

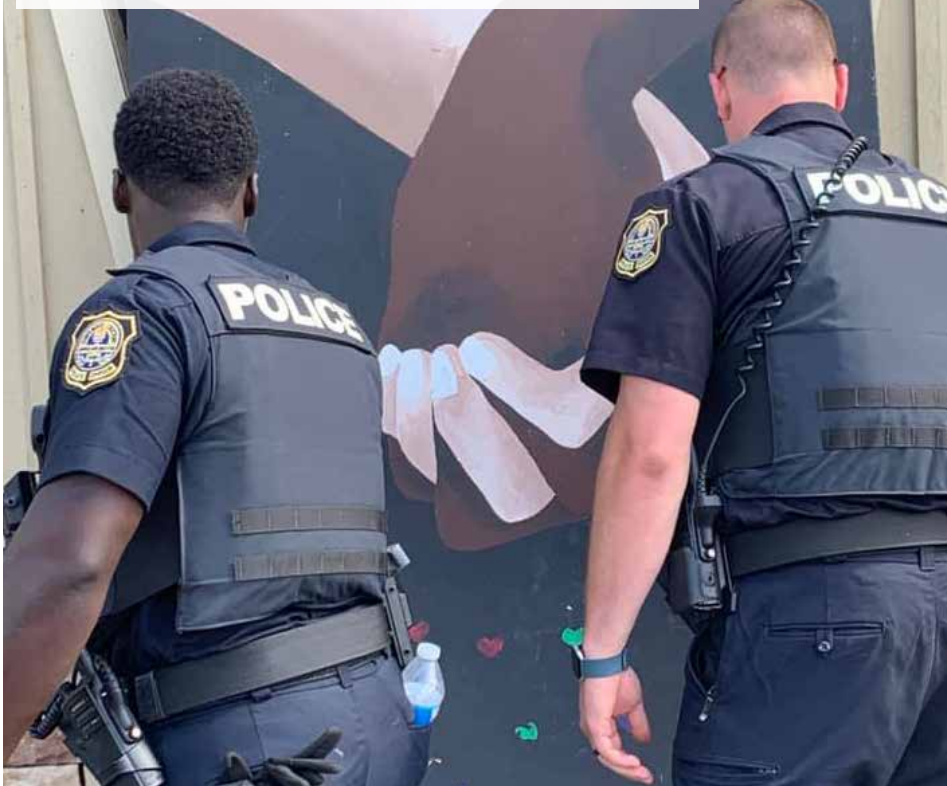
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JULY | AUGUST 2020



BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE CITY OF UPPER ARLINGTON, UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS & UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A Spring to Remember



There's no other way to say it, 2020 is proving to be a year unlike any other. As we have navigated the challenges presented to us—from the COVID-19 pandemic to the anti-racism national unrest—we have seen many examples of UA's spirit at its finest. Residents have stepped up to support each other in many wonderful ways (see some highlights on page 4), and City Staff have been quick to accommodate unexpected service needs.

COVID-19 Service Updates

While City operations aren't quite back to normal, the business of the City is getting accomplished and residents are receiving the services they need—albeit in a slightly different format at times.

The Municipal Services Center is

open for limited onsite customer service support during regular office hours, however we do still encourage residents to conduct business with us electronically whenever possible. If an onsite visit is required, we ask that you contact us in advance to request an appointment. And if you do visit any of our facilities, please observe our safety requirements, such as wearing a facemask and observing social distancing.

Full details can be found on our [COVID-19 Service Updates](#) page, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Summer Programming

Our team in the Parks & Recreation Department should be proud of all they have accomplished in recent weeks. Faced with many unknowns as the state

began rolling out its Responsible RestartOhio guidelines, they watched for daily updates from the Governor's Office. As other communities made the difficult decision to cancel their pool season and summer camps, our team developed detailed contingency plans on how to safely provide these services should it be possible. It was.

On June 8, a modified Summer Camp opened for the season, providing working families facing limited child-care options with a safe and engaging place for their children over the summer vacation. With strict limits on child/camp leader ratios, and a need for more facilities to keep groups separated, this year's camp is serving 58 children instead of 400+. While finalizing plans, the department reached out to families previously registered to gauge their interest level and need for summer camp, anticipating the use of a lottery system to select campers. As families learned that other parents had a real need for camp in order to work, several voluntarily withdrew, indicating that they had other options for their children's care and freeing up space for those who needed it most.

On June 12, Tremont Pool opened its doors, followed by Devon Pool on June 15. Both pools are operating on a modified schedule. This includes limits on attendance, two-hour time blocks for open swim sessions that must be purchased online in advance, as well as comprehensive social distancing for all



The format may be different, but there's still lots of fun to be had at this year's Summer Camp.

involved, and cleaning requirements.

