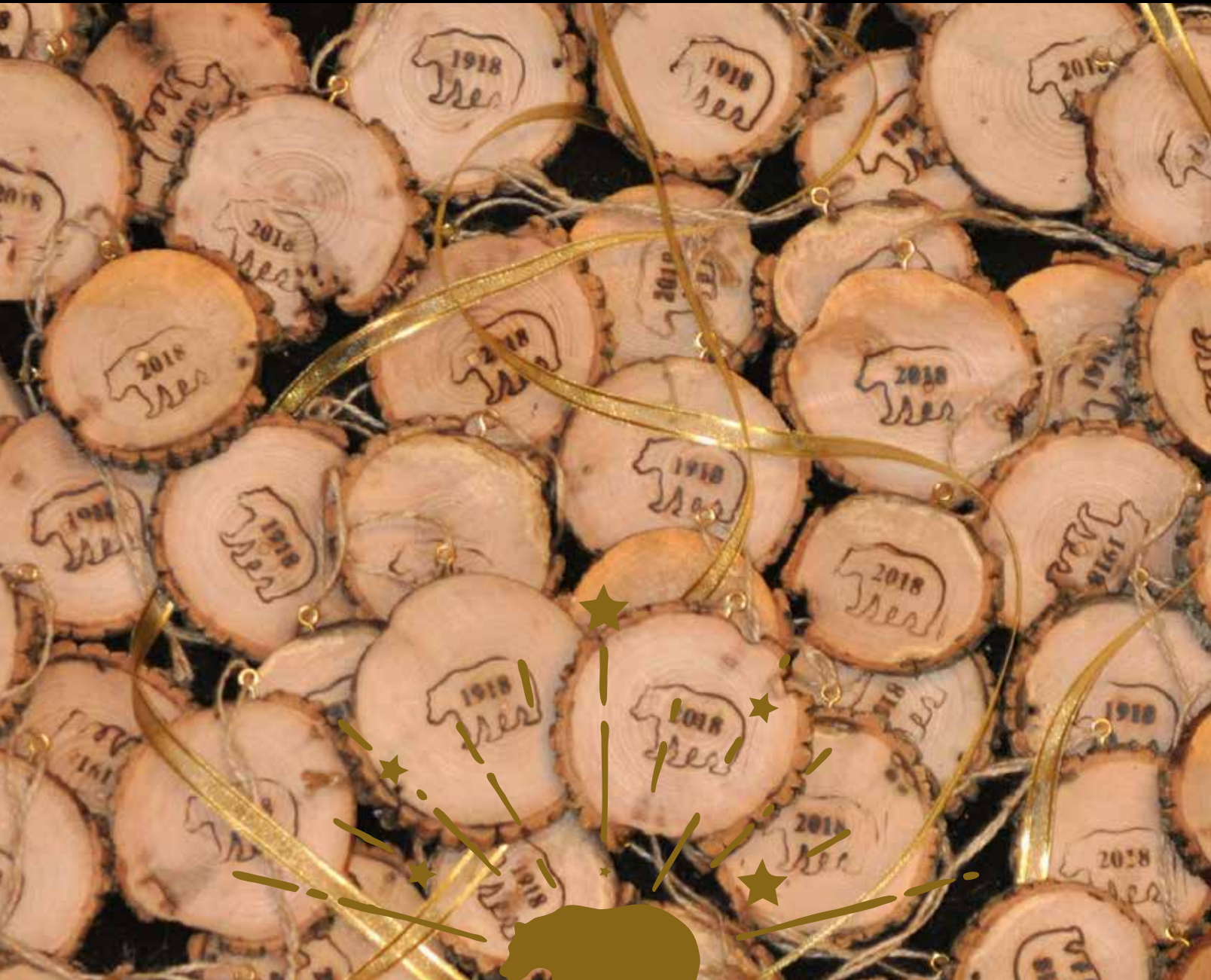


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2018 Solid Waste Program

The countdown is on to our new and much improved Solid Waste Program. To be sure of a smooth transition for you and your family, please read on for an overview of the transition, service options and more.

The City's preparations for the transition to a new Solid Waste Program early in 2018 have moved into high gear. Scheduled to begin on February 5, Local Waste Services will be the provider of an enhanced program we believe residents will quickly embrace due to its ease of use, uniformity in appearance on collection day, and more.

The new program provides for a simplified approach with a standard fee for service, to be billed twice a year. It will no longer be necessary to purchase solid waste stickers, and yard waste and bulk items will be collected at no additional charge. Local Waste will be providing trash and recycling containers that come with wheels and with lids—which means, if a container becomes damaged or goes missing, in most instances it will be repaired or replaced at no charge.

Part of the transition includes some opt-in service options. As a result, it is important to watch for mailings from the City and Local Waste, and to take the appropriate action by the stated deadlines.

Annual Fee

All households will be charged a base fee of \$213.00 annually, plus administrative and community recycling fees of \$7.00 apiece, for a total of \$227.00. The fee runs January 1 through December 31 each year. The fee may be subject to annual adjustments, and applies to every household—single family homes, apartments and condominiums. The fee runs with the property and the City will not prorate the amount due should the property change hands during the year. This annual fee is all inclusive, i.e. trash, recycling, yard waste and bulk items will all be collected by Local Waste at no additional charge.

Item	Standard		Senior Discount	
	Semi-Annual	Annual	Semi-Annual	Annual
Base Fee	\$106.50	\$213.00	\$96.00	\$192.00
Community Recycling Fee	\$3.50	\$7.00	\$3.50	\$7.00
Administrative Fee	\$3.50	\$7.00	\$3.50	\$7.00
Regular Total	\$113.50	\$227.00	\$103.00	\$206.00
Premium Service Fee	\$193.50	\$387.00	\$193.50	\$387.00
Premium Total	\$307.00	\$614.00	\$296.50	\$593.00

Households will be billed twice a year (January & June) via a Utility bill from the City that includes the Solid Waste fee, the Stormwater Utility fee and, in some cases a Neighborhood Lighting Utility fee. See the above table for an overview of the pricing.

Selecting Your Trash Container Size

All homes are scheduled to receive a 65-gallon grey trash container, but it's possible to upgrade to a 95-gallon container at no additional cost. A mailer was sent from the City and Local Waste in mid November relative to this option—if you want the larger size, simply tear off and return the affixed, postage paid postcard by December 8.

Local Waste plans to deliver trash containers beginning the week of January 9, 2018 over approximately two weeks. **IMPORTANT:** Do not use these containers until the new program begins, to avoid risk of damage or loss. If you will be away during this timeframe, please coordinate with a neighbor to have your new containers placed behind your home or in your garage, or call 614-583-5370 by Friday, December 29 to request a delay in delivery.

Delivery of Recycling Containers

Beginning the week of December 4, 65-gallon blue recycling containers will be delivered over an approximately two-week period. **IMPORTANT:** Do not use these containers until the new program begins, to avoid risk of damage or loss. If you are away during the first weeks of December, please coordinate with a neighbor to have your new containers placed behind your home or in your garage.

Medical Exemptions

Residents who are physically unable to bring containers to the curb can qualify for at-the-door collection for no additional charge if they are a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk and by providing a Medical Exemption form that has been signed by their healthcare provider certifying that they meet one or more of the qualifying impairment criteria. Under the new program, both trash and recycling will be collected at the door for qualifying customers, however yard waste and bulk items must still be brought to the curb.

Existing Medical Exemption customers are to receive a letter and renewal form from the City. They must complete and return the



The move to standardized trash and recycling containers will provide for a cleaner, more uniform look in our neighborhoods on collection days.

signed form by January 26, 2018 to guarantee the continuation of this service at the start of the new program. If you are not a Medical Exemption customer but believe your circumstances would qualify you for this program, you can obtain a Medical Exemption form from our Finance Department, at 3600 Tremont Road, or online at www.uaoh.net/trash2018.

Premium Service

Households that have chosen to pay an additional fee for Premium, at-the-door collection for trash can choose to continue this service, with recycling now part of this service (yard waste and bulk items must still be brought to the curb). The annual cost for this extra service is \$387.00, in addition to the base Solid Waste fee and administrative and community recycling fees. Existing Premium Service customers are to receive a letter and renewal form from the City. They must complete and return the form by Friday, December 15, 2017 to continue to receive this service.

If you are not currently a Premium Service customer but wish to start this program effective February 5, 2018, it's possible to obtain a Premium Service application form from our Finance Department, at 3600 Tremont Road, or online at www.uaoh.net/trash2018.

Senior Discount

Households in which the homeowner and head of household is aged 60 years or older qualify for a discount on their base Solid Waste Service fee (owners of multiple-unit

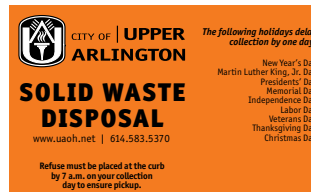
rental apartments do not qualify for the Senior Discount). To ensure that your first semi-annual utility invoice correctly reflects this discount, please provide proof of age—driver's license or other official personal identification that includes age—to the Finance Department by the requested deadline of December 15, 2017, either in person or by mail to 3600 Tremont Road, Upper Arlington, OH 43221.

