advance—through 3 pm, Wednesday, October 9—at [leadershipua.org](http://leadershipua.org).

### 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.

The Kroger Marketplace on Henderson Road recently celebrated its reopening, following extensive renovations. Pictured from left: Council Member Michele Hoyle, President Kip Greenhill, Kroger Manager Kristina, Economic Development Director Joe Henderson, Planning Officer Justin Milam, Senator Stephanie Kunze, Police Chief Steve Farmer.



## Fall Pest Alerts

Invasive plants, diseases and insects are an unfortunate part of modern life. The emerald ash borer has killed most native ash trees in the City, but a few residents continue to treat their ashes to protect them. An invasive insect on the City Tree Commission's radar this year is the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB). This accidental introduction has only been found in a few places in the U.S., but it has the potential to kill many thousands of maples and other common native trees where it becomes established.

Fortunately, this large beetle is not very mobile, and eradication efforts are underway, or have already been successful where the pest has been found. The closest infestation to UA is in SW Ohio outside Cincinnati. However, the beetle can travel in firewood, and residents should be vigilant.

The adult is large (about 1.5" long) with long striped antennae. It is black with white spots, and lives as a beetle from June–October laying eggs on trees. The larvae is a plump white borer that tunnels through tree trunks, eventually killing the tree. After larvae pupate in the trunk, the adults emerge leaving a round hole slightly smaller than a dime.

If you see an adult beetle that is large, black, and has white spots, try to capture it and take it to the Parks & Recreation Office (3600 Tremont Road) for identification. The beetles are harmless to people and do not bite. Should you see adults you can't capture,



or distinctive exit holes in trees, call Parks & Forestry at 614-583-4340 and a staff arborist will investigate. Again, this beetle is not known to be in Central Ohio, but should it arrive, prompt detection and action would be essential.

Lastly, the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture recently announced that contaminated lilac and rhododendron shrubs sold at Walmart and Rural King stores this spring may carry the fungus that causes a disease known as sudden oak death. This disease is as grim as it sounds, and it would be devastating if it became established in Ohio. Residents who purchased rhododendrons or lilacs from those stores should contact the Department of Agriculture for instructions on destroying the infected plants.

Upper Arlington's urban forest canopy is an incredibly valuable asset, and everyone can share in protecting it.

## Community Relations Assessment Update

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

The process began with two community relations assessments workshops, held in May and June. In total, approximately 85 community members participated, sharing many insights and ideas.

Mr. Akins is creating a draft report and set of recommendations that will be shared with members of Equal UA and ultimately with City Council at the September 16 Council Conference Session. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm, at 3600 Tremont Road.

This process is expected to include additional opportunities for community involvement as we move this important issue forward, and we encourage you to watch for updates and to be part of the conversation.

Full details, including workshop materials and survey data can be found at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov).



**ALERT** Franklin County  
Emergency Notification System



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](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov/connect)**

## Citizen Financial Review Task Force Report

After a three-month process, the 2019 Citizen Financial Review Task Force completed its review of the City's finances. This included an assessment of progress made implementing recommendations from the original 2014 Task Force, determining if service levels are in alignment with community needs, assessing the status of the City's Capital Improvement Program, and determining if there were any specific areas where a fuller review might be appropriate.

At the July 8 City Council Meeting, Task Force Chair Ann Gabriel presented the 2019 Citizen Financial Review Task Force Report to Council. Below is an excerpt taken from the Executive Summary within the report:

*Based on a study of financial information, interviews with many City staff, reviews of the Capital Improvement Program, the 2017 Community Survey, the River Ridge/Kingsdale West study, and the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan, as well as extensive discussions at multiple public meetings of the Task Force, the Upper Arlington Citizen Financial Review Task Force reached consensus on the following conclusions:*

- *Most of the recommendations of the 2014 Task Force have been implemented and the desired outcomes have been achieved. Those not implemented are still valid at this time.*
- *Fund balances are very strong and the City is in stable financial shape. There are sufficient revenues to support the operations of the City and a robust capital plan to address the extensive capital needs.*
- *We commend the City on its privatization and collaboration initiatives implemented to date. In general, back office functions where employees do not work face to face with the public are prime candidates for privatization and/or shared services. In general, areas commonly considered for privatization or shared services include Information Technology (IT), Human Resources compliance functions, and Fleet Maintenance.*
- *For the most part, citizens are happy with service levels and the City has been responsive to areas of concern identified in the 2017 Community Survey. Areas of service level not being met relate primarily to Parks & Recreation.*
- *We are impressed with the Capital Improvement Program processes in place. It allows City Council to make thoughtful and deliberate choices about allocation of City resources to fund our capital needs.*
- *Identified areas where a fuller review may be necessary include program costs, program fees and program subsidies, a capital equipment planning and budgeting process, and economic development activities.*

## HELP US CHOOSE OUR NEW CITY FLAG

After launching our new City logo in 2019, we would like your help selecting a new design for our community's flag. Two options have been developed following extensive discussion and research on what design considerations make for a successful—and memorable—city flag. The design elements on each option are a simplified representation of significant aspects of our community's heritage, tradition and location.

Each option features one main theme—the Golden Bear—recognizable to all as the symbol of UA's proud heritage.

In **Option One**, the stars not only represent our community's cherished past and golden future, they discreetly pay homage to Upper Arlington's most popular community celebration, the Fourth of July. Additionally, the two stripes represent the two rivers that run to the east and west of our community.

In **Option Two**, we wholeheartedly embrace Upper Arlington's Fourth of July celebrations with a burst of fireworks.



Let us know which is your favorite option by completing our online survey, at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/CityFlag](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CityFlag). The deadline is Sunday, September 15.

Then, be on the lookout later this fall for the opportunity to purchase the new city flag to hang proudly at your home or as holiday gifts for your family and friends.

Council members were reviewing this document over summer recess, with the intent of further discussion and action in the fall. The first such discussion was scheduled for the August 19 Council Conference Session.

The entire report and details of the Task Force process, can be found at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov). If you have any questions, please contact Finance Director Brent Lewis, at 614-583-5291.



## Leaf Collection

**Public Works Division .....614-583-5350**

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

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

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

Each collection season differs, due to varying weather conditions, such as heavy rain and snow, and how quickly leaves fall. We appreciate your patience throughout the program, especially during periods of heavy rain and an early snowfall. A Leaf Collection Tracking Map is available at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov), providing residents a means to anticipate when collection crews are likely to be on their street.

