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Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan Complete

Following passage of a Resolution of Support for the Plan from City Council, the Parks & Recreation Department stands ready to begin implementation

The City's Parks & Recreation Department underwent a comprehensive planning process from the summer of 2017 through the close of 2018, to develop a document to inform and guide decision-making relative to the department's oversight of parks, facilities and programming. PROS Consulting was contracted to perform the study on the City's behalf.

UA's Park System

A healthy network of parks, facilities and recreational opportunities are a vital contributor to a community's vibrancy, sense of place, and desirability as a place to live, work and play, which ultimately supports the community's economic stability. Public parks are the community's front yard, providing space for enjoyment of the natural environment, community gatherings, family activities, educational opportunities, sports leagues, fitness and wellness activities. They improve public and environmental health, create safe neighborhoods, educate and inspire our youth, and connect the community.

As an older, fully developed community, Upper Arlington's park system—and the facilities within it—has long been established. By national standards, the system is deficient in its acreage per 1,000 population; however, the parks are considered a community treasure and are filled with a range of passive and active outdoor recreational facilities. With a total coverage of 182 acres, the system is comprised of seven larger community parks that serve multiple functions, 14 neighborhood parks



that typically feature one or two facilities such as playgrounds and benches, and pocket parks—smaller green spaces that enhance the community's aesthetic appeal with landscaping and unique features. All parks are situated within residential neighborhoods, and residents have a strong attachment to them and how they are used.

Few opportunities exist to expand park acreage, especially to the extent necessary to facilitate a significant addition to the system, such as a field sports facility. High land costs in UA add to the challenge.

The City has addressed some of the larger aging facilities, most recently replacing the Tremont Pool and playground at Northam Park in 2017. Devon Pool

improvements are being addressed in phases, with pool improvements complete, a new poolhouse under construction, and plans to replace the mechanical buildings in 2019/2020.

The needs of other significant aging facilities are yet to be addressed—such as the Senior Center, Northam Park Tennis Courts, and the shelter houses at Fancyburg and Thompson parks. Additionally, the City continues to hear of the need for a new facility—that of indoor recreation space. The Comprehensive Plan was triggered in part to help the City better understand the needs of its citizenry and how best to fulfill them, before significant investment is made in any of these areas.

PLEASE NOTE: This article is an abridged version of the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan Executive Summary. The entire document can be found at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Smaller park improvements—such as neighborhood park playground upgrades, pathway and parking lot maintenance—have traditionally been addressed through the City's Capital Improvement Program, with approximately \$500,000 dedicated in typical years. Looking ahead, the City stands ready to expand its reinvestment to an average of \$1.5 million annually, with additional funding strategies to be explored on a project-by-project basis.

From an operational perspective, parks and facilities maintenance has been a challenge for the department. Once installed, every park component must be maintained, which requires consistent oversight and investment. A beautification program and landscaping enhancements associated with recent infrastructure improvements are expanding the workload. For a number of years, the department has lacked an appropriate level of staffing to either perform the work directly, or to closely monitor the performance of contractors. Additionally, no formal maintenance standards exist to help guide how the work is prioritized and managed.

Across age groups and interests, recreational programming and department special events are of a high standard and a source of great pride, with high resident satisfaction levels. The development of programming has traditionally been performed at the division level, which over the years has resulted in an inconsistency of policies and procedures.

About the Plan

The Comprehensive Plan was developed to systematically guide the City in its provision of exceptional parks, amenities, recreational facilities and programming that meet the wants and needs of the community. By providing detailed assessments of existing conditions, demographics and emerging trends, coupled with extensive feedback from citizens, the plan places the Administration and City Council in an informed position when prioritizing future investment. The existence of a formal strategic planning document for the parks system that has been endorsed by City

Council is also a vital step when seeking specific alternate funding sources for qualifying projects.

The document does not—nor was it intended to—provide a recommendation of what facilities and amenities should be provided in each public park, or to provide master plan concepts for specific community parks. However, it does identify needs and deficiencies within the system, and provides insight on trends to aid in the decision-making process.

Summary of Findings Parks and Park Facilities



A detailed inventory and conditions assessment was undertaken relative to the City's parks, structures, furnishings and recreational facilities. New or relatively new facilities rated well. The assessment confirmed the challenges posed by the aging buildings that house the Senior Center. Significant reinvestment would be required just to maintain the facility as it stands, which may not be a wise investment. Similarly, the condition of the Northam Park Tennis Courts and support structures reflect several years of deferred maintenance needs and flooding issues. The condition of park shelters varies: some require minimal maintenance such as the Northwest Kiwanis/Burbank shelters, while full replacement of the shelters at Fancyburg and Thompson parks is recommended, with the potential for providing year-round functionality.

The assessment process identified issues of poor drainage and overuse of sports fields impacting field quality. The parks feature a variety of park furnishing styles for items such as benches, picnic tables, bicycle racks and trash contain-

ers. Additionally it was noted that some facilities may no longer be required—such as the shuffleboard courts at Fancyburg Park which could be replaced by pickleball courts to reflect changing trends.

Community feedback highlighted an appreciation and support for the park system, a desire to preserve and enhance what we already have and to protect the neighborhood feel of all parks, no matter their size. Feedback showed a correlation between declining satisfaction levels and a facility's age and condition. Survey data highlighted a desire for an expanded network of walking and biking trails, neighborhood parks, greenspace, natural park areas and a nature center.

Programming Assessment



PROS Consulting undertook a detailed assessment of primary programming areas: 50 Plus, Adult, Aquatics, Cultural Arts, Tennis and Youth. The team analyzed the types of programs offered, where they fall on a spectrum of services that are considered "essential," "important" or "value-added," and how the department establishes, maintains and measures success. Cost of service and cost recovery policies were assessed to gauge if the department routinely includes appropriate measures in its analysis of this important area, and if it reaches its goals while also being considerate of equitable access.

As a whole, the department is successful in its provision of a range of programs and activities, however opportunity exists for expanding programming for teens. The analysis emphasized some inconsistencies in policies from one area to another, and opportunities for enhancing

program evaluation processes, standardizing expectations from partnerships with other entities, enhancing analysis of the costs associated with each program service and tying cost recovery goals to how a program is categorized.

Residents have a high level of satisfaction with the services and recreational programs provided by the department. There is a desire for expanding the availability of nature programs, community special events, older adult fitness and wellness opportunities, adult sports programs, water fitness programs, family activities, youth sport programs and swim classes, and preschool/early childhood programming.

What's Missing?

At all stages of the process, PROS heard of the need for indoor recreation space. There was a recognition that the department is creative in how it makes use of what's available—at the Senior Center, Amelita Mirolo Barn, Municipal Services Center, park shelters (based on season), and through partnership agreements with the Upper Arlington Schools and other community entities—however the amount and type of indoor space available limits what can be provided.

The statistically-valid survey results brought these issues into focus. A chart depicting the number of unmet needs in recreation facilities, combined with the importance residents place on the provision of these facilities, highlighted a priority list that included indoor fitness and exercise facilities, a multi-generational recreation center, an indoor aquatic facility, indoor running/walking track, with indoor meeting/gathering spaces and indoor basketball/volleyball courts emerging at a lower priority level. Related to this, a similar list of priorities emerged for programs, with adult fitness and wellness programs, senior fitness and wellness programs, water fitness programs, family open gym, as well as water fitness and learn to swim programs all included, and all programs that require indoor space for year-round fulfillment.