Solid Waste Stickers Ends Friday, December 29

Since billing for the new Solid Waste Program is transitioning to the calendar year, the City is ending the Solid Waste Sticker Program at the close of this year. We encourage you to take inventory of how many stickers you have left, and to only purchase enough to last through the end of December.

Effective Tuesday, January 2, 2018, it will no longer be necessary to put Solid Waste Stickers on trash containers, yard waste or bulk items, and all these items can be placed at the curb for collection on your regularly scheduled collection day.

If you have extra stickers at the end of the program, the City will provide a credit at a rate of \$2.90 per sticker on your next semi-annual invoice. This credit will be available through June 1, 2018. You must complete and sign a Solid Waste Sticker



Reimbursement Form, and return it to the Finance Department with the correct number of Solid Waste Stickers for which you are seeking reimbursement. These forms can be obtained from Finance at 3600 Tremont Road or online at www.uaoh.net/trash2018.

Disposal of Old Containers

If you wish to dispose of your old trash and recycling containers, Local Waste will take them as part of the regular collection program, beginning February 5, 2018. An alternative for old trash containers is to start using them as yard waste containers.

YARD WASTE

A mailer about the new program is scheduled to arrive in homes mid December. Within it you will find some "TAKE ME" cards that you can place on each unwanted container, making sure that you write in your name and service address. Then place at the curb on your regular collection day. You will also find a green "Yard Waste" decal in the mailer, so that you can mark these containers accordingly. Additional decals will be available at City buildings and Library locations.

While every effort has been taken to prepare for a smooth transition, it's possible that some issues may arise. We ask for your patience and understanding in the weeks ahead, as we prepare for this transition in service. If you experience any difficulties or have questions, please feel free to contact the City at 614-583-5350.

River Ridge/Kingsdale West Study



Since the first major update of our City's Master Plan in 2001, and creation of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) in 2002, some housekeeping tweaks have been made to the UDO as issues have arisen, but there has not been an opportunity to take a step back to look at the specific needs, challenges and opportunities facing our neighborhoods. Until now.

Planning NEXT—the consulting firm that guided the 1998-2001 Master Plan process under its former name ACP Visioning+Planning—is helping us take a deep dive into an important residential district, to make sure we are providing a policy framework that supports the district's unique character.

The River Ridge/Kingsdale West district—bounded west-to-east by Riverside Drive and Kingsdale/Tremont Road, and by Zollinger and Fishinger roads—is a valued neighborhood within Upper Arlington. Study area residents and other community members have several opportunities to share their ideas about housing trends, neighborhood connectivity, pedestrian access, safety, traffic and more.

A well attended **Neighborhood Character Workshop** was held November 16, at which participants shared ideas about strengths, weaknesses and opportunities in the area. An online survey themed on this workshop is currently available, with a deadline of December 1—visit www.uaoh.net to participate.

Next, a **Neighborhood Choices Workshop** is scheduled for 7 p.m., Wednesday, December 6 at Wickliffe Elementary School, 2405 Wickliffe Road. This workshop will focus on a discussion of alternative approaches to shaping the future character of the area. Another survey will be made available shortly after the workshop.

Once all the data has been collected and reviewed by the Planning NEXT experts, it will be time to share the results and emerging recommendations. Mark your calendars for an **Open House**, scheduled for 7 p.m., Wednesday, January 31 at the Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road. Thereafter, presentations will be made to both the Board of Zoning and Planning and City Council.

Beyond attending the meetings or completing the online surveys, it's possible to share your ideas and concerns by emailing the Planning Division, at planning@uaoh.net. And to keep up-to-date on this project, we encourage you to register for email updates from the City, at <http://tinyurl.com/uanewsletter>.



Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan Update

The Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan process is in full swing and the response from residents eager to be part of the process has been impressive. More than 700 residents have completed a quick questionnaire, more than 120 have participated in a series of focus groups and a first public meeting, discussions have been held with various groups that are vested in our parks system in some way—such as the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Cultural Arts Commission, Field Sports Advisory Group, Tree Commission, and Senior Advisory Council—and one-on-one telephone conversations have been held with City Council, School Board, Library and community representatives.

Expected to take nine months to a year to complete, this review and planning process is seen as a vital step in guiding future decision-making on how to get the most value from our limited parkland and the facilities within them, while fulfilling the recreational wants and needs of the community. The primary goal of this community engagement phase is to give everyone an opportunity to participate at whatever level suits them.

A more detailed, statistically valid survey will be conducted in January 2018, with an online version also made available to provide additional depth to the feedback received and to allow everyone in our community to participate should they so choose.

We are excited to see this process taking shape, and extend our thanks to all who have participated. Please stay involved, and keep watching for updates. If you are not yet registered to receive email updates from the City, go to <http://tinyurl.com/uanewsletter>—it's the simplest way to have useful service and special project updates sent directly to your inbox.

For more on the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan, visit www.uaoh.net/parkspan.

FROM CHAMBERS

Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions



2017 Upper Arlington City Council

Front row (from left): John C. Adams, Kip Greenhill (Vice President), Debbie Johnson (President), David DeCapua

Back row: Brendan King, Sue Ralph, Carolyn Casper

2018 Marks Change in Council Body & Leadership

The November 7 election brought with it some changes in City Council, effective with the New Year. Four seats were up for election, with Debbie Johnson and David DeCapua ineligible to run for a third term due to term limits, and John Adams deciding not to run for a second full term.

Council incumbent and current Vice President, Kip Greenhill, was successful in his bid for a second term. Brian Close, Michele Hoyle and Jim Lynch were selected by voters for their first terms in office.

The 2018-19 City Council is currently scheduled to convene for the first time on January 8, 2018. At this time, the four successful candidates will be sworn into office for their 2018-21 terms. Additionally, Council as a Whole will select who from its ranks will serve as President and Vice President. These two positions also serve as Mayor and Vice Mayor for ceremonial duties.

Business will also include Council Member assignments to various regional and local entities, including:

- Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
- Upper Arlington Commission on Aging
- Upper Arlington Leadership Program
- Community Improvement Corporation
- 3 appointments to the City Council Rules Review Subcommittee
- 3 appointments to the City Council Financial Policies Subcommittee

Council meetings will resume their typical schedule for the year the following week, typically meeting for Conference Sessions on the first and third Mondays of each month, and for City Council Meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Please check the meeting/events calendar at www.uaoh.net in advance of meetings, in case of any schedule adjustments. If you have questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office, at 614-583-5030.

CITY SERVICES

Holiday Refuse Collection Delays

Solid Waste614-583-5370

- **Christmas Day**, Monday, December 25
- **New Year's Day**, Monday, January 1
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**, Monday, January 15

Collection delayed by one day for all zones. Normal service resumes the following week.

End of Leaf Collection

Public Works Division614-583-5380

The City's free leaf collection program ends Friday, December 8. Please stop raking leaves curbside by 7 a.m. Monday, December 4 to ensure pickup. Any remaining leaves can be disposed of as part of our regular Yard Waste Program or by taking leaves to the free yard waste drop-off facility on Roberts Road.

Snow Removal

Public Works Division614-583-5380

The City provides exceptional snow removal services, with the aim of returning normal driving conditions to all City streets within 24 hours of the end of a snowstorm.

Priority is placed in the following order:

- **Arterial** – the City's main roads receive priority treatment during a storm.
- **Collector** – the next level of streets that carry a lot of traffic to main streets – these streets are plowed and salted once arterial streets are complete.
- **Residential** – all remaining streets. Plowing takes place when snowfall exceeds three inches.

To assist our crews please do not park on the street.

Christmas Tree Collection

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

The City will collect live Christmas trees on Fridays, January 5, 12, 19 and 26. Remove all decorations and place trees (do not place in bags) at the curb by 7 a.m. on one of the Friday dates. If the tree is eight feet or taller, please cut it in half. Trees can also be dropped off free-of-charge at the yard waste facility at 4120 Roberts Road. Visit www.uaoh.net for winter hours and additional details.

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2018 State of the City Address

One Hundred Years Old and We're Just Getting Started

5–7:30 p.m., Monday, January 22
Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road

Please join us for the 2018 State of the City Address, for a firsthand look at the year that's been and what lies ahead.

5 p.m., Community Fair – The Fair features exhibits by City departments and local service groups, providing an opportunity to meet with community leaders and staff in one convenient forum.

6:30 p.m., State of the City Address – Highlights of the City's and the community's achievements from the previous 12 months with a look at what's ahead for the community. Centennial Task Force members will share details of the yearlong celebrations, and share details of the Legacy Project at Northam Park.

2017 Community Awards

The City invites you to nominate an individual or group that makes our community a better place to live and work.

Business of the Year – 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.

Super 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.

Nomination forms are available at www.uaoh.net or by calling 614-583-5040. Deadline: Friday, January 5, 2018



City Manager's Office | 614-583-5040 | www.uaoh.net

BUILDINGBLOCKS

Arlington Gateway Update

At a Special Board of Zoning and Planning meeting on November 6, 2017, the Board conditionally approved an amended plan for the Arlington Gateway project.