Please follow these guidelines:

- Place loose-raked leaves close to the edge of the street in the tree lawn, not in the street.
- Leaf piles should not exceed four feet in width and be no further than two feet behind the curb.
- Do not place rocks, sticks or objects in leaf piles.
- Keep piles away from signposts, light poles, trees and mail boxes.
- Do not block storm sewers as this can increase the chance of flooding in the event of a heavy rain.
- Parked vehicles should be at least 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 collection. 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.



## Food Waste Composting Program

## PUBLIC SERVICE

**614-583-5356**

### Drop-off Locations:

- **Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road (by the dumpster bay at the south end of the building)**
- **Amelita Mirolo Barn, Sunny 95 Park**

The City has partnered with GoZERO Services, a non-profit food scraps courier service, to offer a pilot composting program for recycling food scraps. To participate, you may use any container with a lid. Once your container is full, bring the food scraps to drop-off locations, where you can use 65-gallon containers. Full of information, visit [uppermeringtonoh.gov](http://uppermeringtonoh.gov).



## Solid Waste Holiday Service Delays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holiday:

- **Monday, September 2** - Labor Day. Solid Waste collection is delayed by one day for all zones.

## Goodwill Columbus E-Waste Collection Drive

**9 am-2 pm, Saturday, September 14**  
**Reed Road Park Shelter by Station 72**  
**Enter parking lot from Lytham Road**

The City's Public Service Department has scheduled an e-waste collection event, in partnership with Goodwill Columbus. Visit **[www.goodwillcolumbus.org](http://www.goodwillcolumbus.org)** for details of the items that will be accepted, including old computers, cameras, home and cell phones, rechargeable batteries, old Christmas lights and more.

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CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

## Public Holidays

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## City e-News

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 614-583-5040**

Get timely service news and special project updates from the City, 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 Con-course Gallery exhibits and other community arts programming
- **Sentinel** - monthly program and service updates from the Senior Center

To register for these convenient options, visit the **Connect** section of our website, at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov).

## Public Meetings

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 614-583-5030**

A full list of upcoming public meetings of City Council and various Boards and Commissions can be found on our Event Calendar, at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov).

Highlights of upcoming Council Meeting agendas are shared on Facebook, with meetings live-streamed. Follow @CityofUA for these useful updates today!

## 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, September 10, 11:30 am: Featuring an acoustic performance

by singers/songwriters Gary and Linda Sclafani, with a chicken teriyaki lunch. Register by September 6.

- Tuesday, October 8, 11:30 am: Sing along to the music of John Denver, with local musician Bill Cohen, and enjoy a spaghetti and meatball lunch. Register by October 4.

## 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. Book the Barn at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://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.

## 2018 Popular Annual Financial Report

**FINANCE**

**614-583-5291**

The 2018 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), was mailed to UA homes in August. This report provides a reader-friendly summary of the City's financial activities from the previous year.

## SCRAM! Wildlife Control

**[www.SCRAM!Wildlife.org](http://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](http://www.SCRAMwildlife.org). The City has an Animal Control guidelines page under the Resources section of its website, at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov).

## Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

**10 am-2 pm, Saturday, October 26**

**3600 Tremont Road**

**POLICE**

**614-583-5150**

In addition to hosting the year-round drop-off unit for old and unused prescription drugs, the Police Division also participates in twice yearly Drug Take Back events coordinated by the Drug Enforcement Agency. Drop-off old and unused prescription drugs—pills only—drive-thru style.



View of the Henderson Road Reconstruction Project, showing the new path installed on the north side of the street.



**Beggar's Night Safety Tips****Thursday, October 31, 6-8 p.m.****POLICE 614-583-5150****Tips for Kids**

- Plan your route in advance and tell your parents where you will be going.
- Wear a costume that does not block your vision.
- Trick-or-treat in a group, stay together.
- Never enter a stranger's house.
- Look both ways before crossing the street and cross at crosswalks.
- If you are wearing dark clothing, carry a flashlight so you can be seen.
- Do not trick-or-treat at houses that have their porch light off.
- Avoid eating any candy until your parents have checked it for you.

**Tips for Parents**

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

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

**Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery\*****Sunday, November 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.

**Lane Road Library Parking Lot Traffic Pattern Change**

Over the August 24, 25 weekend, the Lane Road Library parking lot was scheduled for re-sealing and re-striping. Upon completion of this work, the traffic pattern through the parking lot changes to a clockwise configuration.

**Parking Restrictions During OSU Home Football Games****PUBLIC SERVICE 614-583-5350**

To address parking, access and safety concerns, the City is restricting parking for streets in the proximity of OSU's campus abutting North Star Road on home football games. Hours of restriction run from four hours before through four hours after each game. "No Parking" signs will be 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.

**Fire Prevention Week****October 6-12****FIRE****614-583-5100**

The Fire Division encourages residents to make/review/update your family's home escape plan during National Fire Prevention Week. Here's why home escape planning and practice matter:

- Everyone will know what to do to escape quickly and safely.
- Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds.

For tips and resources, visit the National Fire Protection Association website, at [www.nfpa.org/fpw](http://www.nfpa.org/fpw).

**Smart Columbus Ride & Drive Electric Vehicle Roadshow****9 am-4 pm, Saturday, September 28****Tremont Pool Parking Lot**

The Smart Columbus Ride & Drive Electric Vehicle Roadshow is coming to Upper Arlington!

As the winner of the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) first-ever Smart City Challenge, Columbus was awarded \$50 million in grant funding and the designation as America's Smart City. The initiative seeks to transform mobility throughout Central Ohio.

Smart Columbus is working to deploy more affordable, reliable and sustainable transportation options to help transform mobility in Central Ohio. The City of Upper Arlington is proud to support this effort by hosting the Smart Columbus Ride & Drive Electric Vehicle Roadshow on September 28 at the Tremont Pool parking lot (2070 Northam Road).

Get behind the wheel of some of the newest electric vehicles on the market, learn about the multi-modal transit options Central Ohio has to offer and how easy, efficient and affordable it is to be a part of the future of transportation. Visit [upperarlingtonoh.gov/event/the-smart-columbus-ride-drive](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov/event/the-smart-columbus-ride-drive) for more.

**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).

# Schools<sup>★</sup>iNSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

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## New Strategic Plan Builds on District's Strengths, Focus on the Whole Child



As the 2019-2020 school year begins, Upper Arlington Schools is launching a new strategic plan that focuses even more intently on the district's long-running philosophy of educating and supporting the whole child.