Since the primary existing indoor recreation facility in the community is the Senior Center—which for the most part only serves older adults and is in need of significant upgrades or replacement—the survey probed resident support for replacing this facility to only serve older adults. Respondents were 41% unsupportive of this proposal, with 36% supportive. When asked if they supported the City exploring the feasibility of an indoor recreation facility that would serve all ages, 81% were supportive, with just 11% unsupportive.

Recommendations & Implementation

Using data and feedback collected throughout the process, PROS developed an action plan that includes department vision and mission statements, and defines a series of organizational values to frame how implementation will be approached. A series of goals have been established in five key areas. For each goal, a series of strategies and tactics map out implementation timelines, responsibilities, and provide performance measurements as a guide for success.

Parks

GOAL: Seek to acquire the appropriate level of park land to meet the community's needs for additional trails, sports fields and neighboring parks, along with funding for development to achieve the desired amenities for a valuable recreation experience.

Priority projects include:

- Enhancement of park pathways and regional trail connections;
- Addressing sports field drainage issues and options for extending playable hours for existing fields;
- Conducting an assessment of potential acreage for expanding access to pocket and neighborhood parks, as well as seeking opportunities for accessing park land adjacent to or near the community to support youth sports;
- Working with the Upper Arlington Schools and other entities to identify opportunities to make sure the community's recreational assets are used efficiently and to the benefit of all;
- Development of measurable parks maintenance standards;
- Creation of uniform furnishing standards for amenities such as park benches, picnic tables, bicycle racks, trash containers, etc.

Facilities

GOAL: Achieve the appropriate level of indoor and outdoor community recreation space for people of all ages and abilities.

Answering the question of what the City should do relative to a multi-generational recreation facility will be pivotal to how the department implements this goal. A top priority in 2019 is to conduct a feasibility study that will inform City Council and the community on where such a facility could be located, what it should

contain, cost estimates for construction, operations and ongoing maintenance, as well as funding options and recommended user costs.

The outcome of the feasibility study would impact whether or not the department should seek other ways to provide some of the desired indoor programming activities. This includes the needs of the Senior Center, fitness and wellness opportunities, aquatics and programming space. Options to explore include development of a recreation facilities plan with other entities such as the School and Library districts, as well as possible upgrades to existing park shelters to make them year-round programmable spaces.

Programs

GOAL: *Develop a philosophy in which core programs drive design and operations of all facilities, both indoors and outdoors to maximize the value, use and customer experience for people of all ages, interests and abilities.*

A top priority for the department in 2019 will be to standardize programming policies and procedures across core program areas. An evaluation process will be established that facilitates a routine process for developing new programming reflective of emerging trends, as well as assessing the shelf life of existing programs and ensuring they meet cost recovery goals.

Operations

GOAL: *Incorporate design standards for all parks and amenities to support efficient operations based on operational and maintenance standards, tied to staffing standards focused on achieving the right outcome for the right costs.*

As the department works to develop consistent design standards for the park system, attention will also be placed on developing key maintenance and operational standards, with the goal of achieving a consistent standard across all parks in an operationally efficient manner. This will include documentation of all park

facilities and furnishings within the City's Public Service Management System, an improved work tracking process and extensive training for staff, as well as an assessment of the most efficient way to plan, perform and monitor maintenance work.

Finance

GOAL: *Incorporate a business approach to all operations that focuses on meeting an expected unit cost, and cost recovery levels to be achieved that include programs, maintenance, operations and partnerships, as well as incorporating all available funding sources to provide cost effective services to the community.*

Vital to the success of the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan is the development of realistic and attainable funding strategies to support capital projects, ongoing operations and to set the stage for new park system enhancements as opportunities arise. The department will conduct an extensive "cost of service" assessment to better understand and manage park maintenance needs and enhance cost recovery practices, while taking into consideration equitable access to recreation services. The department will also work to enhance its partnership with the Upper Arlington Community Foundation and will seek additional partnership and grant opportunities to achieve the goals of the comprehensive plan in a responsible and cost effective manner.

What's on the Horizon?

At the November 26, 2018 City Council Meeting, Council approved a Resolution of Support for the 2018 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan. The Parks & Recreation Department has already budgeted a combination of capital and operations items into the 2019-2020 budget cycle and is ready to begin implementation of a number of priority initiatives emerging from this report:

- Conducting a multi-generational indoor recreation facility feasibility study.
- Initiating the design and construction process for replacing the Devon Pool mechanical building, and pool deck and toddler pool upgrades.
- Addressing sports field needs, which will include work to identify options for improving playability within the existing network of sports fields, and efforts to identify the potential for new fields through partnerships or land acquisition.
- Reed Road Park improvements which will include field drainage improvements and replacement of the playground.
- Addressing the needs of the Northam Park Tennis Courts, to include an assessment of the tennis program, existing conditions of the tennis courts and the support building, followed by a design process for court upgrades and support building improvements based on results of the assessment.
- Conducting necessary repairs and upgrades to the Tremont Park fountain.
- Establishing standards for park furnishings and beginning a phased replacement process.
- Widening the sidewalk at Northam Park at the location of the new Petro Plaza, by the Northam Road park entry area.
- At Mallway Park, pending Council support of the proposed Veterans Plaza project, the department will initiate detailed design work for the Veterans Plaza, with associated park improvements.

With the Comprehensive Plan complete, various parks capital projects will be incorporated into the remainder of the City's current 10-year Capital Improvements Program, through 2028.

The entire Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan process included extensive community engagement, and this will continue as the City begins to work on implementation. We encourage you to stay informed and to participate in next steps. An easy way to be sure you will receive updates is to register for our e-newsletter, at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov.



5–7:30 pm, Monday, January 28
Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road

Please join us for the 2019 State of the City Address, for a firsthand look at the year that's been and what lies ahead.

5 pm, 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 pm, 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.

2018 Community Awards

Nomination Deadline: Friday, January 4, 2019

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

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

Community Safety – Individual or group involved in activities to raise awareness of or improve the community's health and safety.

Senior – Individual actively involved in the community through volunteer service, taking a leadership or participatory role in community programs.

Youth – Youth individual or group involved in volunteer service or community programs to benefit others and setting a positive example to fellow UA youth.

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CITY SERVICES

First 2019 Utility Invoice

The first of two semi-annual utility invoices from the City for 2019 will be mailed to UA households by the end of January. These invoices include the Solid Waste fee, the Stormwater Utility fee, and in some cases a Neighborhood Lighting Utility fee. All fees remain the same for 2019.

Some highlights relative to your Solid Waste service:

- Applications for new Medical Exemptions and Premium Service are accepted on an ongoing basis.
- Premium Service customers may cancel this option at any time.
- Senior Discount – Single-unit homeowners who reside at the address and are aged 60 years or above can qualify for a discount on their Solid Waste base fee at any time by completing an online form. The first discount will not take effect until the next semi-annual bill. Once qualified, there is no need to reapply.

Payment of the Utility Invoice is the responsibility of the property owner(s). Similar to property tax, the fees remain attached to the property. The City will not make refunds or prorated adjustments for a partial year. Consult with your realtor and title/escrow closer for adjusting balances between buyers if necessary. Any discounts remain with the property's account until a property transfer is recorded with Franklin County. Any discounts or optional services at the time of transfer will be removed from the property's account due to new ownership.

For full details, visit www.upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Snow Removal

Public Works Division614-583-5350

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's Solid Waste provider, Local Waste, will collect live Christmas trees on your regular collection day in the month of January. Remove all decorations and place trees (do not place in bags) at the curb by 7 am. If the tree is eight feet or taller, please cut it in half.