The revised proposal now includes a nine-story mixed-use building with a six-story, 338 space parking garage, 14,000 square feet of ground floor retail/restaurant space, 60,000 square feet of office space on floors 2-4, and 82 condominiums on floors 5-9. The proposed building is 122 feet tall and 129 feet tall to a corner element. The applicant made revisions to its previous development plan due to a prospective office tenant that requires 60,000 square feet of Class A office space.

The current plan includes five variances, two revised from the initial plan and three new, and a total of 22 conditions. The developer has announced that Spavia Day Spa has agreed to lease ground floor space and that they are close to signing a restaurant tenant. The office user is a publically-traded, top five financial institution that would also have ground floor space. Estimated income tax generation would exceed \$750,000 per year; the previous seven-story concept would have generated approximately \$123,000 per year.

For additional project details, visit www.uaoh.net or call Community Development, at 614-583-5070.



Fire Division Announces Launch of PulsePoint

The Fire Division is proud to announce a partnership with PulsePoint, a mobile app that empowers everyday citizens to provide lifesaving assistance to victims of sudden cardiac arrest. App users can be notified if someone in a nearby public place is having a cardiac emergency and is in need of CPR. Connected directly to the Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center (NRECC)—which now provides UA's Fire and EMS emergency dispatching—the app also notifies NRECC to dispatch an EMS crew.

Each year, approximately 350,000 cardiac arrests occur outside the hospital setting in the United States. Nearly 90% of these events prove fatal and the chance of survival decreases by 10% with every passing minute without CPR.

The free app is available for download on iTunes and Google Play. After download, select "Agencies" and search for "Upper Arlington Fire." After you have added "Upper Arlington Fire" as an agency, select "Settings" from the same menu and ensure you have notifications turned on for CPR. If you have questions or need assistance with the app, please call 614-583-5100.

CPR classes are offered throughout the year at Station 72 or at your location. Call 614-583-5100 or email cares@uaoh.net for more information.



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Theodore J. Staton

Let Upper Arlington's Centennial Celebrations Begin

The hard work of a number of residents, civic group representatives, City, Schools and Library staff is about to come to fruition. The Centennial Task Force, first formed in 2015, has been planning all the many wonderful ways Upper Arlington can celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2018. And as the countdown to the New Year begins, I know they are excited for the fruits of their labor to be enjoyed by all in the community.

At the November 20 City Council Meeting, Task Force Chair, Rich Simpson, and Legacy Projects Subcommittee Chair, Charlie Groezinger, provided an update on the planning efforts.

The most significant projects are the Centennial Legacy Projects. First, a new History Book is now available, courtesy of the Upper Arlington Historical Society. You can purchase copies online at www.uahistory.org, or at First Merchants Bank or Fresh Gallery.

The Centennial Plaza and History Walk Legacy Project—to be installed at Northam Park—is rapidly coming together. To date, \$250,000 in private funds have been raised to support this \$300,000 project, with City Council approving a match of funds of up to one third of the total cost. Local artist Alan Hamwi is already hard at work creating his larger than life size, interactive bronze bear sculptures, and a History Walk committee is finalizing content for the 10 signs that will be part of improvements to the main park entrance. Watch for details of a Centennial Birthday and Start of Construction Celebration on March 20 in Northam Park and at the Main Library.

It's possible to purchase Centennial t-shirts and hats—and while you may have missed the deadline for ordering them as Christmas gifts this year, there are still plenty of reasons to gift friends and family

with these fun and attractive items. Just visit www.uaoh100.org to access the online store.

One unique offering that is very limited in quantity, is the creation of wooden holiday ornaments using wood from some of our parks' now deceased ash trees (see the cover of this issue for a glimpse).

These ornaments will go on sale at this year's Winter Fest event, on Friday, December 1, from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Mallway. Any leftovers will be available at the Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road, starting Monday, December 4.

Look for your keepsake Centennial Magazine, due to arrive at homes in January. Made possible through the advertising support of various community groups and local businesses, the magazine highlights all the activities and events scheduled throughout the year. It also features some fascinating articles about our community—from a journey through the different home styles of the past 10 decades, to predictions of what the future holds in the next century by some very thoughtful Windermere Elementary School students.

In the month of February, beer aficionados will be able to enjoy "1918," a special Centennial brew that will be available at a dozen local restaurants.

The City will of course be pulling out all the stops to help recognize this milestone for Upper Arlington and to support the many entities that have put forth so much effort to make 2018 a year to remember. Visit www.uaoh100.org for additional details.

And please join with us in the yearlong celebrations. We have much to be proud of here in Upper Arlington!

Population Estimates Affirm UA Part of Growing Region

In September, our Community Development Department received a population estimate from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) that indicates UA is definitely part of regional growth trends.

In 2018, we are predicted to have a population of 35,203, up almost 1,500 from the 2010 Census. Recent apartment projects such as The Lane and Berkley House have certainly contributed to the increase, as has the continued level of investment in new builds and renovations of single family homes in the community.

Upper Arlington's recent population numbers, along with the 2018 projection, are summarized below:

YEAR	POPULATION	CHANGE
2000*	33,686	-
2010*	33,771	+85
2016**	33,976	+459
2017**	34,499	+523
2018**	35,203	+704

* U.S. Census | ** MORPC Estimates

Upper Arlington Schools' enrollment outlook—extrapolated in part from Ohio Department of Health birthing data—supports MORPC's projections. The Schools have already experienced enrollment growth in recent years, from a total of 5,670 for the 2007-2008 school year, to 5,918 for the 2015-2016 school year. Looking forward, they anticipate annual enrollment growing by another 770 students for the 2025-2026 school year.

So, what does this all mean for our beautiful, century old, built-out community? It means our second century is already set on a path that will build on past success. It affirms that young families want Upper Arlington to be the community that raises and educates their children. And it demonstrates how Upper Arlington can adapt to provide new housing options for young professionals and empty nesters while maintaining its unique character and appeal.

NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Monday, December 25** – Christmas Day
- **Monday, January 1** – New Year's Day
- **Monday, January 15** – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- **Monday, February 19** – Presidents' Day

Prescription Drug Drop-Off

POLICE DIVISION 614-583-5150

Drop off unwanted, unused or expired prescription medications in the Drug Collection Unit at the Police Desk in the Municipal Services Center (3600 Tremont Road). The unit is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Sunday Swim at UA High School

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

Sunday Swim provides a weekly opportunity to enjoy the High School's indoor pool, held most Sundays through May 6, from 1-3 p.m. The cost per visit is \$3 for a resident or \$20 for a season pass (\$40 for a household).

2018 Community Calendar

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 614-583-5040

Each year, the City creates an online Community Calendar of special events hosted by the City and other community groups. These listings are oftentimes promoted via other means such as social media and City newsletters. Now is the time to send us details of qualifying community events—look for the *Special Events* page under *Living In UA*, at www.uaoh.net.

Watch Out for Joggers

POLICE DIVISION 614-583-5100

The City periodically hears from residents who exercise by jogging in the community about unsafe driving practices by motorists, such as failing to come to a complete stop at stop signs, or pulling out when a pedestrian is still in an intersection. We urge all motorists to drive safely at all times—put away the cell phones or other distractions and follow the rules of the road. During the winter months, joggers often have no choice but to be out during dusk or dark, so please be extra cautious.

Kind Call Holiday Safety Check

In mid-December, Kind Call representatives take advantage of the holiday season to visit with program participants, delivering holiday packages and offering to run some simple home safety checks. Kind Call is a free telephone check-in service for any UA resident, but is primarily used by the elderly and their families. It operates through the cooperative efforts of the City's Police and Fire divisions and the UA Commission on Aging.

Old Street Signs for Sale

PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION 614-583-5380

As we update aging street signs, we are making old signs available for purchase. Prices range from \$29 to \$45 depending on size. Signs are for private use only, and should not be displayed in the public right-of-way or any other location that would cause confusion. Look for the link on the Headlines section of our homepage.

2018 Wall of Honor

Nominations

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

Each year, a new bronze plaque is added to the limestone wall of the Municipal Services Center Plaza honoring 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 2018 Wall of Honor, a program made possible through a partnership of the UA Historical Society and the City's Parks & Recreation Department. Nomination forms are available at www.uaoh.net. The deadline is Friday, January 12, 2017. The 2018 unveiling ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 20.

Help Keep Sidewalks

Clear This Winter

Navigating the community on foot can be hazardous in the winter, especially for the elderly or those with disabilities. Help keep sidewalks in front of your property or business clear of snow and ice. If you have elderly neighbors, take a few extra moments to help clear their sidewalks too.

Fire Hydrants in Winter

FIRE DIVISION 614-583-5100

If you find yourself clearing snow and ice from your driveway and sidewalk this winter and you have a fire hydrant in front of your property, please take a little extra time to keep hydrants free of snow and ice.

Snow Angels Program

COMMISSION ON AGING 614-583-5123

The UA Commission on Aging and STAY UA are launching a new volunteer program. Snow Angels will match willing volunteers to their elderly neighbors who are in need of 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. To become a Snow Angel or to receive help this winter, please call 614-583-5123. We will do our best to accommodate all requests for service.