The 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, approved by the Upper Arlington Board of Education in August, builds on the successes of the district's previous strategic plan. It is the result of the work and feedback of hundreds of staff members, community members, students and professional experts.

"The new strategic plan narrows our focus on two priority areas – whole learning and student and staff well-being, which go hand-in-hand," said Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D. "We believe well-being is critical to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment where our students and staff can thrive."

"The foundation of the plan is a focus on continuous improvement, and it will truly impact every part of our district," Imhoff added. "This is the idea of getting better at getting better – in everything we do as a school district."

Here is a look at these three areas in the new strategic plan.

### Whole Learning

"The whole learning area is our core business - academics," Imhoff said. "We have been a national leader in education for generations, and for our second century we will focus even more intently on this area to ensure future generations of students will be uniquely accomplished and prepared to serve, lead and succeed."

During the next three years, the district will build on its strengths to provide an even greater integration of rigorous academic content with deeper learning skills through a variety of engaging experiences, environments and relationships.

One example of the real-world learning experiences the district would like to build upon is the *Golden Bears A to Z* project during the 2018-2019 school year. Dozens of students and staff members at Greensview Elementary School spent the school year writing, illustrating, editing and marketing a picture book celebrating the people,

places and traditions that make Upper Arlington such a special community. The project immersed students in real-world learning experiences, from signing a book contract to marketing it to businesses and consumers across the community.

*Golden Bears A to Z* is also part of the district's long commitment to service learning, with proceeds benefiting the Upper Arlington Education Foundation.

### Student and Staff Well-being

This priority focuses on two areas of well-being - belonging and balance. Belonging is a person's feeling of safety and connectedness, and balance is a person's feeling of harmony between school and personal time. Research shows these basic needs must be fulfilled before students can reach their potential academically.

At the middle schools, students and teachers have been building a sense of belonging within their buildings through weekly advisory time. These mini-communities focus on social-emotional

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## SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

### Robin Comfort Proudly Served our Students, Community

As many of you know, Robin Comfort, a longtime member of the Upper Arlington Board of Education, passed away in July. I don't have words to adequately express the sorrow that our school district and our community is feeling.

Robin was proudly in her 12th year of service to our schools. The fact that she served so long in that role demonstrates just how much she loved our schools.

Robin was a Golden Bear, through and through. Both she and her husband, Greg, are UA graduates, and they raised their two children to be UA graduates as well. She understood the magic that happens in our schools and always did everything she could to support our students and staff.

Robin cared deeply about continuing the great tradition of excellence of a UA education. Her legacy will be seen within our new and renovated schools, our priority for safety and the well-being of our students and staff, and our district wide focus on diversity, equity and inclusion.

Along with her time on the Board of Education, Robin also volunteered with the Upper Arlington Education Foundation, in our schools and in our community. She was president of

the parent-teacher organizations at Tremont Elementary School, Jones Middle School and Upper Arlington High School. In much-deserved recognition of her incredible service to our community, she was a recipient of the UA Rotary Northwest Woman of the Year Service Above Self award and the Upper Arlington Alumni Association Outstanding Alumnus award.

These were just small tokens of recognition for how Robin constantly cared for others. Nothing brought her greater joy. She was especially passionate about supporting those without a voice or those who may be overlooked by others.

Robin taught us all what it means to be a servant leader. The Upper Arlington community is uniquely dedicated to service, and Robin exemplified that amazing commitment to putting others first and working for something bigger than yourself.

This year has been an incredibly difficult year for our community, with the loss of several exceptional leaders for our schools and our city. It is difficult to imagine an Upper Arlington without each and every one of them, including Robin, and we are grateful for all that they did for our community today and for generations to come.

It was with great difficulty that the Board of Education met soon after Robin's passing, in accordance with state law, to begin the process to



seek applications for the open seat on the board. In August, the Board met during a special meeting to review the applications and make this very difficult decision. Ultimately, the Board of Education selected former board member Marjory Pizzuti to serve the remainder of Robin's term, through the end of 2019. I'd like to thank all of the community members who expressed their interest in serving on the Board of Education.

While the Board of Education will be moving forward with great sadness, they do so with a deep appreciation for the incredible impact that Robin had on Upper Arlington. There is no doubt that our community is, and will continue to be, a better place because of Robin Comfort's love for us all. We will miss her greatly.

learning, acceptance and support of self and others, and service learning.

Similar groups spanning all grade levels exist at several of the elementary schools. These groups provide time for students to build important relationships with one another and with staff members.

### Continuous Improvement

The foundation of the new strategic plan is a commitment to continuous improvement – the idea of building on the district's strengths to develop a consistent process-improvement system and culture.

"This idea started with our Efficiency Project a few years ago, and now we will

ensure it's threaded through everything we do," Imhoff said. "This means taking a disciplined and ongoing approach to improving student and system outcomes tied to our strategic priorities and our whole-child philosophy."

To learn more about the new strategic plan, please visit [www.uaschools.org/strategicplan](http://www.uaschools.org/strategicplan).

# BITES From the Apple



## SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

### Staff Members Honored for Excellence, Service

Congratulations to all of the staff members who were honored at a staff ceremony in August.

Receiving district-level employee of the year awards were:

- Administrator of the Year: **Carla Wilson**, principal, Barrington Elementary School
- District Teachers of the Year: **Lauren Brown**, school psychologist, Barrington Elementary School, and **Mark Walter**, 2nd grade, Greensview Elementary School
- Classified Employees of the Year: Tremont Elementary School Head Custodian **Scott McKinney**, Operations; bus driver **Cheryl Davis**, Transportation; Upper Arlington High School Cook **Monique Kindrix**, Food Service; and Hastings Middle School Head Building Secretary **Karen Hampel**, Secretarial/Bookkeeping
- Support Staff Employee of the Year: **Nate Johnson**, Technology

Receiving building-level teacher of the year awards were:

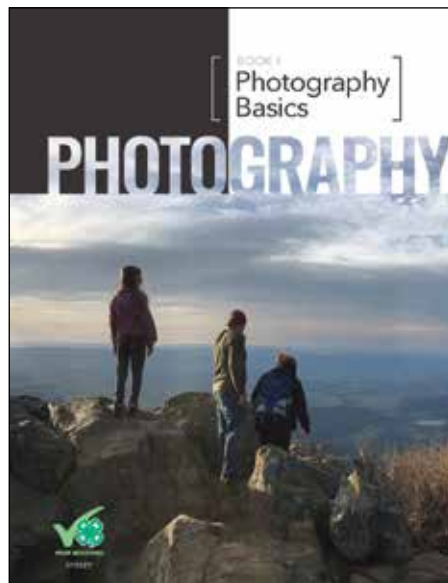
- **Brett Gambill**, 5th grade, Windermere Elementary School
- **Kelsey Knight**, intervention specialist, Tremont Elementary School
- **Emelia Paff**, kindergarten, Burbank Early Childhood School
- **Sarah Santilli**, music, Jones Middle School
- **Kerri Schill**, media specialist, Hastings Middle School
- **Nancy Volksen**, language arts, Upper Arlington High School
- **Anna Wallace**, intervention specialist, Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School

Also honored with a Nancy Losekamp Career Development Leadership Award

for their work to engage students in service learning were: **Ashley Stechschulte**, Barrington; **Deborah Tarr**, Jones; and **Kim Brown**, UAHS.

Additionally, 27 staff members were recognized for 20 years of service to Upper Arlington Schools, and two employees were recognized for 30 years of service.

### Students Help Update 4-H Photography Series



Approximately 20 photography students from Upper Arlington High School have contributed to the 2019 update of the best-selling three-book series for the National 4-H Photography Curriculum.

Scott Wittenburg, who teaches photography at the high school, and Jeanne Gogolski, career development and service learning coordinator for the district, had previously collaborated on the 2007 editions of the 4-H photography curriculum series. They came together again to work on the 2019 revision, and Wittenburg thought it would be a great opportunity to have his Advanced Photography and Honors Photography students work on updating

the hundreds of photos in the books.

"I was so impressed that my students were willing to undertake this project," Wittenburg said. "They received nothing in return but the experience, photo credits in a national publication and some small perks in the form of class assignment waivers."

The students contributed the majority of the photos in the series, with Wittenburg filling in any gaps. "The kids did a fantastic job photographing the shots using the criteria I had given them, and the 4H people were absolutely thrilled with the overall results," he said.

"It was a great career development project – real photography work for our UA students," said Gogolski.

### The Stand Project Community Read: *The Boogeyman Exists*

Join The Stand Project, community partner of Upper Arlington Schools, for a Community Read of *The Boogeyman Exists*.

Author Jessie Weinberger asks, "Do you know how to keep your children safe in a 24-7, always connected digital society?" If the answer is no, please join us.

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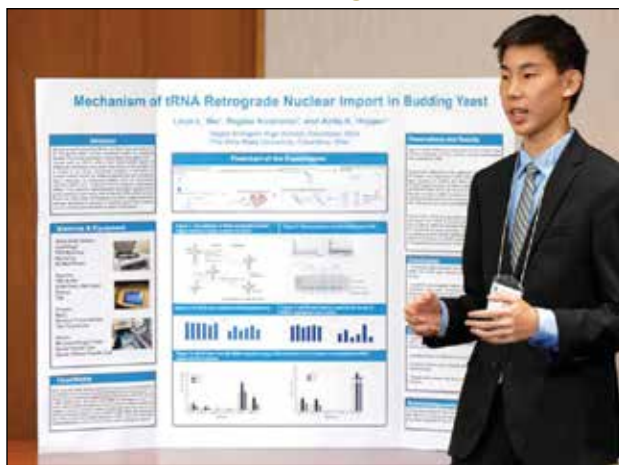
As your children travel through the digital world they may be exposed to cyberbullying, sexting, sexual predation and illegal substances. The discussion about digital safety needs to begin the very first time your child uses a tablet or smartphone with a parent or guardian sitting right next to them.

The Stand Project will host two discussions about the book, both in the Upper Arlington Public Library's Friends Theater:

- November 4 at 7 p.m., middle school parents
- November 7 at 7 p.m., elementary parents

To purchase a copy of the book or learn more, please visit [TheStandProject.org/book](http://TheStandProject.org/book).

## UAHS Student Gains Recognition for Research



Upper Arlington High School student Leon Wu has gained recognition on the national and international level for his research in the fields of microbiology and cellular biology.

Wu, who is entering his senior year at the high school, was published in February in *The Journal of Emerging Investigators* for his research on phage therapy as an alternative to antibiotics. "The journey from starting the project to publication took more than two years," he shared, "but it was a very rewarding process."

In the spring, Wu was also one of 21 Ohio students selected to attend the International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Arizona. His project looked into new ways through which tRNA retrograde import could be studied.

"I am continuously impressed with Leon's work ethic, specifically in his independent research," said Kathryn Ward, his Honors Science adviser at the high school. "His ability to present and explain his work so fluently to others speaks to the level of understanding, commitment to scientific research, and passion for sharing his work that rivals professionals in the field. We are all so, so proud of him."

## UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Board Appoints Marjory Pizzuti to Serve Remainder of Robin Comfort's Term

Following the passing of longtime board member Robin Comfort, the Upper Arlington Board of Education met on July 16 and agreed to seek applications from residents of Upper Arlington for the open seat.

Comfort passed away on July 8. State law requires boards of education to fill vacant seats within 30 days of the death of a board member.



At a special meeting on August 2, 2019, the Board of Education agreed to appoint former board member Marjory Pizzuti to serve the remainder of Comfort's term, through December 31, 2019.

"This has been an extremely difficult time for all of us," said Board President Stacey Royer. "Robin was such a positive force on the board for nearly 12 years - the thought of filling her seat within 30 days just doesn't seem right. But it has been wonderful for all of us to see so many great people willing to take on this role."

Pizzuti is the president and CEO of Goodwill Columbus. She previously served on the Upper Arlington Board of Education from 2001 through 2013.

"I am deeply humbled and privileged to be selected to serve the school district and the Upper Arlington community for this interim period to honor and respect my beloved friend and colleague, Robin Comfort," said Pizzuti.

Pizzuti joins President Stacey Royer, Vice President Nancy Drees, member Scott McKenzie and member Carol Mohr in serving the students, families and residents of Upper Arlington on the Board of Education for 2019.

### Meeting Schedule

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 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Some exceptions apply, and last-minute scheduling changes are possible. Please refer to [www.uaschools.org](http://www.uaschools.org) for the most up-to-date information.

#### Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, September 10, 6 pm – Council Chamber
  - Tuesday, October 15, 6 pm – Council Chamber
  - Tuesday, November 19, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- For additional meeting dates, visit [www.uaschools.org/board](http://www.uaschools.org/board).

# SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



The students on the YES painting crew spent the summer preparing classrooms and school buildings for the new school year. The district's YES (Youth Employment Services) program gives students real-world work experience while also providing a cost savings for the district.



Upper Arlington Schools is excited to welcome approximately 30 new teachers for the 2019-2020 school year! The new teachers completed a rigorous hiring process to fill both new positions created due to growing enrollment and existing positions open due to attrition.



UA teachers had fun exploring all they can create on iPads through summer professional learning opportunities.



## Golden Bears A to Z Community Celebration

During the summer, students and staff from Greensview Elementary School celebrated the release of *Golden Bears A to Z*, a picture book about everything UA. Dozens of students and staff members spent the school year writing, illustrating, editing and marketing the book, which benefits the Upper Arlington Education Foundation. Copies are still available at Colin's Coffee, Cover to Cover, First Merchants Bank, the Goodie Shop and Trove Warehouse!



Students from the high school and middle schools who applied to be early adopters and student advisers for the iPad transition spent a summer day at the Apple store learning about all they can do with their new devices.



# SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED

## Outstanding Teachers, Alumni Honored at UA Alumni Day

The Upper Arlington Alumni Association hosted its annual celebration for alumni and their families - UA Alumni Day - on Saturday, July 6 at the high school. It was a great afternoon of fellowship, memories and fun for Golden Bears of all ages! During the festivities, the Alumni Association and Upper Arlington Schools paused to recognize five retired teachers and three alumni for their service and contributions to the schools and community. Here's more about the honorees.

### Educator Hall of Fame

#### Joe Conley

Joe Conley taught in UA for 25 years, beginning at Hastings Middle School and then moving to the high school. There, he spent the bulk of his career teaching media and broadcast classes. The messages of love from his students still adorn the doorway of WARL.

in the subject as well as being the adviser for the Norwester yearbook, the director of the Artist in the Schools program, and many other extra responsibilities.

#### Dan Sebastian

Dan Sebastian got his start in UA at Jones Middle School as a teacher, football coach and tennis coach - exactly 20 years after being a student, a football player and a tennis player there. Four years later, he went on to teach and coach at the high school - 20 years after his graduation.

### Outstanding Alumnus Award Mary DeCesaro Cameron, Class of 1979

This award recognizes someone who has generously donated his or her time to the Alumni Association and its mission - and Mary DeCesaro Cameron has done that. She served on the UAAA board for 13 years and still offers support by volunteering on committees and chairing her class reunions.

### Distinguished Alumnus Awards Justice Herbert Brown, Class of 1949

Justice Brown began his career in the Army Judge Advocates General (JAG)

office, then moved on to a successful career as an attorney. In 1987, he became the 142nd justice of the Ohio Supreme Court and served until 1993. Since then, he's published many plays and books and serves as an adjunct professor at The Ohio State University College of Law.

#### Pete Edwards, Class of 1979

Pete Edwards is currently known around town as "the guy who saved the Columbus Crew." Indeed, he did lead the investor group that bought the team, keeping it here in Columbus. He is also an orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine, has 25 years of experience treating elite athletes and spent 15 years as a volunteer team physician for UAHS athletics.



#### Bonnie Emery

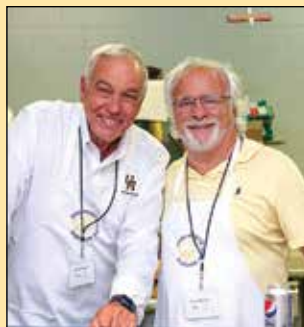
Bonnie Emery is a legend at Barrington Elementary School, where she spent many years as a 3/4 multi-age teacher and a looping third-fourth grade teacher. She is known for nurturing her students so that they could embrace their own unique strengths and talents.

#### Virginia Gardier

Virginia Gardier was the librarian/media specialist at Burbank Elementary School and later at Greensview Elementary School. Her students looked forward to visiting the library because it was a place to dream big.

#### Betsy Miller

Betsy Miller taught language arts at all levels at the High School. She also served as a district-wide teacher-leader



## 2019-20 SCHOOL DATES

### Labor Day

**Monday, September 2**

No school for students and staff

### Early Dismissal (K-12)

**Wednesday, September 25**

- Morning kindergarten ends at 10:05 am; afternoon kindergarten begins at 11:05 am; no LIFT classes
- Dismissal at 1 pm for elementary students; 1:30 pm for secondary students

### End of First Quarter (Grades 6-12)

**Friday, October 11**

### No School for Students

**Monday, October 14**

### Elementary Conference Window

**Monday, October 14 through Friday, October 25**

### Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Tuesday, October 15**

Grades K-5: school all day; morning and afternoon kindergarten conferences

### Elementary Early Dismissal (Grades 1-5) for parent-teacher conferences

**Wednesday, October 23**

- Grades 1-5: school morning only; no kindergarten classes all day
- Dismissal at 11:05 a.m.; no lunch service

### End of First Trimester (Kindergarten-Grade 5)

**Monday, November 4**

### No School for Students (Voting Day)

**Tuesday, November 5**

For the full school year calendar, please visit  
[www.uaschools.org/calendars.aspx](http://www.uaschools.org/calendars.aspx)

## Treasurer's Notes

*Andrew L. Geistfeld*

August is an exciting time in our district. Our students and staff return, and we get back to the important work of challenging and supporting every student, every step of the way.

This year, August also marks a major milestone in the implementation of the first phase of the facilities master plan for our schools. Our Board of Education has now finalized the GMP - guaranteed maximum price - for all six projects. Every project is on budget and on schedule.