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Theodore J. Staton

Good News on Two Important Community Ratings

As 2018 drew to a close, the City received word of two impressive accomplishments that speak to our continued commitment to the community we serve.

Financial Ratings

for the 10th consecutive time we have achieved the highest possible financial ratings—Triple A—from two national ratings agencies. Moody's Investors Service has rated the City Aaa and Standard & Poor's has reaffirmed the City's AAA status.

The Triple A rating is the highest that can be attained and is considered the gold standard for government entities when selling bonds to finance projects. As a result, our efforts to effectively manage the community's assets can now be further enhanced by our ability to secure exceptionally low interest rates. We recently took advantage of our reaffirmed rating by issuing bonds valuing approximately \$15.5 million to finance 2019 and 2020 projects identified within our Capital Improvement Program.

To retain top ratings from both of the nation's finest rating agencies is an impressive achievement. We owe this milestone to the strong leadership and vision of our present-day and previous City Councils. I also applaud our Finance & Administrative Services Department. Under the watchful eye of Director Brent Lewis, Finance performs its vital organizational functions to the highest standards of integrity and competency.

ISO Rating

The Fire Division has achieved an upgrade in its classification from the Insurance Services Office (ISO), from a Class 3 to a Class 2 Rating. This marks the first time in the division's history that it has achieved the Class 2 rating. It follows a reevaluation process that occurred earlier this year, and included a records review and onsite visit to tour facilities and see first-hand the operations of the division.

The Insurance Services Office has been evaluating communities in the areas of risk management and preparedness since 1971. The evaluation process takes into account many factors, the results of which help the insurance industry establish insurance premiums for homeowners and business owners alike. A significant component scrutinized in a risk management and preparedness evaluation is access to emergency services, most notably a community's fire department.

Fire departments are evaluated on fire suppression capabilities that include emergency communications, water supply, and operational preparedness and deployment. In addition, ISO recognizes community efforts to reduce losses through fire prevention, education and investigation activities. Following its review, ISO then assigns the local fire department a Class Rating that ranges from 1 to 10—with a Class 1 Rating considered the highest attainable level.

In UA's case, the new Class 2 Rating will take effect February 1, 2019. Hopefully, in the very near future, residents and business owners will see a reduction in their insurance premiums as a result of this accomplishment.

Seasonal Employment Opportunities with Parks & Recreation



It may be the start of the New Year but UA's Parks & Recreation Department is already focused on securing the many seasonal employees needed for a successful summer of youth camps, days at the pool, tennis programming and more. Opportunities exist for teens, college students and teachers looking to fill their summers with rewarding experiences and a useful paycheck, as well as for adults and recent retirees with some extra time on their hands who would like to support their community and enjoy the great outdoors.

Seasonal positions exist in the following areas:

- Pools: management positions, lifeguards, office support (lifeguard certification courses are provided)
- Summer camps: various camp leader and manager positions
- Parks maintenance: various three-nine month opportunities available
- Tennis: various support positions
- Rental facilities: various support positions

Drop-in interviews are scheduled for lifeguard positions for Thursday, January 3 and Friday, January 4, from 9 am-3 pm. No appointment needed, and applicants can complete an application when they arrive.

For details and to submit an application, visit www.governmentjobs.com/careers/uaoh.

FROM CHAMBERS

Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

2019-2020 Budget

At the December 10 City Council Meeting, Council set the stage for the next two years by adopting the 2019-2020 budget.

The City's two-year budget document is developed through a detailed analysis of operational needs, revenue projections and financial policies, setting forth a fiscally responsible framework from which the City can fulfill its service and community reinvestment obligations.

The budget also reflects the policies and direction set by past and present City Councils. Council recognizes that it may be necessary and appropriate to revisit the two-year budget at different points in its implementation, as previously unforeseen initiatives, innovations or community-driven ideas emerge that require funding support.

Some budget highlights include:

- Another year of significant investment in the City's 2019 Capital Improvement Program, with street reconstruction projects on sections of 11 streets, maintenance work on nine streets and waterline replacements on two streets. Henderson Road will be reconstructed west of Sawmill Road, with the addition of curb and gutter, storm sewer improvements and pedestrian/bicycle accommodations.
- A focus on several Parks & Recreation projects stemming from the Comprehensive Plan (see page 2 for details).
- Two new School Resource Officers—a shared cost with the Upper Arlington Schools—that will provide support to the middle and elementary schools.
- A fulltime position in the Fire Division to bring the STAY UA Program in-house and to administer the CARES Program.
- A fulltime position in the Community Development Department to perform code compliance and administrative duties.



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

During the 2019-2020 budget cycle, Council is dedicated to analyzing architectural review and community relations options. Council also intends to initiate the formation of a new Citizen Financial Review Task Force, as recommended by the 2014 Task Force, to include a review of the status of recommended implementation strategies and an analysis of the potential extent and scope of a performance audit.

Council also asked that additional funds be added to the 2019 budget:

- \$50,000 was added to the Parks & Recreation Department for additional park maintenance services.
- \$12,000 was added for additional animal control services.
- \$35,000 was added for potential performance audit services.

Water & Sewer Surcharge Increases

Included within the 2019-2020 budget document are 5% increases in the water and sewer surcharges that are added onto property owners' water bills from Columbus. These increases will bring the surcharges to 15% for water and 23% for sewer.

The Columbus portion of a water bill covers the costs for water treatment, distribution, operation and waterline maintenance. These rates are reviewed annually.

Upper Arlington's surcharge is based on water usage and covers costs for operations and maintenance, and helps support capital costs for water and sewer line replacements. Upper Arlington's rates were last increased in 2008.

A directive of the 2014 Citizen Financial Review Task Force was to set utility charges at a level sufficient to cover operating and capital costs. An assessment of the water and sewer funds' capacity for supporting both costs indicated a much larger increase was needed to attain that goal. Recognizing the impact that would have on citizens, the increases set forth in the budget represent a good faith effort to lessen the impact of the increase and to move incrementally toward the Task Force's goal.

Below are examples of the increase residents will see on their water bill starting early in 2019:

- **Family of 4** – an increase of \$39 per quarter assuming water usage of 30 ccf/quarter
- **Single Family Household** – an increase of \$13 per quarter assuming water usage of 10 ccf/quarter

The entire budget document can be found at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov. If you have questions, please contact the Finance Department, at 614-583-5291.

Firefighter of the Year



At a December City Council Meeting, Firefighter/Paramedic David B. Wisner was recognized as recipient of the 2018 Firefighter of the Year Award. David has been with the City since February 2016. In that short time, the division's leadership and his peers have witnessed his sincere dedication and discipline to his profession. Outside his normal duties, David has been very motivated to use his knowledge and skills to provide division-wide EMS training to incoming paramedics. David has been instrumental in planning and implementing the CARES Registry—a special needs registry to help minimize the impact of injuries, illness or emergencies experienced by members of our community with special needs.

Police Survey

Every three years, the Police Division fields a Police Community Survey, to gauge citizens' opinions regarding crime, safety issues and police response and services, and to help guide the division in its allocation of resources. The 2018 survey was made available online in November. A total of 482 residents participated.

When asked about the overall quality of police services, 87% of respondents rated services as "excellent" or "good." Specific services receiving the highest percentage of "excellent" ratings were child safety programs, 911 and non-emergency response, and drug and alcohol education. The lowest rated programs based on the percentage of "fair" and "poor" ratings were traffic law enforcement, bicycle and pedestrian law enforcement, parking enforcement, and community outreach/education. Twenty four percent of respondents felt the overall quality of police services has improved in the past three years, while 60% said it stayed the same and only 4% felt the quality of services had declined.