Friends of UA Parks

PARKS & FORESTRY 614-583-5340

The Friends of Upper Arlington Parks is a volunteer group that assists the Parks & Forestry Division with improvement projects focused on the health of existing native trees and forests through removal of non-native invasive plants like honeysuckle and buckthorn, and planting a variety of native trees and shrubs. To get involved, like "Friends of Upper Arlington Parks" on Facebook or contact Annemarie Smith (smith.3746@osu.edu) to get on the email list.

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Winter 17/18

Activity Guide

Schedule of Youth | Adult | 50+ | Winter Pool Programs



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Preschool/Youth – Valentine's Date Night, Kindermusik, Drones, S.T.E.M. programs, Spring Break & Summer Day Camps

Adults – Early AM Tabata® Boot Camp, Red Carpet Oscar Prep, Yoga for Back Health, Historic Columbus Taverns, Hip Hop Dance, St. Patrick's Day Irish Beer Tasting

50-Plus – UA Birthday Bash, Paper Gift Toppers, iPad Series, The Odyssey of Native Americans Series, Bokwa® Fitness, 1918 Dinner Plate

REGISTRATION – DEC 6

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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Book the Barn for Your Event

PARKS & RECREATION 583-5300

Since opening in 2011, the Amelita Mirolo Barn has become an increasingly popular venue for wedding and other memorable events. So much so, that availability during "wedding season" on Fridays and Saturdays is limited. Don't forget that the Barn is a great year-round venue for birthday parties, retirements, baby and wedding showers, corporate events and more! Book the Barn at www.amelitamirolobarn.com.

Fire Division CARES Program

FIRE 614-583-5100

The Fire Division's new program, CARES—Community Assistance, Referrals and Education Services—is an innovative community paramedicine program that is providing a non-emergency medical component to existing service coordination. CARES is focused on education, injury prevention and building community partnerships to help improve the lives of residents. Currently, CARES is focused on six main services:

- CPR & AED training
- Scheduled Home Assessments
- Coordinated Care Relationships
- Safe Baby Training
- Special Needs Registry
- Providing bike helmets for children

If you are a resident or an area health organization that sees an opportunity for partnering with the Fire Division to expand public health in UA, they want to hear from you, at cares@uaoh.net.

Be on the look out for your edition of the Winter Activity Guide from Parks & Recreation. This edition showcases the department's many program and special event offerings to keep families busines during the cold weather months.

Registration begins at 6 a.m., Wednesday, December 6. Visit parks.uaoh.net for more.

City INSIGHT eNews

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 614-583-5040

Did you know that you can get updates from the City, with information similar to what you find in this newsletter but sent directly to your inbox? To register to receive our twice monthly e-newsletter, go to <http://tinyurl.com/uanewsletter>.

RITA eServices

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With tax season just around the corner, UA residents and businesses can use free online services through the City's income tax coordinator, the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA).

- **RITA E-File** – a quick, secure way to file municipal income taxes. Features include: step-by-step calculation of taxes or refunds, the ability to file even if you moved in 2016 and electronic transfer of refunds into your account.
- **RITA E-Payment** – a simple and secure method to pay municipal income taxes online. All you need is your bank routing number and account number.
- **RITA E-Registration** – if you have not previously filed a municipal tax return with RITA, you can sign up electronically.

RITA Income Tax Subpoena Program

9 a.m.-4 p.m., January 22-26, 2018
3600 Tremont Road

FINANCE

614-583-5280

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

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 614-583-5030

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

911/Dispatching Transition

POLICE DIVISION 614-583-5100

Transitioning the City's 911/dispatching services to a consolidation with the Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center (NRECC) in Dublin is on track. The dispatch of emergency calls for our Fire Division transitioned to NRECC mid-October, with great success. Since fire and EMS incidents account for approximately 75% of all 911 requests, calls placed from landlines are already being routed through the NRECC dispatching center. Any calls for police support are being immediately routed back to UA's dispatching center to coordinate a law enforcement response.

Police dispatching will transition to NRECC early in 2018. The division is in the midst of training, so that officers are well versed in NRECC policies, use of equipment and have learned the codes used relative to the types of calls to which officers are responding.

Schools[★]iNSIGHT

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS



Support of Issue 43 Sets Stage for Community Volunteer Opportunities During Design Phase

After a two-and-a-half-year facilities master planning process, Upper Arlington voters have endorsed rebuilding the high school and renovating or rebuilding all five elementary schools in a vote of 55% to 45% for Issue 43.

"This is the culmination of an amazing, unprecedented community planning process," Board of Education President Robin Comfort said. "And our community has come together to ensure that our students will have the facilities they need to excel as our school district enters its second century."

Issue 43 stemmed from the work of community volunteers and more than 8,000 touch points with residents over the course of the master planning process. The success of the combined 3.75-mill operating levy and \$230 million bond issue secures the needed funding for the first phase of the master plan as well as the operating dollars needed to maintain current academic programs. The bond issue will be collected at a rate of 5.17 mills above current collections.

"This protects our district's financial health by addressing our facilities needs in a strategic way," Superintendent Paul Imhoff said. "That truly allows us to focus on what matters most—and what matters most is supporting our students and the excellence of our school district for generations to come."

With the funding for the first-phase projects secured, the school district will begin working with residents, students and staff on the design of the buildings.

"Throughout the master planning process, our theme was 'your voice matters,' and that will continue to be true as we move forward," Imhoff said. "None of these new or renovated school buildings is designed yet, so we will be immediately launching a design phase that will involve as many community



Community meetings for the master plan design phase begin in December.

members, staff members and students as possible."

The community-wide launch meeting for the design phase will take place in December. Sessions will be offered at 7 p.m., December 4 at Upper Arlington High School, 1650 Ridgeview Road, and at 9 a.m., December 5 at Mountview Christian Church, 2140 Fishinger Road.

In addition to community meetings, the district will also form a "green team" of community volunteers with an interest in exploring environmental best practices for the new or renovated buildings. And residents living in close proximity to the buildings will also be invited to join neighbor committees that will meet throughout the design and construction process to gather feedback and input on the project.

"As we saw through the two-and-a-half-year facilities master planning process, making a community plan takes time," Imhoff said. "And we want to ensure that our community, our staff and our students have every opportunity to work together to

develop a design plan that they really believe will serve us well into our second century."

In preparation for construction at the high school, work will begin on the athletic fields on the district-owned land behind Tremont Elementary School in the spring. The turf field as well as the baseball and softball diamonds are tentatively expected to be completed by the fall of 2018.

After the design phase concludes, community members can expect construction to tentatively begin at the high school and Barrington, Greensview, Tremont and Wickliffe elementary schools in early 2019. All but Windermere and the high school would tentatively open to students for the fall of 2020, and a new Windermere and the high school would open in the fall of 2021.

For more information about the design phase, please visit www.uaschools.org/facilities.



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff

Upcoming Opportunities to Get Involved, Learn More

This is truly a historic time for Upper Arlington. Our community will soon be celebrating its centennial year, and as we do, we will be taking a huge step into our second century as we begin to work together to design a new high school and five new or renovated elementary schools.

Just a few weeks ago, residents endorsed Issue 43 to move forward with the first phase of the master plan — which reflects the work of hundreds of community volunteers and more than 8,000 touch points with residents. Thank you to all of the residents who attended a meeting, filled out a survey, volunteered on a building team or hosted a coffee chat throughout the two-and-a-half-year facilities master planning process. It has been nothing short of incredible to see so many community members come together for the future of our schools.

We will launch the design phase of the process at community-wide meetings in December. I hope you'll join us on the evening of December 4 or the morning of

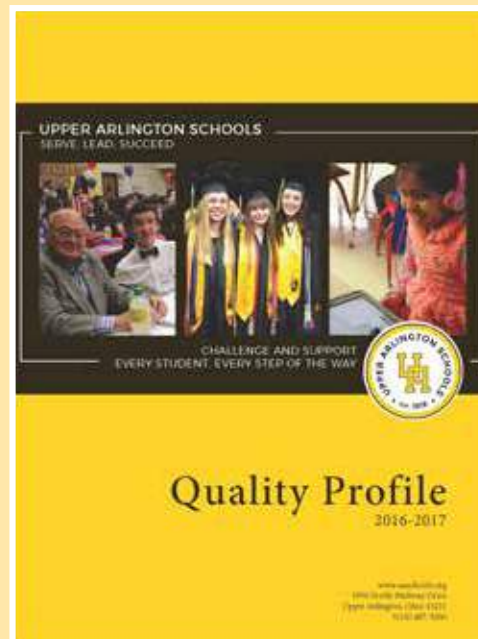
December 5 to learn more about how to get involved over the next 12 to 15 months—because your voice matters! Please watch your mailbox and our website, www.uaschools.org/facilities.

Quality Profile

Also on our website, you can find our third annual *Quality Profile* (QP). This accountability document is designed to go above and beyond the information in the state report card, which is largely dependent on the scores of single-day government tests.

The *Quality Profile* was developed three years ago during our strategic planning process by a team of volunteers from our community and our staff. Each year our staff updates the data, and then we turn to the community for feedback so we can keep improving with each edition of the QP.