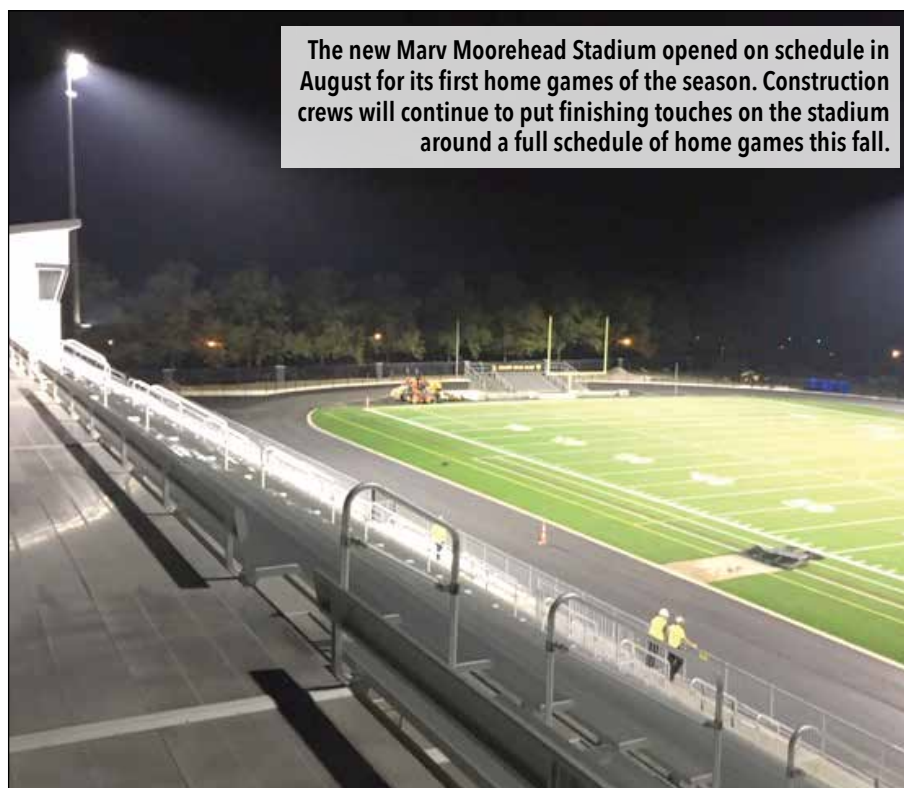
The coming year will be a transformative one in our school district. By the fall of 2020, we will be welcoming students into a new Greensview Elementary School, a new Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School and a renovated Tremont Elementary School.

The following year will bring completion of the new Windermere Elementary School, the renovation and addition at Barrington Elementary School, and our amazing new high school facility.

These new facilities are an investment in our future in so many ways. They are a wise long-term financial investment, allowing our community to avoid the enormous costs associated with maintaining aging schools.

Even more importantly, these new facilities are an investment in the future of education in Upper Arlington. The larger spaces will provide the type of flexibility necessary to implement our new strategic plan and offer the highest quality education for the students of today and tomorrow. The new facilities will also accommodate our quickly growing enrollment.

I encourage you to take some time to visit our website, [www.uaschools.org/](http://www.uaschools.org/) facilities, for construction updates, progress photos and more about the projects in the first phase of the facilities master plan.



The new Marv Moorehead Stadium opened on schedule in August for its first home games of the season. Construction crews will continue to put finishing touches on the stadium around a full schedule of home games this fall.



# Library SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER 2019 iNSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



## Central Ohio Libraries Host Rick Steves December 2

The Upper Arlington Public Library, in partnership with other Central Ohio libraries (Bexley, Columbus, Grandview Heights, Plain City Public, Southwest Public, Westerville and Worthington), will present an Evening with Rick Steves, at 7 pm on Monday, December 2 at the Southern Theatre (21 East Main Street, Columbus).

Rick Steves—travel expert, author of *Europe Through the Back Door*, and host of Rick Steves' Europe on public television—will discuss "Travel as a Political Act" (also the title of his 2009 book) and reflect on how a life of travel has broadened his own perspectives,

and how travel can be a significant force for peace and understanding in the world.

Tickets for the event go on sale via Ticketmaster on Tuesday, October 15 and range from \$20-\$75. The event includes a presentation, brief Q&A, and the opportunity to purchase books and have them signed by Rick Steves.

Rick is outspoken on the need for Americans to fit better into our planet by broadening our perspectives through travel. He is also committed to his own neighborhood. He's an active member of the Lutheran church and with advocacy groups focused on economic and social



justice, drug policy reform, and ending hunger. Rick gave his local YWCA a 24-unit apartment building to provide transitional housing for homeless mothers and their children.

## Early Childhood Parenting Conference and Resource Expo

The Library is partnering with Burbank Early Childhood School to present the first Early Childhood Parenting Conference and Resource Expo on Saturday, October 5 at the UA Main Library. This event features experts from the UA School District and includes topics centered around the joys and challenges of nurturing children ages 2-5. Registration is free and opens September 21, at <https://earlychildhoodparenting.eventbrite.com>.

The resource expo features UA Student Services, Cover to Cover Books for Young Readers, Action for Children - Positive Parenting, Columbus Speech and Hearing, Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence, Triple P Parenting, and Northwest Eye Care InfantSEE.

### Emotion Regulation

10:30 am; Friends Theater; 45 min.  
Presenter: Amie White

Problem behaviors can be tough to prevent. We'll provide some proactive and positive ideas for counteracting negative behavior.

### Friendship

10:30 am; Meeting Room B; 45 min.  
Presenters: Holly Witzel & Deb Henwood  
Preschoolers have the potential to create rich friendships with others. Learn how to facilitate friendships in your child.

### Early Literacy

11:30 am; Friends Theater; 45 min.  
Presenter: Deb Amling  
It's critical to lay the foundation for ways to promote early literacy through meaningful everyday interactions.

### Zones of Regulation

11:30 am; Meeting Room B; 45 min.  
Presenter: Jonni Ford  
The Zones of Regulation is a curriculum that is used in all UA elementaries to

teach emotional awareness and self-regulation. We explain ways to teach the Zones at home.

### Special Education

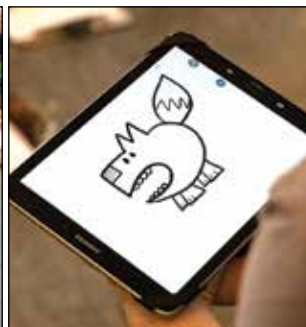
12:30 pm; Friends Theater; 45 min.  
Presenters: Dr. Jacklyn Angle or Dr. Kevin Gorman

Learn what to do if you suspect your child might be behind their peers in a developmental area, like speaking or social skills. We'll chat about the process kids go through to receive a free evaluation through the Upper Arlington School District.

### Routines

12:30 pm; Meeting Room B; 45 min.  
Presenters: Susan Laux and Buffy Bolen  
Everyday routines are parts of the day that are regular and predictable, like mealtime and bedtime. See how these times are opportunities to promote social skills and independence.

# Explore...GATHER...grow!!



Members of the Star Wars 501st Legion caught up on some reading during our Star Wars Party.