When asked what services were most important, respondents overwhelmingly listed 911 response as the most important

service, followed by neighborhood patrol, drunk driving enforcement, and follow-up on criminal complaints by detectives. The services that respondents believed were least important included animal control and parking enforcement.

Respondents expressed the greatest concern about the following crime and safety issues: illegal drug use and sales, residential burglary, online child/sexual predators, driving under the influence, and child abuse and neglect.

Quality police services are important to Upper Arlington residents – 97% of respondents agreed with the statement "Overall, I feel safe in Upper Arlington," with 57% choosing "strongly agree." The personal conduct of police officers in Upper Arlington also received high support, with 88% agreeing that the attitudes and behaviors of officers is professional and positive, 80% agreeing that officers are approachable and 93% agreeing that officers are doing a competent job.

The City and Police Division thank all who offered their input. Responses will continue to be analyzed and used for the improvement of police and safety services in the community.

Case Road Update

Over the summer/fall of 2018, the City had been exploring the possible purchase of 34 acres of land on Case Road to facilitate a sports field facility, in partnership with the City of Columbus. On October 22, Staff received word that Columbus was no longer interested in pursuing this project. Since the proposal represented a rare opportunity to address a long-recognized need for sports fields, it was disappointing that Columbus' decision brought the review process to an early end. That said, the City understands that Columbus' priority is to serve its residents to the best of its ability, and had every right to adjust its long-term goals for the property.

When the City began these discussions with Columbus, it was noted that

collaborations between municipalities are notoriously difficult, despite the obvious benefits that can be realized. Challenges can include differences in priorities, budgetary needs, timing, political considerations, constituent concerns and more. That doesn't mean that we should not pursue opportunities like this in the future, as they may come available. Recognizing that Upper Arlington's recreational needs are significant but limited by the available parkland, the City will continue in its good faith efforts to address these needs in a creative but cost effective manner.

The City thanks all in the community who provided input as this opportunity was under review.

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NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Tuesday, January 1, 2019** – New Year's Day. Solid Waste service is delayed by one day for the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday collection zones.
- **Monday, January 21** – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Solid Waste services are **NOT** delayed as a result of this holiday.
- **Monday, February 18** – Presidents' Day. Solid Waste services are **NOT** delayed as a result of this holiday.

City INSIGHT eNews

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 614-583-5040

Get timely service news and special project updates from the City, with information similar to what you find in this newsletter sent directly to your inbox. To register to receive our twice monthly e-newsletter, go to www.upperarlingtonoh.gov.

2019 Community Calendar

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 614-583-5040

As a service to the community, the City hosts an online Community Calendar. We invite you to submit details of upcoming special events that are open to and promote government interests of the community at-large. Details and an online event submission form can be found under the "Events" section of the City's website, at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Senior Center Luncheons

SENIOR CENTER 614-583-5320

The folks at the UA Senior Center invite you to join them for their monthly luncheons, which begin at 11:30 am:

- **Tuesday, February 12** – Sweetheart Luncheon with acoustic guitarist and singer, Nancy Hughes. Cost \$10 by February 8.

Lane Avenue Parking Reminder

POLICE DIVISION 614-583-5150

The City wishes to remind residents and

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

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 614-583-5030

A full list of upcoming public meetings of City Council and its various Boards and Commissions can be found under the Event Calendar, at www.upperarlingtonoh.gov.

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

Sunday Swim at UA High School

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

Sunday Swim provides a weekly opportunity for families to enjoy the High School's indoor aquatics facility, held most

Sundays through May 5, from 1-3 pm. The cost per visit is \$3 for a resident or \$20 for a season pass (\$40 for a resident household).

2019 Wall of Honor

Call For Nominations

Deadline Friday, January 11

www.uahistory.org

Each year, a new bronze plaque is added to the limestone wall of the Municipal Services Center Plaza to honor a deceased UA resident who had a positive impact on the community and beyond through his or her professional, philanthropic, volunteer or public service. Nominations are being accepted for the 2019 Wall of Honor inductee, a partnership of the UA Historical Society and the City's Parks & Recreation Department. Nomination forms are available at www.uahistory.org. The deadline is Friday, January 11, 2019. The 2019 induction ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 19.

Home Security Alarm Permits

POLICE DIVISION 614-583-5100

Households with home security systems are required to obtain a license from the Police Division. The one-time \$50 fee is non-transferable and covers both Police



The Fire Division is a recipient of the 2018 Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership's "Promising Practice Award" for the CARES Program. This award recognizes exceptional, community-based interventions aimed at reducing incidences of injury in Ohio. Pictures at a late fall awards ceremony (from left): Assistant Fire Chief Chris Zimmer, Firefighters/Paramedics David Wisner, Mindy Gabriel and Mark Weade.

and Fire services. Households are allowed up to three false alarms per calendar year—any false alarms thereafter are subject to a \$50 fine to offset the costs for emergency response.

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.

Sale of Old Street Signs

PUBLIC SERVICE 614-583-5350



The City's Public Service Department is in the midst of upgrading street signs. As we replace the old with the new, we are making our old signs available to the community for purchase. Enjoy your very own keepsake for your street, and be the envy of your neighbors. Signs cost \$29 for those between 24"-30" in length, \$37 for 36" signs, and \$45 for any signs sized 41" or above. We've recently made the selection and purchasing process much easier, thanks to our new website and online purchasing software. Visit www.upperarlingtonoh.gov for details.

Winter Activity Guide

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300



The *Winter Activity Guide* is your guide to the many events, programs and recreational opportunities offered by the Parks & Recreation Department. An online version of the guide and program registration can be found at parks.uaoh.net.

Upper Arlington Bridges

www.neighborhoodbridges.org

Neighborhood Bridges began in Westerville early in 2017. As it caught on, other communities joined in, and UA's version was launched in April of 2018. By the close of 2018, across the seven participating communities, more than 14,000 acts of kindness had been received.

Recent examples of the help provided in UA include hearing aid repairs for an older adult on a low income, groceries and dinners for a family dealing with the challenges of cancer, funds to prevent the eviction of an older adult who experienced a temporary income reduction, and the provision of monthly bus passes to help two individuals in the City's drug court program successfully attend all their required reporting and counseling sessions, setting them both on a positive path to recovery.

If you like the idea of directly helping your fellow community members, there are

two simple ways to get involved: Visit www.neighborhoodbridges.org to register for email updates for the Upper Arlington program; or follow @uabridges on Facebook.

Ultrasound Technology Now Part of UA Fire Medic Team

FIRE DIVISION 614-583-5100

The Fire Division has entered into a pilot program with OSU's Wexner Medical Center, focusing on the pre-hospital use of Ultrasound Technology for peripheral intravenous access. This follows an assessment that highlighted the benefits of using this technology in the field. The division identified community members who—in the event of requiring transport to the hospital—would benefit from receiving an IV while in transit. They also concluded that some of these individuals may not require a trip to the hospital if they could have an IV placed by medics while still at home. The Ultrasound unit was made possible thanks to a generous family donation to the CARES Program in honor of David Christopher Brooks, with funding support for training and to help launch this new service from the Fire Fund at the Upper Arlington Community Foundation.

Watch Out for Joggers

POLICE DIVISION 614-583-5100

The City periodically hears from resident joggers 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 in an intersection. We urge 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. We also urge joggers to be mindful of their appearance—wear something reflective and consider wearing a headlamp. Run against traffic so that you can see vehicles as they approach. If you are listening to music, only wear one headphone so that you can hear what's going on around you.