If you visit www.uaschools.org/qualityprofile, you'll see that the document is organized around the five goals of our strategic plan: performance, personalization, efficiency, accountability and ownership. It's a quick read, and it will give you insight into everything from how our students' scores on college entrance exams compare with the state and national averages to how our community feels about the quality of education we're providing our students.



I hope you'll take a few minutes to read the *Quality Profile* and then click on the link to share your thoughts on how we can continue to improve, not only the document but also the services we are providing our community.

State of the Schools

In the Bites from the Apple, you'll find an invitation with more information about our fourth-annual State of the Schools on Monday, February 5. This is an excellent opportunity to hear updates on the district and see some of the impressive work of our talented students and staff.

I hope you'll join us on February 5!

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at superintendent@uaschools.org or 614-487-5030.

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BITES From the Apple

SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



Veterans Day Events a Time for Learning and Tributes



Students spent time honoring and learning from dozens of veterans throughout November to mark Veterans Day. Fourth-grade students at Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School held their second-annual "Take Your Veteran to School Day." To prepare, the students took a field trip to the Statehouse and interviewed veterans living at Sunrise on the Scioto and in their families to learn about their reasons for serving and their contributions during wartime. These students shared what they learned at a town hall meeting on November 10 attended by the entire school and more than 50 veterans. The veterans then went back to classrooms to share more about their service in a smaller setting.

"The students feel it is important to share these stories with their school community and hopefully help them connect with their veterans to learn their story," said Melissa Szabrak, a gifted intervention specialist at Wickliffe who helped coordinate the event.

Eighth-grade students at Hastings and Jones also spent time learning from veterans through their annual Veterans Day programs. More than 150 veterans joined Hastings students for a ceremony and brunch reception, and more than 80 veterans, including 16 World War II veterans, joined Jones students for the school's 15th annual Veterans Day luncheon.

At Upper Arlington High School, the service learning club coordinated a daylong program that involved small groups of students getting to know a veteran in advance and presenting what they learned to a larger group of their peers. The club also coordinated a tea bread sale to benefit a veterans organization.

Student-led Socktober Has Dual Purpose

The International Baccalaureate Business Management class at the High School is changing lives—and getting some real-world business experience—by selling lots of socks. Since late September, these students have been selling packs of colorful patterned socks for \$12 through a partnership with the international organization We Help Two. The proceeds from the sale of the socks as well as donations

fund prosthetics for amputees in need. And, for each pack of socks purchased, one pair of warm socks will go to an organization that helps individuals in need locally during the winter months.

"It has been really exciting seeing the curriculum come to life and to be able to help people in the process," said Eva Frustaci, who teaches the IB Business Management class.

Socktober has also inspired discussion and projects in other classes at the High School including an IB Sports Science challenge to design a functional prosthetic from simple supplies. The goal is to fund 16 prosthetics (a total of at least 1,280 packs of socks) by the time the service-learning project concludes on December 1.

Seniors Bring Back 5K for Capstone Project



Back in 2009, two fourth-grade students at Barrington Elementary School who had lost family members to ovarian cancer worked together with their classes to create a 5K and 1-mile fun run to raise money for research. Now seniors at the High School, Dante Landolfi and Molly O'Connor teamed up again to bring the race back for their senior capstone project. And just as they partnered with their fourth-grade classes for the first Beat Michigan! Beat Cancer! 5K and Fun Run, Dante and Molly reached out to the students in the fourth-grade classes taught by Katie Benton and Kari Warkentin at Barrington. Nearly 650 individuals registered for the November 4 event, which raised money for the Ovarian Cancer Research and Education in Gynecology Fund at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center — the James Cancer Hospital.

Hurricane Relief Service-Learning Projects

After a year of devastating hurricanes hitting the U.S. mainland and Puerto Rico, students and staff at Barrington and Tremont elementary schools wanted to help. Barrington Elementary School students raised approximately \$14,600 through a walkathon and made hundreds of handmade cards with messages of encouragement as part of a school-wide service learning project. The money and cards will go to Juan Seguin Elementary School in Richmond, Texas, which has been closed for the school year after it was inundated by floodwaters from Hurricane Harvey in August.



"Our students made so many wonderful connections and showed so much compassion towards the students in Houston," Barrington Principal Carla Wilson said. "This has been extremely meaningful for our students and our staff."

At Tremont Elementary, more than 100 first-grade students participated in the annual Walk for Water, for hurricane relief in Puerto Rico. The 1-mile walk was the culmination of a service-learning project that covered hurricanes, the culture, land and the hurricane devastation in the U.S. territory. "We saw a real need with Puerto

Rico," said Gina Salvatore, a first-grade teacher at Tremont. A guest speaker, Gianna Pandolfi, who has family in Puerto Rico, shared that people there stand in line for hours for clean water—two, 12-bottle packs for their entire family to use.

The first-grade classes at Tremont went out into the community to share Puerto Rico's need and collect donations in exchange for handmade Puerto Rican-inspired crafts. Through those donations as well as the walk, they raised nearly \$3,400 for UNICEF relief efforts in Puerto Rico.

Staff members honored for service, leadership

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

- District Teacher: **Lindsay Kidwell**, Tremont Elementary School
- Classified Employee: **Nancy Callaghan**, support staff, Windermere Elementary School
- Secretarial/Bookkeeping: **Jodi Mague**, Jones Middle School

- Nutritional Service: **Marissa Abbott**, Jones Middle School
- Operations: **Jason Simpson**
- Transportation: **Susan Frizzell**

Receiving a building-level teacher of the year award were:

- **Erin Bowden**, Barrington Elementary School
- **Jim Cash**, Hastings Middle School
- **Tony Cleveland**, Burbank Early Childhood School
- **Jean Crawford**, Upper Arlington High School
- **Erin McGuire**, Greensview Elementary School
- **Amy Meyer**, Windermere Elementary School
- **Laurie Sutherin**, Jones Middle School
- **Kelsey Trausch**, Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School

Also honored with a Nancy Losekamp Career Development Leadership Award for their work to engage students in service learning were: **Katie O'Keefe**, Windermere; **Pam Meadows**, Hastings; and **Kim Wilson**, the high school.

State of the Schools set for February 5

All Upper Arlington residents are invited to the fourth-annual State of the Schools on Monday, February 5.

The program will begin at 6 p.m. in the first floor of the Learning Center at Upper Arlington High School, 1650 Ridgeview Road. There will be performances by the Tremont Elementary School songwriting group, which wrote a centennial song that made its debut at a concert in November, and presentations by Superintendent Paul Imhoff and Treasurer/CFO Andrew Geistfeld.

Following the program in the Learning Center will be a Learning Fair with displays, presentations and performances by students and staff representing all nine schools as well as a Gallery of Grants from the Upper Arlington Education Foundation. New this year, a group of seniors at Upper Arlington High School will also be presenting their capstone projects during the event. A full schedule of those presentations will be available at the high school that evening.

THE UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION



2017 Upper Arlington Board of Education

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

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

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

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

- Monday, December 11, 6 p.m. — District Office, 1950 North Mallway Drive

The schedule of meetings for 2018 will be set by the board in January. To see the schedule then, please visit www.uaschools.org/board. For additional information on the members of the Board of Education and its policies, please visit the website listed above.

SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED

Fourteen students (two not pictured) have been named National Merit Semifinalists and will compete for approximately 7,500 scholarships worth more than \$32 million.



Nineteen seniors at Upper Arlington High School qualified as candidates for an International Baccalaureate Diploma, a rigorous two-year program.

Students in Barrington Elementary School's informal program learned how to be "Stewards of the Earth" by making reusable bags and other projects during the program's 10th annual Habitat Day.



The Ohio Middle Level Association honored the original members of the Hastings Middle School B.E.A.R.S. with the Student of the Year Award.

Tremont Elementary School launched a new program this school year: Family Groups — which bring together students across grade levels.



Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School sent a big team to the Buddy Walk, raising nearly \$1,700 for the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio.

Windermere Elementary School families are participating in the school's first Family Read Together. The reading assignment: *Because of Winn-Dixie*.



UAHS students hosted students from Bad Bergzabern, Germany, for two-and-a-half weeks through the German American Partnership Program. The UA students will travel there in June.

SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED

Greensview Elementary School held its second annual school-wide Cardboard Challenge, with students creating fun hiding spaces, structures and more.



The 4+ boat of Philip Chalmers, Drew Weisberg, Clara Fix, John Duhigg and Cameron Hutchinson took a third place — a UA best — at the Head of the Charles, the biggest two-day rowing event in the world.

Making Kindness Normal at Hastings and Jones

On back-to-back days in September, Hastings and Jones middle schools hosted Houston Kraft, a renowned kindness advocate and speaker. He spreads his message—“Making kindness normal”—through relatable stories from when he was a student. His visit coincided with the annual Service Learning Day at Jones and followed both HIP (Hastings In-Reach Program) and HOP (Hastings Outreach Program) days. His visit was funded by the Upper Arlington Education Foundation, the PTOs and a private donation by a Jones family.