Illustrator Steve Harpster taught kids how to draw animals using letters and numbers.



Children's entertainer Erica Carlson visited Lane Road Library with her hedgehog Sedgie, who met a stuffed friend.

## Meet Our New Tech Librarian



This summer Donna Maturri joined the Library as our new Technology and Media Librarian. She has worked in public libraries for nearly 10 years, most recently at the Pickerington Public Library.

"I'm thrilled to help the Upper Arlington community discover the incredible digital resources available through their local library," Donna says.

Donna is ready to show you the many ways you can use your library now, from downloading our app to reading free



eBooks to streaming movies. Digital resources give you the opportunity to customize the library to fit your life, and Donna can help you feel comfortable using the devices and technology available. Stop in to say hello, sign up for a one-on-one appointment for technology assistance, or join us for our upcoming technology programs.

### Donna's Digital Favorites

- Favorite Library App: Libby, for eBooks
- Favorite App: Evernote, for notetaking
- Favorite Technology Resource: Google Apps, for file storage and sharing
- Favorite Streaming Service: Hulu, for its TV selection



## Program Highlights

### Fire Truck Visits

The Upper Arlington Fire Division will visit Miller Park Library on Monday, September 9 at 10:30 am and Saturday, October 26 at 10:30 am to teach kids of all ages about fire safety and to show off their fire engine.

### College Scholarships and Financial Aid 101

Are you thinking about applying to college or graduate school? Are you a parent of a child about to enroll in college? Join us at the Lane Road Library on Thursday, October 3 at 7 pm for a presentation on how to find and apply for scholarships and other financial aid. Buckeye Link counselors from The Ohio State University are our presenters. Registration is required.

### Opera on Film

*Andrea Chénier* is an opera in four acts by Umberto Giordano, and was first

performed in 1896 at La Scala, Milan. The story is based loosely on the life of the French poet André Chénier (1762-1794), who was executed during the French Revolution. Christopher Purdy, Classical 101 host and producer, will visit the Main Library on Sunday, October 6 at 1 pm to provide insight about the opera. Performed in Italian with English subtitles.

### Monsoon Postcards

Join historian and journalist David Mould at the Main Library on Tuesday, October 8 at 7 pm for a discussion of his newest book, *Monsoon Postcards*. David will talk about his trip across the Indian Ocean from Madagascar through India and Bangladesh to Indonesia – an unpredictable journey on battered buses, bush taxis, auto-rickshaws and crowded ferries. Along the way, he meets journalists, professors, students, aid workers, cab drivers, and slum-

dwellers to learn how they view their past and future. *Monsoon Postcards* offers offbeat, witty and insightful glimpses into four countries linked by history, trade, migration, religion and a colonial legacy.

### The Power of Human Connection

The Library will partner with Equal UA to welcome Affrilachian storyteller Lyn Ford to the Main Library on Saturday, October 26 at 10:30 am. She'll share authentic stories about her experience as an Affrilachian American, and the power of story to bridge differences and strengthen connections. Lyn is a fourth-generation, nationally recognized Affrilachian storyteller as well as a published author and an award-winning recording artist. Presented in partnership with Equal UA.

### Trick-or-Treat at the Library

Trick-or-treating near the library on October 31? Stop in to any of our locations for candy and to show off your costume!

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open to the public. You can sign up to receive email notification of upcoming Board meetings at [www.ualibrary.org/pages/board-trustees](http://www.ualibrary.org/pages/board-trustees).

#### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, September 17 at 5 pm
- Tuesday, October 15 at 5 pm

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## OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

### The Library Book

By Susan Orlean

Although it was promoted as an investigation into the still-unsolved 1986 fire at the Los Angeles Public Library, that's only a small part of the story. The author weaves together details of the catastrophic fire with historical facts, politics of the day, and some very colorful characters from the LA Library's history, transforming the book into an ode to libraries everywhere. For those seeking a tale of intrigue, social commentary and book burning, however, may I suggest *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury, who was also an LA library patron and whose fascinating back story is shared on pages 103-105 of *The Library Book*.

— Nancy Byron, Miller Park Library



### Annihilation

By Jeff VanderMeer

For decades, the strange existence of the mysterious Area X has haunted humanity. Cut off from the world, no one is quite sure where it came from, why it exists, or what lies inside its borders. Eleven separate expeditions have ventured inside Area X, though there have been few survivors to return, and those who do seem largely unable to recount details from the inside. In *Annihilation*, we join a team of four women on the 12th expedition. *Annihilation* is a psychological thriller that is enigmatic, fast paced, and at times quite frightening. It doesn't take long for readers to find out that there is a lot more to the narrator's history than she originally lets on – although these revelations are typically accompanied by more questions than answers. The first in a three part series, this is a story that will capture your attention, and keep you guessing until the end.

— Morgan Peters, Miller Park

### Girls Burn Brighter

By Shobha Rao

Poornima's life is bleak. After the death of her mother, Poornima is left to care for her siblings and take on the responsibilities of her father's household. When Savitha, a young village girl, is hired by her father to help on the looms, Poornima discovers a kindred spirit. The two girls create a strong bond that comforts and sustains their hopes for a better life. When Savitha runs away after a traumatic event and Poornima is forced into a loveless marriage, it seems as if all their dreams are destroyed; however, Poornima and Savitha are determined to find each other again. With great courage they fight against their poverty and gender. As Poornima and Savitha tell their story, you can't help but feel admiration for the strength and bravery of these two women who never seem to lose hope.

— Melanie Stanley, Adult Services

### The Last Days of Night

By Graham Moore

There is widespread belief that Thomas Edison is the father of electricity and the inventor of the light bulb, but the reality is a more complex and fascinating story. This is an outstanding fictional account on the clash among the three key inventors: Thomas Edison, Nikola Tesla and George Westinghouse. While all three invented aspects of electricity and the light bulb, Edison had the foresight to get the patents first. Westinghouse cried foul and filed suit, meanwhile Tesla only cared to keep inventing. Through this account, the reader will learn that electricity and its use could not have happened without various inventors and investors.

— Scott Potter, Adult Services

### Ungifted

By Gordon Korman

Donavan Curtis loves to pull pranks at school and often ends up in trouble. But this time due to a mix-up by the school's administration, he isn't punished – he's sent to The Academy of Scholastic Distinction. While he might not be gifted in math or science (or any school subject), he does discover everyone is gifted in their own special ways.