Schools[★]INSIGHT

JANUARY | FEBRUARY 2019

A BI-MONTHLY PUBLICATION FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS



New Strategic Plan to Build on Successes of Past 4 Years

Four years after setting a new standard in strategic planning for public school districts, UA Schools staff members and community volunteers are set to go a step further by creating an even more focused plan.

The 2014 strategic planning process was inspired by community conversations revealing a strong desire for the district to develop a small number of measurable goals that addressed what matters most for students and the community.

To achieve this, the district worked with business experts to develop a new, hybrid planning process. It combined the best elements from both private-sector and public-sector models by balancing the focus on results-oriented goals with widespread community participation.

"The traditional strategic planning process for school districts often leads to a lengthy plan that fills a large three-ring binder and ultimately sits on a shelf," said Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D. "We wanted to create a plan that would drive everything we do—and it has done just that."

Chief Academic Officer Keith Pomeroy points to several major initiatives identified in the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan that have now come to fruition.

"When you think about our curriculum mapping and assessment work, the implementation of the one-to-one technology program, and the continued development of our service learning programs—these are all major strides made possible because of the strategic plan."

Another important accomplishment was the debut of the *Quality Profile*, an annual accountability report that measures the district's progress toward

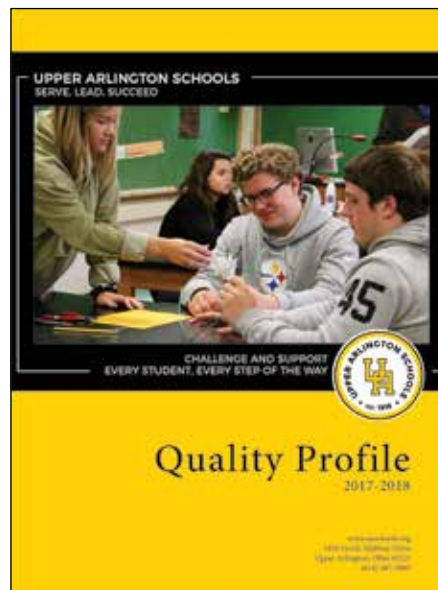


The districtwide, K-12 one-to-one technology program (above) is one of the major accomplishments of the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan.

meeting goals and meeting the high expectations of the community. The latest edition of the *Quality Profile*, reflecting the

2017-2018 school year, is available on the district's website, at www.uaschools.org/qualityprofile. Recently, all Upper Arlington households also received an executive summary document, offering a snapshot of the full *Quality Profile* report.

The 2015-2018 Strategic Plan also created a roadmap for efficiency-related goals such as the facilities master planning process. As part of the planning process, community volunteers on the Efficiency and Productivity Work Team identified the cost of maintaining aging school buildings as a major threat to the district's long-term financial health. They recommended that the Board of Education launch a full-scale, community-driven facilities master planning process.



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SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

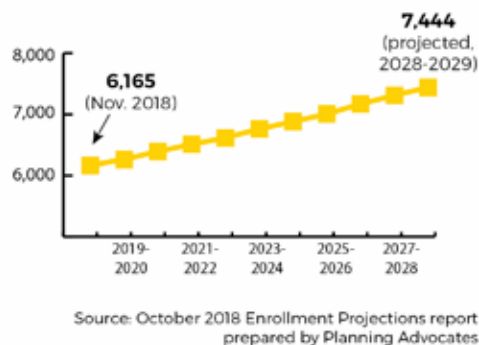
Enrollment Projections Show Continuing Upward Trend

It's a great time to be a Golden Bear—such a great time that our schools are seeing steadily growing enrollment.

In the past 10 years, our district has grown from about 5,700 students to nearly 6,200 students - an increase of more than eight percent. While that statistic is impressive enough for *The Columbus Dispatch* to identify Upper Arlington Schools as one of the fastest-growing districts in the state, it's just the beginning of the story.

Each year we commission a third-party enrollment projection report. The most recent update indicates that our district will continue to grow during the next 10 years—reaching an enrollment of nearly 7,500 by the 2028-2029 school year. That's a projected increase of more than 1,250 students—or approximately 20 percent of our current size.

It's exciting to be part of a school district and a community that is so



attractive to young families. They are seeing what many residents have worked so hard to build over the past century—a city with a high regard for education and a great sense of pride for what it means to be a Golden Bear.

But the serious side to such a significant climb in enrollment is the need for additional space and additional staffing.

The space issue will be largely managed through the implementation of the first phase of the facilities master plan. As we renovate and rebuild the high school and elementary schools, we are adding square footage needed to accommodate the projected enrollment growth. We have even prepared for the eventuality that the growth could exceed our projections; we have designed each new or renovated building to have a logical place for a classroom addition if needed.

Staffing is another important consideration with a growing enrollment. More students mean more classes and more teachers, bus drivers, nutritional services staff and everyone else. One of our most important jobs in the coming years will be to efficiently manage the costs associated with growth while ensuring we continue to offer the highest-quality educational programs, provide strong safety and wellness supports and retain the best teachers in the region.

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

"And now we are just months away from breaking ground on a new high school and renovations or rebuilds of our five elementary schools," Imhoff said.

As the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan comes to an end, district leaders hope to build on its successes.

"We will continue on the same journey," Imhoff said. "The next iteration of the strategic plan will be even more focused and allow us to build on what is working across our district."

One new area of focus is well-being. A work team of community volunteers and staff members will have an important

set of issues to research including, but not limited to, safety, mental health, bullying prevention, cultural competency, substance abuse prevention, and stress reduction. This team will provide a briefing paper for the Board of Education, which will be translated into a set of objectives and leading strategies to address each identified area.

The planning committee will have a draft of the next strategic plan ready by the summer of 2019. The plan will officially launch with the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.

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BITES From the Apple

SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



Final Design Phase Meetings Scheduled for January 22



Plans for five new or renovated elementary schools and a new high school have entered into the final phase of the design process both on budget and on time, with groundbreakings slated to begin in the spring of 2019.

At communitywide meetings on January 22, residents will be able to take a look at the final designs and renderings for all six projects of the first phase of the community's master plan. Residents can choose from two meeting options:

- 9 am, January 22, Mountview Christian Church, 2140 Fishinger Road
- 7 pm, January 22, west cafeteria at Upper Arlington High School, 1650 Ridgeview Road

Community members will also be invited to participate in exciting groundbreaking ceremonies for the first five projects: the high school and Barrington, Greensview, Tremont and Wickliffe elementary schools. A groundbreaking and construction at the Windermere Elementary site will follow a year later. Details for these events will be forthcoming in the new year.

For a full tentative construction timeline, as well as more information on the design process, please visit www.uaschools.org/facilities.

30 UAHS Graduates Earn Ohio Biliteracy Award

Thirty Upper Arlington High School graduates from the Class of 2018 have been recognized with the Ohio Seal of Biliteracy award for demonstrating high levels of proficiency in English and at least one other language.

Upper Arlington High School Class of 2018 graduates who qualified for this award met proficiency requirements for English language arts as well as for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams. This was the first graduating class eligible for the

designation.

Congratulations to the Seal of Biliteracy recipients from the high school: Noah Amsterdam, Alison Argento, Robert Brandes, Leon Brodsley, Samantha Davis, Ava D'Herete, Hannah Dible, Theodore Dimitrov, Alyssa Dunsizer, Rachael Feinberg, Lily Goldberg, Ami Hidmi, Audrey Holman, Allen Hu, Daniel Ibba, Dante Landolfi, Sangyoon Lee, Sydney Lowe, Masha Manilchuk, Giacomo Melaragno, Gabriela Ott, Will Robbins, Erin Rosen, Lydia Schlatter, Kendra Sheehan, Gavin Voss, Daniela Waifor, Caitlin Walker, Reid Watson and Everett Will.