Houston Kraft at Hastings



Team-building exercises for HIP Day



A message of kindness in a Jones hallway



A service learning fair at Jones

2017-18 KEY SCHOOL DATES

End of Second Quarter and First Semester (Grades 6-12)

Thursday, December 21

Winter Break

Friday, December 22–Thursday, January 4

Staff Professional Day

Friday, January 5

No school for students

Beginning of Third Quarter (Grades 6-12)

Wednesday, January 8

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 15

No school for students and staff

Elementary Early Dismissal (Grades 1-5) for Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, January 18

- Dismissal (grades 1-5) at 11:05 a.m.
- No kindergarten or LIFT classes all day

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 19

No school for students and staff

Early Dismissal (K-12)

Wednesday, February 28

- Morning kindergarten ends at 10:05 a.m.; afternoon kindergarten begins at 11:05 a.m.; no LIFT classes
- Dismissal at 1 p.m. for elementary students; 1:30 p.m. for secondary students

End of Second Trimester (K-5) and Third Quarter (Grades 6-12)

Friday, March 9

Spring Break

Monday, March 12–Friday, March 16

Staff Professional Day

Monday, March 19

No school for students

No School for Students and Staff

Friday, March 30

Additional early release dates for Middle School only (Grades 6-8) through March: December 13, January 17, February 14, March 28

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

Alumni Spotlight

Second Induction Class for the Upper Arlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Three former coaches and five former student-athletes will be inducted into the Upper Arlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame during a ceremony between the girls varsity basketball game and boys varsity basketball games against Marysville on January 5, 2018. The girls basketball game begins at 6 p.m. A reception—open to the public—will precede the game at 4:30 p.m., in the first floor of the Learning Center at the High School.

The second class of inductees, announced during the Alumni Game on Friday, October 6 at Marv Moorehead Stadium, are:

- Jack Graf** (Class of 1937), who was captain of the OHSAA boys basketball state championship team.
- Dale Hartney**, who was a head coach for more than 40 years in cross country, track and field, and girls basketball.
- Rex Holman** (Class of 1988), who holds the record as the only two-time OHSAA wrestling state champion (1987 and 1988) from the High School and, with a career record of 113-5, has the highest win percentage in school history.
- Lynda McCandlish** (Class of 2002), who was named 1st Team All Ohio and 1st Team All American in girls lacrosse for two consecutive years (2001 and 2002).
- Radonna Miller**, who was head coach for girls and boys volleyball, softball, girls tennis and girls basketball from 1969 to 1994.
- L. Marvin Moorehead**, who was head football coach from 1955 to 1969 with an overall record of 111-25-3.
- Peggy Odita** (Class of 1986), who was a three-time state champion in the high jump (1984, 1985 and 1986) as well as a state champion in the long jump (1986).
- Rick Slager** (Class of 1972), who was named OHSAA 1st Team All Ohio in football and was state champion and All American in boys tennis.

Based on nominations submitted by community members, alumni and staff, the inductees were selected by a committee of former student athletes, community members, coaches and high-school and district administrators.

The inductees will join Jack Nicklaus (Class of 1957), as well as all 141 state championship teams, in the Athletic Hall of Fame.

All of the state championship teams will be recognized over the next several years. The first group, winning teams from 1937 to 1969, will be recognized along with the second induction class in January.

Learn more about the eligibility guidelines and submit a nomination for the Upper Arlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame at www.uaschools.org/uahsathletics.



The 1937 state champion basketball team, captained by Jack Graf.



Radonna Miller with one of her teams

Library **i**NSIGHT

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



The Write Stuff

All writers are welcome to our third Writers' Conference & Expo on Saturday, January 20. Registration is free and opens December 1 at <https://write-stuff.eventbrite.com>

Keynote: Mindy McGinnis

10:30 a.m., Friends Theater; 30 min.

Mindy McGinnis is an Edgar Award-winning author and assistant teen librarian who lives in Ohio. She graduated from Otterbein University with a degree in English Literature and Religion. She runs a blog for aspiring writers at *Writer, Writer Pants on Fire*.

Writing for Young Adults

11 a.m., Meeting Room B; 1 hr. 55 min.

Join Mindy McGinnis to learn about what you can—and can't—do in YA, how to handle topics like drugs, sex, language and violence, and still slip past the gatekeepers.

Travel Writing

11 a.m., Friends Theater; 50 min.

Travel writing requires skill at combining concrete details with an interesting point of view to compose compelling, engaging travel narratives. We cover the basics of how to pen a travel story that only you could write, and how to successfully submit articles to magazines for publication. Presented by Shawnie Kelley, author of *Discover Cape Cod* and numerous articles on a wide range of topics including travel.

The Writer's Toolbox

Noon, Friends Theater; 50 min

Get an overview of the key building blocks to writing good fiction: character, dialogue, point of view/voice, plot, narration/exposition, word choice/language, and how several of these same elements are critical to writing good narrative non-fiction. Presenter Suzanne Jaffe—writer, editor and former executive and creative director of the Thurber House—will

pay particular attention to the importance of developing character outlines, first drafts, and editing. If time, we'll have in-class exercises, and everyone will receive a handout of exercises to do at home.

Using Storytelling to Develop Your Story

1 p.m., Meeting Room B; 1 hr. 55 min.

As writers, we often ask for help when a story is finished. However, why not play with ideas as the story is shaping up? There is much to be gained by using spoken/written proven playful exercises. Learn from Dr. Kevin Cordi how storytelling can enable you to be a better writer. Kevin is a national storytelling consultant whose story work has been commissioned by The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, American Library Association, Newsweek, and others.

Inventing (and Re-inventing) Yourself as a Writer

2 p.m., Friends Theater; 50 min.

No matter how many years you've been at it, writing is a continual process of discovery. Aimed at both novice and experienced writers, this workshop led by author Sandra Gurvis helps explore the many ways you can use your skills and experiences to boost your career. Sandra is the author of 16 commercially published books and hundreds of magazine articles. She's been a freelance writer for more than 30 years.

Food Writing

3 p.m., Friends Theater; 50 min.

Combine your love of food and your passion



for writing into a marketable skill. Shawnie Kelley talks about the basics of food writing and how to make it really shine. She also covers how to successfully write and submit articles to magazines for publication.

From First Idea to First Draft: 10 Tips for Getting Started on Your Mystery Novel

3 p.m., Meeting Room B; 1 hr. 45 min.

Columbus mystery writer and AP reporter Andrew Welsh-Huggins outlines hands-on strategies for conceiving, plotting, writing and rewriting short stories and books. He will also conduct a short writing exercise, and take any and all questions.

Panel Discussion: Publishing Options and Marketing

4 p.m., Friends Theater; 50 min.

Are you confused or overwhelmed by the various publishing options? How do you determine which method is right for you and your work? Are you stymied by the challenges of how to market your finished work for sale and to grow your readership? Join authors Karen Harper, Susanne Jaffe and Sandra Gurvis to hear about lessons they've learned along the way, and to gain a deeper understanding of the experience of getting published.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Chris Taylor

Upper Arlington Public Library Celebrates 50 Years

This December marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Upper Arlington Public Library as an independent system.

Let me tell you about the Library's early years.

In 1942, the community was home to a little more than 5,000 residents. At the time, residents travelled to the Grandview Heights or Columbus libraries to borrow books. Residents naturally decided that they wanted a library located where they live.

At the time, the brick building that had been a field office for the Upper Arlington Company, and then used for village meetings, was standing empty. It was brought back into service as the community's first library under the management of the Grandview Heights Public Library. The Miller Park Library was 468 square feet, and held 600 books.

In the early 1950s, two more libraries opened within Upper Arlington's city limits: one at Lane Avenue Shopping Center and another at Tremont Shopping Center. Then in 1959, the largest branch was built at the

corner of Tremont and Northam roads with 12,650 square feet, replacing the smaller storefront space in Tremont Center. Miller Park Library was remodeled in 1962 with triple the square footage of the original building.

By this time, the circulation at the Upper Arlington libraries surpassed that of the parent library in Grandview Heights. Despite heavy usage by Upper Arlington residents, the libraries were controlled by the Grandview Library Board, which did not include any representation of Upper Arlington's residents.

In 1965, Upper Arlington City Council began exploring legal options for the libraries. In 1967, Mayor John Dunkel spearheaded the effort to challenge an existing law that prohibited the creation of new library systems in Ohio. His efforts were successful, and on December 11, 1967, the Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill 494 and the Upper Arlington Public Library system was established. Mayor Dunkel appointed a governing and policy-making

board that represented Upper Arlington residents and the library's first director Russell Walker was hired.

Of course, we've undergone many more changes over the past 50 years. In 1975, the Lane Road library opened and the smaller space at Lane Avenue Shopping Center was closed. In 1987, the Tremont library opened an addition that doubled the existing space for the second time since the original building opened in 1959. In 2007, the Miller Park library was renovated and expanded through nearly one million dollars of funding of private donations.

Today we offer hundreds of programs a year, have nearly 40,000 cardholders, and loan out nearly 2 million items each year. We continually look for ways to innovate and adapt to meet the changing needs of our community, such as embracing new technology and media formats, and by offering convenient services like passport processing.