Thanks to a generous donation to the Upper Arlington Community Foundation's Recreation Scholarship Fund, discounts are available for pool passes (while funds last). Visit parks.uaoh.net to learn more about the schedule and to purchase tickets.

Other Parks & Recreation related updates include:

- The Northam Tennis Courts opened at the end of May, offering season passes and a modified schedule, with advance scheduling of courts.
- Park restrooms are open, with an increased cleaning schedule.
- Hard tennis courts, pickleball courts and sand volleyball courts are open.
- Ball diamonds are open.
- Playgrounds are open.
- Basketball and hockey courts are open.
- The use of park shelters and rentals at the Amelita Mirolo Barn begin opening up in July.
- Per Ohio Department of Health orders, as of press time, the UA Senior Center remains closed.

Full details and updates can be found on our **COVID-19 Service Updates** page, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Anti-Racism Demonstrations

In recent weeks, many community members have been stepping forward to participate in or organize events and

activities to protest systemic racism, just as hundreds of communities across the nation have responded to the George Floyd tragedy and other acts of violence against African Americans.

The City has developed some guidelines and best practices for events held in the front plaza of the Municipal Services Center, as well as for mobile demonstrations. These guidelines are designed to welcome participants while providing a safe environment for everyone. As a courtesy, event planners are asked to provide the City with advance notice and to be considerate of regular City services and operations. Based on information provided in advance about the gathering, our Public Service Department may assign staff to provide traffic control equipment, and our Police Division may assign one or more officers to assist with traffic and other relevant safety issues.

Full details can be found under the **City Manager's Office** section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Then There's the Weather

The saying "It never rains but it pours" has never felt truer or more ironic. Along with everything else this spring, Central Ohio experienced two significant rainstorms that caused flooding around the region and in Upper Arlington. While UA was relatively lucky compared to other communities, many homeowners experienced sanitary sewer flooding—where stormwater (rainfall) leaks into the sanitary sewers (the

system that removes wastewater from homes), overwhelms them and causes water to back up into homes through floor drains.

Sanitary sewer backups are a common problem in Central Ohio, with many communities working on



Mother Nature took advantage of the COVID-19 Stay at Home Order. While our playgrounds were closed, one of them became a temporary nursery for this family of birds.

solutions to prevent what is known as inflow and infiltration. The City's Sustainable Sewer Solutions program was launched in 2017 to address our issues, and has been making good progress in the years since. However, the recent flooding issues prompted the Public Service Department to take a closer look, working with impacted residents in an effort to identify the causes and develop solutions.

If you have experienced sanitary sewer flooding, please send an email to engineering@uaoh.net and provide any history on sanitary sewer backups in your home, including the dates and source of the water (floor drain, sink, toilet, etc.).

Last but not least, on June 10 the region experienced a severe storm that damaged many trees in our community. If you still have fallen tree limbs on your property, the Solid Waste Services page of our website details guidelines for using the free, weekly yard waste collection program or dropping items off at the regional composting facility on Roberts Road.



Neighborhoods east of the High School experienced tree damage from a June 10 storm.

Random—and Not so Random—Acts of Kindness

We know we are just touching the surface, but here are some examples of our community members caught in the act of supporting each other in fun and creative ways during these trying times. If you know of other stories to share, we want to hear from you!



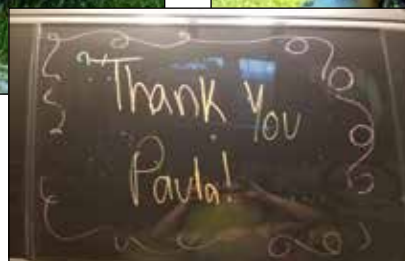
Michelle Salsberry, aka The Masked Crusader, turned her facemask-making skills into a fund raiser, in turn surprising some of UA's essential workers with a special thank you note containing cash.



At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City's efforts to reach out to our older adults was a success thanks to several volunteers who assisted with calls. One such volunteer, Joy Barney, also helped share details of the impromptu program with the region by speaking with Channel 10's Karina Nova about our efforts.



Markel Davis is on a mission to "bridge the gap," and his efforts to support—and feed—local law enforcement officers have not gone unnoticed. School Resource Officer Jon Rice stopped by recently to thank Markel. To learn more, look for his [@markelbridgingthegap](#) page on Facebook.



Thanks to Paula Koontz Gilmour and her team of volunteers, the UA Caravan Club took to the streets more than 150 times, celebrating birthdays, graduations, honoring our healthcare workers and in recognition of any other special occasion brought to their attention.