Athletic Hall of Fame Reminder

Please join the Upper Arlington Schools in recognizing the eight new inductees into the Upper Arlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame, as well as the state championship teams from 1970 through 1979, at a reception on January 4.

The reception honoring retired coaches Dudley Beaver and Dick Fryman and UAHS alumni Denny Dicke, Elaine Ferritto Calip, Terry Gilmore, Abby Johnston McGrath and Fred "Curly" Morrison will begin at 5 pm in the learning center at the high school.

The inductees, or family members representing them, will also be introduced between the girls varsity basketball game and boys varsity basketball games against Marysville on January 4. The girls basketball game begins at 6 pm.

BECS Registration Now Open — and Space Is Limited!



Burbank Early Childhood School is accepting registrations for summer 2019 as well as 2019-2020 school year.

The tuition-funded program serves about 265 families each year for part-day and full-day preschool for children 2-1/2 to 5 years old as well as extended-day kindergarten.

For more information, please visit www.uaschools.org/burbank. To schedule a tour, please call 614-487-5155.

Kindergarten Registration for 2019-2020 Begins in February



The Upper Arlington Schools staff is excited to welcome the Golden Bears Class of 2032! Children who will be five years of age on or before September 30, 2019, are eligible for kindergarten during the 2019-2020 school year.

All five elementary schools will offer information nights for families interested in enrolling their child or children in kindergarten for the upcoming school year.

Barrington, 6:30 pm, January 31

Tremont, 6:30 pm, January 29

Windermere, 6:30 pm, February 5

Greensview, 6:30 pm, February 5

Wickliffe, 6:30 pm, February 7

To view a map of the elementary attendance areas, please visit www.uaschools.org/OurSchools.aspx. Please note that Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School is a school of choice and does not have an attendance boundary as it offers the Informal Program to students living in the Greensview, Tremont and Windermere attendance areas.

Families interested in enrolling their child or children may do so beginning Wednesday, February 13 through an online registration form that will be accessible via our website, www.uaschools.org. For more information on the kindergarten registration process, please visit our website.

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

Providing clear and transparent communication about the state of the district's finances is one of our major commitments to the community, and we take that commitment very seriously.

Our annual Financial Update report is meant to provide our community with a clear and concise look at the district's finances. This report details the sources our funding, how that money is used and many other topics that might affect district finances.



We are currently working on our fourth annual Financial Update. We encourage you to look for the 2018-2019 Financial Update on our website at

www.uaschools.org/treasurer in the coming weeks.

As with all district publications, we want the community to provide feedback so we can continue to refine the report each year.

In addition to our internal report, we also rely on external, third-party reviews of our finances. Each year, the state auditor's office sends a team to audit our district, delving into financial records and reviewing our practices. I'm proud to say that we earned a clean audit opinion and the Auditor of State Award again this year.

If you would like to learn more about the district's finances, please look through all of the resources available on our website or contact me at treasurer@uaschools.org.

2018-19 KEY SCHOOL DATES

Winter Break

Monday, December 24-Friday, January 4

No School for Students and Staff

Monday, January 21 (Martin Luther King Day)

Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, January 30

Grades 1-5: dismissal at 11:05 am; no kindergarten classes all day

No School for Students and Staff

Monday, February 18 – Presidents' Day

Early Dismissal (K-12)

Wednesday, February 27

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

Friday, March 8

Spring Break

Monday, March 11-Friday, March 15

No School for Students

Monday, March 18

SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



The annual Turkey Train traveled the halls of Tremont Elementary School as first-grade students collected all the fixings to supply Thanksgiving meals to After-School All-Stars for families in need at Moler Elementary School in Columbus.



In October, a team of students from Upper Arlington High School secured first place at a statewide high school cybersecurity competition offered by the Ohio Attorney General's Office and The Ohio State University.



Hastings Middle School's Kindness Club and Student Council worked to build a more inclusive community during daily activities for Start With Hello week at the end of October. Throughout the week, students spread kind words on sticky notes through a "compliments tree."



In the week leading up to Thanksgiving, Jones Middle School students and staff donated 59 Thanksgiving meals in a bag for After-School All-Stars, packed a total of 100 meals for STAR House and the YMCA Family Shelter, and cooked seven turkeys to feed families at the Dowd Center.



Hour of Code Across UA



More than 2,400 students at all five elementary schools and both middle schools learned about coding with the help of approximately 70 Upper Arlington High School computer science students during the first Hour of Code Across UA on November 29. Dr. Diane Kahle, a computer science teacher at Upper Arlington High School, coordinated

this districtwide event to foster an interest in computer science education among younger students in the district.

SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



In her second game of the season on November 28, senior Macy Spielman became the new all-time leading scorer for the Upper Arlington High School girls basketball team.



Fourteen Upper Arlington High School student-athletes made the commitment to continue their athletic and academic pursuits in college on National Signing Day.



The UAHS Crew capped off the fall season by being one of only two public high school teams to medal at Head of the Hooch, one of the world's largest regattas.



Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School

Celebrating Veterans

Veterans from across the region - including alumni - joined students at Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School, Hastings and Jones middle schools, and Upper Arlington High School for special events commemorating Veterans Day. At their third-annual Take a Veteran to School Day, Wickliffe students welcomed dozens of Veterans - including Jim McWhorter, who recently returned from an Honor Flight experience thanks to the generosity of the Wickliffe community. Eighth-grade students at both middle schools learned about the importance of Veterans in our community, and high school students heard from Veterans representing all branches of the military.



Hastings Middle School



Jones Middle School



Upper Arlington High School

Alumni Spotlight

U.S. Air Force Captain Kyle Cassady, Upper Arlington High School Class of 2010

College/career experiences:

Upon graduation from Upper Arlington High School, Kyle attended the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. As a cadet, he learned to exemplify the service academy's core values of "Integrity First, Service Before Self, Excellence in All We Do."

Through the academy's aviation programs, Kyle knew right away that he wanted to pursue a career in the Air Force. After his graduation from the Air Force Academy, Kyle was selected to attend pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base in Texas. He continued his training at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri and was chosen to fly the B-2 Stealth Bomber. As one of the youngest pilots to complete the program, Kyle is grateful for the opportunity to call the B-2 cockpit his office and enjoys the continued thrill aviation brings him every flight.



Above all, growing up in Upper Arlington fostered a sense of adventure and independence in Kyle. This spirit was what led Kyle to choose the Air Force Academy over Ohio State, where his dad, Craig, and grandfather, "Hopalong" Cassady, left a strong legacy.

In November, Kyle led the flyover for the Ohio State versus Nebraska football game – bringing together his Air Force and Columbus communities. It was an unforgettable experience, and he would like to thank the countless number of teachers, coaches, family and friends who helped shape who he is today.

How did UA Schools prepare him for success?

Upper Arlington is a special place to grow up. Its premiere education system gives students the opportunity and skill set they need to be successful. Kyle's experiences at both Greensview Elementary School and Hastings Middle School were highlighted by several role models who exemplified characteristics he needed to excel at the Air Force Academy.

Jason Wulf, Kyle's fourth-grade teacher who is now the principal at Greensview, instilled the importance of hard work in him. Mike Golden, Kyle's football coach at Upper Arlington High School, provided him the opportunity to grow as a leader in his role as quarterback and captain of the football team. Ted Wolford, Kyle's lacrosse coach, taught him the significance of goal-setting and how to be a good teacher, which he frequently uses as an instructor pilot.