— Laura Griffin, Technical Services

### Never Have I Ever

By Joshilyn Jackson

Amy Whey basks in the ordinary domestication of life with her husband, step-daughter, and infant son. She's an ordinary mom who participates in the neighborhood book club run by her best friend. When a stranger moves in down the street, it quickly becomes evident she is looking to destroy Amy's quiet life by unraveling past events that Amy tried to hide. As Amy's story unfolds, we are left to examine questions about consequences, culpability, and forgiveness.

— Jennifer Faure, Marketing & Community Relations



## Director Chris Taylor Retires



After seven years of leadership at the Upper Arlington Public Library, and 28 years serving at other libraries, Director Chris Taylor will retire on October 1.

During her tenure, the Library joined the Central Library Consortium, introduced a new catalog system, underwent facility upgrades, debuted the Upper Arlington Author Series, and added passport services.

"Chris is an excellent administrator," says John Yesso, President of the Library's Board of Trustees. "She has

the library running both effectively and efficiently while being fiscally responsible. She is a true team player that has worked with the staff to be a high performing team. Chris is also very involved in the community."

In September, UA City Council President Kip Greenhill will present Chris with a proclamation honoring her service to Upper Arlington.

At press time, the Library's Board of Trustees is conducting a search for a new director.

## NewsBITES

### LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

#### Mobile App

Have you tried our new app? It makes accessing your account and the library's catalog easy wherever you are. You can search and reserve items, see a calendar of events, book a meeting room, and much more with just a few taps. You can also store a digital version of your library card. Search your app store for "Upper Arlington Library" and download it to your Apple or Android device.

#### RBdigital Always Available Audiobooks

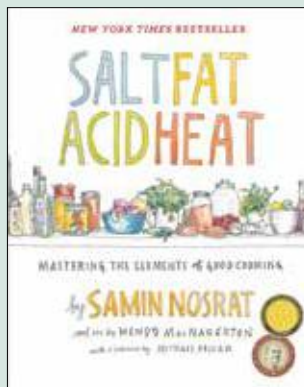
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run out of new books to try! Visit <https://upperarlingtonoh.rbdigital.com/> to set up an account.

#### Tickets Available to A Conversation with Samin Nosrat

The featured speaker at the 2019 Upper Arlington Author Series will be Samin Nosrat, author and host of the Netflix

series *Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat: Mastering the Elements of Good Cooking*. Samin will speak at Upper Arlington High School on Sunday, October 20 at 2 p.m. Her visit will consist of an on-stage interview with Jeni Britton Bauer of Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams, followed by Q & A from the audience and a book signing from 3-4 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by credit card at [www.ualibrary.org](http://www.ualibrary.org), or by cash or check in person at the Adult



Services desk at the UA Main Library. Tickets range in price from \$15-\$35. The VIP Reception following the talk is sold out. The Upper Arlington Author Series is presented in partnership with the Upper Arlington Community Foundation. Gramercy Books Bexley is the official bookseller for this event and is donating 20% of the sales at the event back to the UACF's Ann Royce Moore Fund to support future author visits.

#### September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Don't have a UA library card? It's a great time to get one for your whole family! Your card gives you access to millions of items, including eBooks, streaming content, high-quality database subscriptions, and so much more. And we no longer charge overdue fines on most items! Visit <https://www.ualibrary.org/account> to apply.

#### Upcoming Closings

UA Libraries will be closed on Sunday, September 1 and Monday, September 2 for Labor Day. We'll also be closed on Monday, October 14 for our annual Staff Development Day.



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit our Community Calendar at [www.upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://www.upperarlingtonoh.gov)  
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

### "Golf (under repair)" Through October 25

An exhibition of 18 sculptural reliefs inspired by golf courses, and created with unique and everyday items.

## Get Fresh UA Farmers Market

4-7 pm, Wednesdays  
Through September 25  
Tremont Pool Parking Lot, 2850 Tremont Rd  
UA Parks & Recreation | 614-583-5300  
[www.getfreshmarkets.org](http://www.getfreshmarkets.org)

## Golden Bear Bash

6-10 pm, Sunday, September 1  
Tremont Center  
UA Education Foundation  
[www.goldenbearbash.com](http://www.goldenbearbash.com)

Enjoy live entertainment and great food, while supporting the UA Education Foundation. Reservations required.

## Labor Day Arts Festival

10 am-4 pm, Monday,  
September 2  
Northam Park  
UA Cultural Arts | 614-583-5310

Immerse yourself in the arts for Labor Day. Shop artist booths displaying

a variety of media, enjoy live entertainment, hands-on art activities, refreshments & more.

## UACA Labor Neighbor Day Monday, Sept. 2

Reed Road Park  
UA Civic Association | [www.uaca.org](http://www.uaca.org)  
Featuring bike races for kids up to 15 yrs. and a whiffle ball tournament. Registration begins at 8:30 am.

## Cycle UA

1-4 pm, Sunday, September 22  
Begins & ends at Northam Park  
UA Parks & Recreation | 614-583-5300

Enjoy a family-friendly community ride through UA, with snacks and entertainment along the way. Register by August 30 to receive a t-shirt. Ages 4 & under free. Course lengths:

- 5-mile - \$10
- 10-mile - \$15
- 15-mile - \$20

## e-Waste Collection

9 am-2 pm, Saturday,  
September 14  
Reed Road Park Shelter by Station 72  
Enter parking lot from Lytham Road

The City has partnered with Goodwill Columbus for the collection of old e-waste such as computers, cameras and cell phones. Visit [goodwillcolumbus.org](http://goodwillcolumbus.org) for a full list of accepted items.

## Fall Fest

1-5 pm, Sunday, October 6  
Fancyburg Park  
UA Parks & Recreation | 614-583-5300  
Annual family event with a fall twist.

## UACA Golden Bear Scare October 15, 16, 17

Elementary age kids: 6:30-7:30 pm  
Middle School age: 7:30-9 pm (a bit scarier)  
Smith Nature Park, Fishinger Road  
UA Civic Association | [www.uaca.org](http://www.uaca.org)  
UACA pulls out all the stops for a fright night to remember in Smith Nature Park. Free event.

## Prescription Drug Take-Back

10 am-2 pm, Saturday, October 26  
MSC, 3600 Tremont Road  
UA Police | 614-583-5150

Clear your medicine cabinet of old and unused prescription drugs (pills only) at our fall collection day.

## 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.