I invite you to celebrate our milestone anniversary by attending a special event in the Main Library's atrium on Monday, December 11 from 6:30-8 p.m. We'll have refreshments from El Vaquero, cake, historical displays, and a fun activity where you can test your knowledge of your Library. I hope to see you there.

Celebrate the Holidays at the Library

Get festive at your library with these programs. Visit www.ualibrary.org or see our winter *Library link* program guide for details and registration information.

Holiday Happiness

**10 a.m.-2 p.m. , Saturday, December 2
Main Library**

Bring the family for a day of music, crafts and festive displays as we celebrate our 46th annual Holiday Happiness. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit from Noon-2 p.m.

Jingle Bell Storytime

**10:30 a.m.; 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. ,
Monday, December 4, Main Library**

Dash through the snow to this fun Pre-K winter music-and-movement storytime.

Home for the Holidays

**4-6 p.m. , Thursday, December 7
Miller Park Library**

Enjoy the four holiday "Cs"—caroling, crafts, cookies and Claus! Mr. Brian returns to the library to lead the singing at 4 p.m., and Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit from 5-6 p.m.

The Christmas Story in Art

**7 p.m. , Wednesday, December 13
Lane Road Library**

Columbus Museum of Art Docent Louise Minor presents biblical stories of Christmas

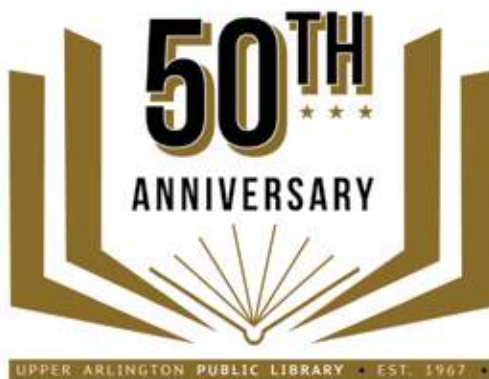


through beautiful works of art housed at the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C.

Elf Holiday Party

**6 p.m. , Thursday, December 21
Lane Road Library**

We'll have cocoa, snowflake making, elf trivia, and a viewing of the movie *Elf*. Crafts and trivia begin at 6 p.m. The movie begins at 6:45 p.m.



Library associate Jan Mell paints a child's face at our Summer Fun Party in 2000. Jan joined the Library in 1978 and is our longest-serving employee.



The Library's Taste of UA booth in 2000 featured a teen volunteer who would go on to become one of our Reference Librarians — Megan Sheeran.



Who are these kids making gooney bird masks in 2001?



Our Youth Department had a reading castle in 2005.

We're wrapping up our year-long observance of 50 years as an independent library system. Patrons of all ages are invited to a celebration on Monday, December 11 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Main Library's atrium. We'll have refreshments, displays of historical photos, and an activity to test your knowledge of library history.

Our "50 for 50" campaign continues through the end of the year as we continue to raise money for the creation of new group work and study space. Your gift will help us provide a much-requested improvement for the benefit of students, families, individuals, and everyone looking to gather at the library. Visit <http://50for50.ualibrary.org> for information and to give. Thank you to everyone who has donated this year!

We'll soon wrap up our Facebook series of the Top 50 Ways to Use Your Library. Did you know you can read to a dog, print homework for free, look up old high school yearbooks, and much more? Stop in or visit us at <https://www.ualibrary.org> to discover everything that's waiting for you at your library.

2000s & 2010s



Kids signing up for Summer Reading Club in 2007.



We hosted librarians from Africa in 2008.



Lane Road patrons getting their hands dirty at Messy Day in 2012.



Whoooo is that dressed as an owl in 2012? It's Miller Park manager Kate Albers!

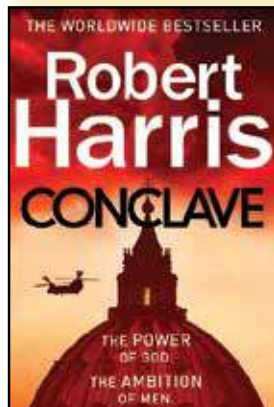
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)

By Dan Santat

Caldecott Medalist Dan Santat is back with a heartwarming story about what happened after Humpty Dumpty fell off that wall. Will Humpty be able to overcome his new fear of heights? With beautiful and at times hilarious illustrations, as well as a surprise ending, Santat's new picture book is inspiring without being preachy. Recommended for all ages.

— Bridie O'Shaughnessy, Miller Park Library

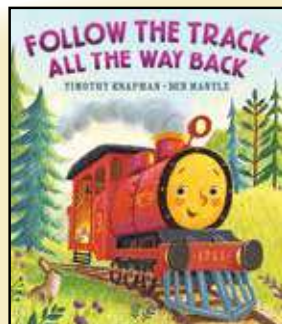


The Saboteur

By Andrew Gross

Andrew Gross constructs an edge-of-your-seat story based on a mission undertaken by the Allies' Grouse and Gunnerside teams in Norway during World War II. As the Nazis raced ahead with making the heavy water necessary to create an atomic bomb, the Allies plotted and trained elite teams to destroy the factory. To get where the factory operated, these men parachuted into some of the most treacherous terrain in Europe and endured fierce storms and overwhelming odds to accomplish the impossible. This riveting tale of resourcefulness and courage brings history to life.

— Hari Ruiz, Adult Services

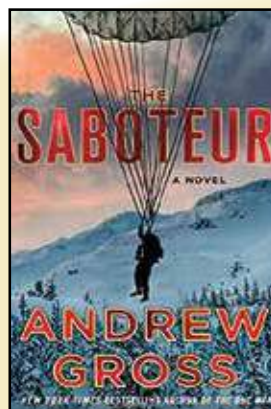


Follow the Track All the Way Back

By Timothy Knapman

It's a big day for Little Train. He's going out on the track all by himself and he's a little nervous! But Mommy Train and Daddy Train have confidence in him and promise they'll be waiting when he returns, no matter how far he goes. Little Train loves his journey, and he goes a long way. How will he get home? Will he remember the advice of his parents? A loving look at a first taste of independence sweetened with the assurance of home.

— Tracie Steele, Youth Services



Strong Is the New Pretty: A Celebration of Girls Being Themselves

By Kate T. Parker

This book celebrates the idea that it is what's in you that counts. This book of candid photographs conveys the strength and power of being true to your authentic self. And that confidence, creativity, kindness and independence are so much more important than our outward appearance.

— Sarah Manley, Miller Park

If the Creek Don't Rise

By Don Dahler

Deep in Appalachia country, in the small town of Baines Creek, Sadie Blue finds herself in a terrible predicament—pregnant and married to an abusive husband. Unable to read and with no family except a grandmother who treats her coldly, Sadie doesn't know what to do or how to get out. However, when the new schoolteacher arrives, she stirs things up not only for Sadie but for the entire town. Told from multiple viewpoints including Sadie's grandmother, pastor, husband, and schoolteacher, readers will gain a deeper understanding of Appalachian life. They will be in on dark secrets from the past and heartfelt truths of the present but in the end, will be left with hope for a better tomorrow. Perfect for fans of historical fiction who love interesting characters, this book will be difficult to put down.

— Kelly Edwards, Adult Services

Conclave

By Robert Harris

The pope has died. Now it is time for the conclave of cardinals to select the new Pope. The 118 cardinals arrive in Rome from all over the world, bringing their own ambitions and agendas. They remain secluded behind the walls of the Vatican while the outside world carefully watches the color of the smoke that signals the result of the votes. This work of historical fiction guides the reader through the process of the secret elections that take place in the Sistine Chapel with a new twist at each chapter.

— Kate Porter, Assistant Director

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What's New in Digital Services?

The Media Department has made some changes and updates to the Library's digital services. Earlier this year, OverDrive launched Libby, a streamlined app to access Digital Downloads, including e-books and e-audio books. The Libby app features an intuitive design and makes the checkout and download process easy. The free app is available in the Apple app store, the Google Play store and the Microsoft app store.

While Libby is a new app, the OverDrive app is still a great way to access e-content, with a new feature that allows you to keep track of your reading history in your account. Any title you borrow from OverDrive will be added to your History page. If you want to add books you've read prior to October 2017 to your history, there is an option to add a title manually. This is a great feature if you are reading your way through a series, or want to keep track of books that you've read by your favorite author.

Another new feature that OverDrive launched this month will be useful to Kindle users. There is now an enhanced Kindle format option presented as the first option for checkout on the Loans page. According to OverDrive, "a new option will (also) be added to the Settings page enabling users to select Kindle Book as their preferred format. If a user selects Kindle as their preference, the Kindle Book will be the presented format for titles where it is available... Users can change or reset this preference at any time."

If you have any questions about these updates, or you would like to know more about our digital services, please contact the Media Department. Our staff will be happy to schedule a one-on-one appointment with you to demonstrate these and many other digital resources, all free with your library card!

February is Library Lovers' Month

Cicero said "If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." While you may not be able to enjoy your garden in February, you can certainly find things to enrich, educate and entertain you at the library.