THE UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION



2019 Upper Arlington Board of Education

Back row: Robin Comfort, Treasurer Andrew Geistfeld, Scott McKenzie, Superintendent Paul Imhoff

Front row: Vice President Stacey Royer, President Carol Mohr, Nancy Drees

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

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, January 15, 5:15 pm - organizational meeting; 6 pm - regular meeting, Council Chamber

The schedule of meetings for the 2019 calendar year will be set by the board at its January 15 organizational meeting. To see the schedule, visit www.uaschools.org/board. For additional information on the members of the Board of Education and its policies, visit the website listed above.

Library [★]iNSIGHT

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10 Reasons to Love Your Library

Each February, libraries and their fans celebrate Library Lovers Month. With books and movies, technology, meeting space, programs and so much more, there's a lot to love about today's libraries.

Here are 10 reasons to love your library all year round.

1. A catalog shared with 16 other Central Ohio libraries means you have access to millions of items.
2. Friendly and knowledgeable staff will make reading recommendations, help you with technology, and assist with research on any topic.
3. Dozens of entertaining and educational programs for all ages every quarter.
4. Summer Library Club keeps kids engaged with books during their vacation.
5. We work with all UA City Schools to get a library card in the hand of each student. Cards are delivered right to the school.
6. Speaking of school ... students can print up to five pages of homework each day for free.
7. Our meeting rooms and group study area are great for groups needing a place to gather, discuss and work.
8. We'll process your passport application or take a passport photo for a renewal. Bonus: The execution fee serves as an extra source of income for the Library.
9. You can access well-known online services like Lynda.com and Consumer Reports for free with your library card.
10. We make information and technology accessible to everyone.



We recently completed three donor-funded projects: an update of the children's area at Miller Park Library, the installation of new technology in all of our meeting rooms, and the addition of new group study space at the Main Library. Your donations make special projects like these possible. Please consider making a donation of any size, at <https://give.ualibrary.org>.

Main Library Debuts New Group Space

Thanks to your donations to our 50th anniversary fundraising campaign, the Main Library recently installed new group study space.

The new area contains a group study room, four tables with chairs and white boards, two restaurant-style booths, and a cozy sitting area. It replaced a row of individual study carrels on the north side of the Adult Department. Carrels are still located on the south side of the Adult Department and downstairs in the Reference Department.



In a 2015 survey, library patrons told us that more group space was needed. Thanks to over \$20,000 in donations in 2017, the Library worked with LOTH, Inc.

to create a functional and flexible area. Students, professionals, organizations and anyone needing to gather for a group project will find the space convenient.

OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

The Beginner's Guide to Starting a Garden: 326 Fast, Easy, Affordable Ways to Transform Your Yard One Project at a Time

By Sally Roth

Dreaming of getting out into the garden? This book has plenty of ideas and inspiration for you, whether you're a beginner or not. Roth focuses on building a garden by tackling one small, manageable project at a time, with design plans for different areas of the yard. The book is filled with vivid photos, plant recommendations, and valuable tips for saving money and avoiding mistakes.

— Bridie O'Shaughnessy, Miller Park Library

Little Fires Everywhere

By Celeste Ng

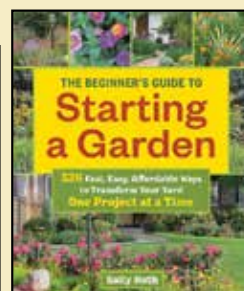
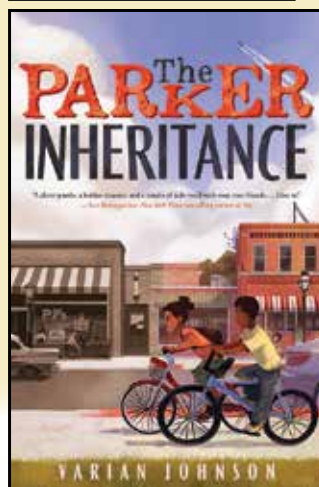
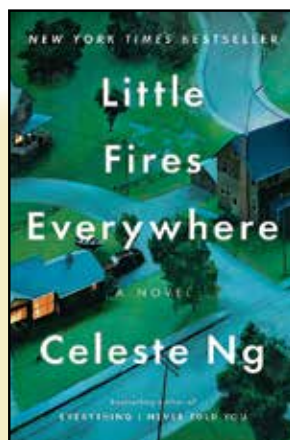
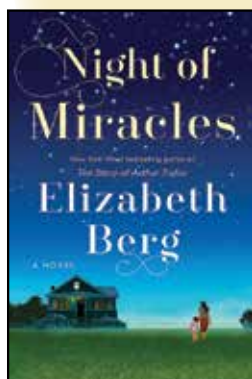
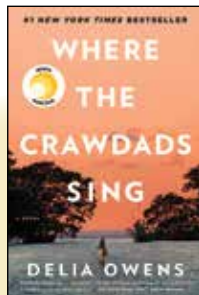
Shaker Heights, Ohio is the most perfect place on earth, or so the residents living there believe. The Richardsons are wealthy, privileged and liberal enough to know that there are others not as fortunate. When Mia, a talented artist with a mysterious past, and her daughter arrive in Shaker Heights, they upend the serenity of this carefully constructed and ordered community. Soon the bubble of perfection begins to deflate as both families begin to discover how the burden of secrets and misunderstanding can alter and even destroy what you have always believed true about yourself and those you love.

— Melanie Stanley, Adult Services

Where the Crawdads Sing

By Delia Owens

This book tells the story of a girl who is separated from her family and grows up on her own while living in a marsh. Although this is Delia Owens' first novel, she is an



experienced nonfiction writer and this comes through in the detail she uses in her writing. A coming of age story of an outsider, this story comes through as very real and complex. Fans of Barbara Kingsolver might appreciate this book.

— Pam Cole, Lane Road Library

Marilla of Green Gables

By Sarah McCoy

This is the story of young Marilla Cuthbert, before Anne Shirley, growing up in the newly built Green Gables on Prince Edward Island. In the wake of her mother's death, Marilla takes over the domestic running of the household, and soon finds herself learning about both the politics of Avonlea and the abolitionist movement. As Marilla's worldview grows, she must face the challenges of her strong beliefs, her

budding romance with John Blythe, and the duties of Green Gables. This imagining of Marilla Cuthbert's young life, based on the character in L. M. Montgomery's *Anne of Green Gables*, is a delightful addition to the genre of historical fiction.

— Dana Grimes, Adult Department

Night of Miracles

By Elizabeth Berg

This sequel to the *The Story of Arthur Truluv* can be appreciated all on its own. Taking place in the charming town of Mason, we meet characters who are so human and relatable as they grapple with the challenges of relationships, illness and aging. They not only support one another, but they bring out the best in each other in this warm-hearted book about community, hope and second chances.

— Kris Stahler, Miller Park Library

The Parker Inheritance

By Varian Johnson

While digging through the attic, Candice finds a letter addressed to her grandmother, the first female and African American city manager for the town. The letter promises a mysterious fortune if the clues can be solved. But when her grandmother tried 10 years ago, she lost her job and her reputation after digging up the tennis courts. Candice partners with her neighbor Brandon to solve the mystery. Chapters alternate between the past and present to give readers the whole story.