Libraries and patrons across the country celebrate each February as Library Lovers Month. It's a great time to see why libraries are vital to communities and to discover new things to love about them.

Here in Upper Arlington, we'll be featuring several patrons, employees and volunteers who are library fans. Stop by or visit us on Twitter and Facebook to find out what people in your community love about the library. If you have a library story to share during this special month, email Marketing and Community Relations Manager Christine Minx at cmix@ualibrary.org.

Also, look for special displays throughout our libraries featuring books, movies, and other resources that our staff members love.



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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Middle School Early Dismissal Days

Jones and Hastings Middle Schools will release early on December 13, January 17, and February 14 and 28. Students looking for something to do those afternoons are invited to visit the Miller Park or Main libraries. Miller Park will offer Teen Service Club at 2 p.m. Help with volunteer projects and earn an hour of service credit. The Main Library will have a movie and activity at 2:30 p.m. The title will be available two weeks beforehand.

Winter Book Sale

The Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library will hold its Winter Book Sale from February 18-March 4 in the atrium of the Main Library. You'll find a large selection of used books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl records, magazines and more. Most books are priced from 25¢ to \$2. A special members-only presale will be held on the first day, Sunday, February 18 from Noon-1 p.m. On the final

day of the sale, Sunday, March 4, Friends members can fill a paper grocery bag with books for just \$5. Nonmember price is \$10 per bag. Memberships will be sold onsite for those who would like to take advantage of these benefits but are not yet members.

Art Exhibit

Visit the Main Library between December 9 and February 17 to view the work of members of the Dublin Art League. If you're interested in having a display at the Main Library, visit <https://artspace.ualibrary.org> for information and an online application.

One-on-One Device Help

Did you receive a smartphone, tablet or eReader for the holidays? We can help you load free library eBooks onto your new device. Visit <https://www.ualibrary.org/media-services> to book an individual appointment with a media librarian. You can also check out our Tech Assist programs at the

Lane Road Library at 11 a.m. on December 2, December 30, January 27, and February 24.

Library Job Openings

Looking for a new job opportunity? Our current vacancies are always available at <https://www.ualibrary.org/hr/careers-uapl>. Visit that site to learn more about posted vacancies and to apply. Applicants are required to create an account in NeoGov, HR software for government and public sector jobs. Once you have established an account, you can apply for future jobs by simply logging in. If you are unable to complete the online application or have questions about Library postings, contact the Administrative Office at 614-486-0900.

Holiday Closings

UA Libraries will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We'll also be closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. All libraries will be open on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Presidents' Day.

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



We partnered with the City of Upper Arlington Cultural Arts Division for PARK(ing) Day and painted rocks with fun and inspirational art.



Trapped Columbus Escape Room visited the Lane Road Library to test patrons' puzzle solving skills.



These employees were the winners of the annual You Make a Difference Awards: (l-r) Lauren DiDomenico, Myrlyn Reasoner, Josh Bryant and Josh Stewart.



These young Miller Park patrons decorated mini pumpkins just in time for Halloween.



The StoryWalk® at Fancyburg Park is a joint project of the Library and the City with financial support from the UA Rotary Club and the Friends of the UA Library. Look for a new story this winter!



Author Jamie Ford was the featured speaker at the Upper Arlington Author Series on October 1.



Winter Program Highlights

50th Anniversary Celebration

The UA Library System was created on December 11, 1967. **Celebrate 50 years of the UA Library** with a special event on Monday, December 11 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Main Library's atrium. We'll have cake, refreshments donated by El Vaquero Restaurants, a display of patrons' storywalls and birthday cards from kids, and a trivia activity to test your knowledge of the library. Help us mark our golden anniversary! All ages welcome.

Hour of Code

For the third year, we're partnering with UA High School's Computer Club to join in **The Hour of Code** during Computer Science Education Week. If you own a device, bring it to the Main Library's atrium anytime between 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6. Students from the club will

get you started with Hour of Code learning modules that are designed to be fun and engaging. This program is designed for grades K-12 but is open to all.

Live at the Library

Enjoy music from talented local artists at Live at the Library, our popular concert series. This winter we welcome three bands with very different approaches to music. All performances will be held in the Main Library's Friends Theater at 7 p.m. **E.O.S. Duo** is comprised of Dr. Kimberlee Goodman and Karl Wohlwend, who joined forces in 2009 to pursue a common goal of exploring masterworks for flute and guitar. The Duo performs on Thursday, December 7 at 7 p.m. **The Redbuds** play a repertoire of Appalachian folk music while pulling from artists like Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie.

They'll perform on Thursday, January 11. Finally, the **New Basic Brass Band** will play an hour of jazz, R&B, New Orleans funk, and groove sounds on Thursday, February 8.

CSO Classical Music Previews

The Columbus Symphony Orchestra will present Russian Winter Festival I and II at the Ohio Theater in January and February respectively. Join Classical 101 host and producer **Christopher Purdy** for previews of these two upcoming CSO performances. He'll present examples and stories of the music to be featured at those performances on Thursday, January 4 at 7 p.m. (Russian Winter Festival I) and Thursday, February 1 at 7 p.m. (Russian Winter Festival II). Purdy will cover composers such as Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff, and Shostakovich.

Using LinkedIn

Career coach Sharon Hamersley visits Lane Road Library to teach you how to use LinkedIn to further your career. Get an introduction to the popular social media platform on Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m., then come back on Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m. to learn more about building a network and using LinkedIn in your job search.

StoryWalk® Storytime

Bundle up and join us at the Fancyburg Park for **StoryWalk® Storytime** on Saturday, February 3 at 11:30 a.m. for some hot chocolate or tea and a fun winter activity based on the classic *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats. Please call ahead at 614-486-9621 x3 to check on the status. If the weather is too cold or inclement, we'll hold the event indoors at the Main Library.

Imaginary Veterinary Book Party

Do you know a child who loves stories about hairy beasts, magical unicorns and fire breathing dragons? They'll love our Imaginary Veterinary Book Party on Thursday, February 15 at 4 p.m. at the Lane Road Library. We'll take a trip through Dr. Woo's Hospital for Imaginary Creatures and share activities and crafts related to the book series by Suzanne Selfors.

See our *Library Link* guide for the complete schedule of programs for all ages. Pick up your copy at any UA Library or view online at www.ualibrary.org.

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Seated: President Sarah Mueller; Vice President John Yesso

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

In general, meetings of the Upper Arlington Public Library Board of Trustees begin at 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in Meeting Room B of the Main Library. All meetings of the Board and its committees, with the exception of executive sessions, are open to the public. You can sign up to

receive email notification of upcoming Board meetings at www.ualibrary.org/pages/board-trustees.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, December 19 at 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 16 at 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 20 at 5 p.m.



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Santa's Mailbox

Through 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. An unaffixed first-class stamp is required.

Winter Festival

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

Mallway, 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.

UACA Christmas in the Park

December 3-7

Thompson Park

UA Civic Association, www.uaca.org

Each year Santa visits UA and the lucky children of our town enjoy a carriage ride, meet with Santa and share their Christmas wishes. Registration begins November 17.

Firefighters for Kids Toy Drive

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, December 16

Fire Station 72, 614-583-5103

Donate new, unwrapped toys for kids ages 0-14 years.

Tremont Center Christmas Event

6-8 p.m., Tuesday, December 19

Celebrate the season with Tremont Center merchants. Starting at 6 p.m., visit with Santa and enjoy free sleigh rides and cookies.

Concourse Gallery

M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 3600 Tremont Road

Cultural Arts Division, 583-5310

AQA: Playing with Threads

January 5-26

Reception January 11, 5-7 p.m.

Connecting playfulness with the art process, the Art Quilt Alliance members provide diverse and outstanding work using many techniques and materials not available to traditional quilting.

Elementary Schools

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February 1-23

Reception February 4, 2-4 p.m.

Work on display comes from Barrington, Greensview, St. Agatha, St. Andrew, Tremont, Wellington, Wickliffe and Windermere.

State of the City Address

5-7:30 p.m., Monday, January 22

Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road

City Manager's Office, 583-5040

The City's annual progress report, Community Fair, and announcements of the 2017 Community Awards.

State of the Schools

6 p.m. Monday, February 5

Upper Arlington High School

614-487-5000 | www.uaschools.org

Join Upper Arlington Schools for an update on the implementation of our strategic plan and exhibits and performances by students and staff.



UA Stage – "Anything Goes"

4:30-9 p.m., Wednesday, February 21

UA High School Auditorium

UA Civic Association | uastage@uaca.org

Fifth annual senior event, offered in conjunction with the High School's Vocal Music Program, First Community, and UA Parks & Recreation. It includes dinner and an advance preview of "Anything Goes" at the High School. Reservations required.

"Anything Goes"

7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday,

February 22-24

2:30 p.m. Sunday, February 25

Upper Arlington High School Auditorium

614-487-5200 | www.uaschools.org

The Cole Porter musical-comedy, originally performed on Broadway in 1934, takes you aboard an ocean liner bound from New York to London with a lovelorn Wall Street broker, an heiress, her wealthy fiancée, a nightclub singer and a fugitive.