— Liz Handler, Youth Department

Writers' Conference Returns to Main Library

Aspiring and established writers are invited to our fourth writers' conference, The Write Stuff, on Saturday, January 12, from 10 am-4:30 pm at the UA Main Library. The Write Stuff is a full day of talks by authors and editors, plus an expo of representatives from the publishing industry.

The day's keynote speaker is poet Scott Woods. Other speakers include Susanne Jaffe, Andy Rose, Jody Casella, Natalie D. Richards, Andra Gillum, Trudy Brandenburg, Laurie Avery, and Faith Van Horne.

Breakout sessions include "The Building Blocks of Writing: Fiction and Nonfiction," "Introduction to Screenwriting," "Working with a Writing-Critique Partner," "Writing Your



Poet Scott Woods

Personal Essay," "Creating Fictional Characters," and "Your Book's Marketing Plan."

New this year are one-on-one sessions with editor Faith Van Horne, who will review your one-page pitch letter and the completed first chapter of your book.

Details and registration for all sessions can be found at <https://write-stuff.eventbrite.com>. Registration is required for each session and is expected to fill quickly.

The industry expo runs from 10 am-4:30 pm in our atrium. The International Women Writers Group, Ohioana, Buckeye Crime Writers, Thurber House, Upper Hand Press, Central Ohio Fiction Writers, and the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators will all be in our atrium to chat with participants. No registration is required for the expo.

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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Interlibrary Loan Service Discontinued

We are discontinuing our Interlibrary Loan service effective January 1. Please use our SearchOhio and OhioLINK options if you can't find what you're looking for in our catalog. These links will appear if your catalog search returns no results. Note that Columbus Metropolitan and Ohio State University Libraries still offer traditional Interlibrary Loan.

Passport Fair

Need a passport for spring travel? Check out our passport fair in the Main Library's atrium on Saturday, January 5, from 10 am-4 pm. We'll offer new passport processing and passport photos with no appointment required. For more information, including a list of items you'll need to get a passport, visit <https://passportservices.ualibrary.org>.

One-on-One Tech Help

Did you receive a smartphone, tablet or eReader over the holidays? Our staff can help you load free library eBooks, eAudiobooks and movies onto your new device. Visit www.ualibrary.org/mediaservices to book an appointment with a librarian.

Art Exhibit

Visit the Main Library between December 9-January 19 to view the work of members of the Dublin Art League. If you're interested in having a display in the future, see <https://artspace.ualibrary.org> for information and application.

Free Access to Creativebug

Are you crafty, or just aspire to be? We now offer free access to the subscription website www.creativebug.com. Creativebug has more than 1,000 award-winning art and craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists.

Learn how to paint, knit, crochet, sew, screen print, and more. Check it out at <https://databases.ualibrary.org>.

Winter Book Sale

The Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library will hold its Winter Book Sale from February 17-March 3 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 17, from Noon-1 pm. On the final day of the sale, Sunday, March 3, 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. The benefit will be good for all 2019 sales.

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

Kids made snow globe crafts at Miller Park Library's Home for the Holidays event.



The Jones Middle School Chamber Orchestra performed at our 47th annual Holiday Happiness.



Members of our Teen Service Club write letters to U.S. soldiers overseas.



Mr. Zach leads Lane Road Library's Tales for Twos and Threes Storytime.



Melia Wolf from Cover to Cover Books for Young Readers and Youth Librarian Kelly Edwards pose with author Edith Pattou during her visit on November 15.

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Program Highlights

Winter Reading Club

Our 2019 Winter Reading Club runs from January 7-February 17. Readers of all ages can pick up a coloring sheet at any UA Library, then color one of the winter symbols for each day you read. Turn in your completed sheet for an entry in our grand prize drawing for your age category.

Technology for Seniors

Innovative apps and tools can help seniors continue living independently in their homes in safety and comfort. Join Emerging Technologies Librarian Katy Hite for a series of programs to introduce some useful apps. All programs will be held on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the Main Library's Friends Theater. On January 9, we'll cover "Tech for Health and Wellness." On January 16, the topic is "Tech for Safety." On January 23, we'll talk about "Tech at Home." These programs are geared toward older adults, but all are welcome.

Penguin Party

Do you have a penchant for penguins? Come to our Penguin Party at the Lane Road Library on Thursday, January 24 at 4 pm. We'll have crafts, games and other activities for kids of all ages.

Cut the Cord

It sounds simple: cancel your cable and watch TV and movies over the Internet. But which service should you sign up for? Do you get it on your TV? Join us at the Main Library Wednesday, January 30 at 7 pm in the Friends Theater when we'll talk about streaming services and devices, and what you need to successfully cut the cord.

Family Forts After Hours

Come to the Miller Park Library Saturday, February 2 at 6 pm for a special family program after we've closed to the public. Build a fort in our stacks using your own building materials of blankets, sheets,

pillows, etc. We'll provide flashlights, a snack and plenty of books for family fort reading! Registration is required and opens January 19.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Have you ever wondered what goes on in the library after everyone leaves at night? Your stuffed friend has the chance to find out, plus have some fun adventures of their own, at our Stuffed Animal Sleepover on Thursday, February 21 at 6:30 pm at the Main Library. We'll read a bedtime story, kiss them good night, and wish them sweet adventures. Don't forget to pick up your friend the next day, and be on the lookout for pictures of their big night. We recommend you bring your second or third favorite stuffed animal.

Talking Oscars® with MaddWolf

Hope Madden and George Wolf, film critics for MaddWolf.com and Columbus Underground, will give their predictions for awards season at the Main Library on Sunday, February 17 at 2 pm. Vote for your choice for this year's winners. Ballots will be available at the program or you can pick one up at the Media Services desk from Feb. 18-24. Five people will win \$25 AMC Theaters gift cards!

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public. You can sign up to receive email notification of upcoming Board meetings at www.ualibrary.org/pages/board-trustees.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, January 15 at 5 pm
- Tuesday, February 19 at 5 pm

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Concourse Gallery

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

Nature's Perspective

January 4-25

Reception: 5-7 pm, Thursday, January 10

This exhibition includes work by Jennifer Glance; T.M. Rudavsky; Deb Davis-Livaich and Marty Husted.

Upper Arlington Elementary Schools

February 1-28

Reception: 2 pm, Sunday, February 3

Works on display come from Barrington, Greensview, St. Agatha, St. Andrew, Tremont, Wellington, Wickliffe and Windermere Elementary.

State of the City Address

5-7:30 p.m., Monday, January 28

3600 Tremont Road

City Manager's Office | 614-583-5040

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

UA Stage – "Mamma Mia"

4:30-9 p.m., Wednesday, February 20

UA High School Auditorium

UA Civic Association | uastage@uaca.org

Sixth 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 "Mamma Mia" at the High School. Reservations required.



"Mamma Mia"

7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday,
February 21-23

2:30 p.m. Sunday, February 24

Upper Arlington High School Auditorium

614-487-5200 | www.uaschools.org

Featuring the ever popular songs of ABBA, on the fictional Greek island of Kalokairi, 20-year-old Sophie is preparing to marry her fiancé, Sky. She wants her father to walk her down the aisle but doesn't know who he is. Sophie discovers her mother's old diary and finds entries describing intimate dates with three men. Sophie believes one of these men is her father and invites them to her wedding, without letting her unsuspecting mother know.

"Drive-Thru" Car Seat Checks

10 am-1 pm, Saturday, February 23

Fire Station 72 on Reed Road

UA Fire, 614-583-5100

Have UA's firefighters perform a child seat safety check to make sure it is properly installed. Appointments preferred by calling the above number, but "walk-ins" will also be served.