Message From City Manager Steve Schoeny and Police Chief Steve Farmer

Racism exists and harms our country, our state, our region and Upper Arlington. When we see the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery, it reminds us that our African American brothers and sisters in America have fears that we, as white men, don't have. When any member of our American family feels afraid to be in America - when they are afraid to do the simplest of things that the rest of us take for granted - we should all be afraid.

One message won't erase our historic and current racism. Changing laws alone won't fix it. But that doesn't mean that we don't acknowledge it and work to overcome it. We will all die, but that doesn't mean that we don't go to the doctor when we are hurt. We look for ways to heal. There are things that we can do to help heal the damage that racism is doing in our communities.

We want to ask every resident and every employee at the City to think carefully about how we treat one another—it has to become more personal. When you see a neighbor, see them and treat them as family. Treat them with the love, respect and warmth that we all want from those who are closest to us. When you meet visitors to our city, treat them as if they were guests in your home. Welcome them, help to ensure that they are comfortable, and treated as they wish to be treated.

Since the COVID-19 crisis, we see UA doing this every day. We look each other in the eye and smile more. We say hello more. We wave more. We check in on each other. We help more. Generally speaking, we are better to each other. We are doing all of this at a time where we are rightfully a little afraid of what dangers we might pose to each other. When you interact with someone who comes from a different racial group than you, be as purposeful in how you treat that person as you are when you make

the special effort to greet someone across social distance.

Much of our national pain comes because of violence against African Americans at the hands of police. From the first time that we met, we have had frank and painful conversations about these issues. We and our officers work very hard to recognize the biases that are inherently in everyone. We continue to work hard to overcome them. Our officers do that through training and by making sure they are accountable for their actions.

We ask you to remember that our officers are deeply hurt by these needless tragedies - the acts of a few officers tarnish the reputation and pride of many exceptional safety professionals who are willing to risk their own safety to protect us.

Everyone is paying more attention to how police officers do their jobs. In UA, we are comfortable with and welcome that. If you are a party to or witness an interaction between our officers and any member of the public where you worry that bias was involved, we want to hear from you. You can reach out to either of us, or you can contact our DEI Officers, Emmanuel Boamah (614-425-3076) and Zachary Sorosiak (614-425-3111). We will look into the matter, learn from it, and adjust where it's clear we can be better. And we will follow up with you to let you know what we learned.

We also are going to look for ways to help the community understand why we do what we do. What are the most common reasons for traffic stops? Why do we ask the questions that we ask? Why do we let some people off with a warning and ticket others? If you

understand what an interaction with an officer should look like, it will help you understand if something is amiss.

Finally, we continue to empower our team to step up if they see a colleague who is making or is about to make a mistake. The police often see us at our worst, and that can bring out the worst in any human being. It haunts both of us to see other officers not intervening when a fellow officer has gone over the edge. We glorify the action hero, but the hero we need today is the one who can deescalate a volatile situation. That is the culture that we are working toward in the UA Police Division.

We want to thank the residents of UA for continuing to make this an amazing community for everyone. Whether it is how you operate as an individual or how you band together through groups like the UA Civic Association, the UA Community Foundation, our churches and faith communities, our service clubs, Equal UA or our schools, you show that we are striving for a community where everyone feels like they belong no matter what they look like or how they got here. Sometimes, the world makes that goal harder to achieve. We are UA, and we are up to the challenge.

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out by calling the Police Division's non-emergency line at 614-459-2800 or send an email to city.police@uaoh.net.



DEI Officer Emmanuel Boamah



DEI Officer Zachary Sorosiak

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

Lane Avenue Planning Study Report

The Lane Avenue corridor is the City's most rapidly evolving commercial district. This transformation has enhanced the area's vibrancy and appeal, providing new dining, retail, housing and service options—including the community's first hotel, with a second hotel nearing completion. As the area has changed, the City has implemented measures to address parking and traffic concerns, provide transitional buffers from the commercial district into adjoining residential neighborhoods, and to enhance pedestrian and bicycle access where possible.

With new developments already underway and on the horizon, combined with the pressures of a growing region, the Lane Avenue Planning Study was initiated in August of 2019 to help the City better understand the impacts of future growth and put in place a framework to guide this growth.

The consultant team led by OHM Advisors crafted an extensive study process that included:

- Three phases of citizen engagement—including public meetings, community pop up activities and online surveys—which provided opportunities for residents to learn about the significance of the business district for UA's future and an opportunity to provide input on what they believe should be priority considerations.
- A detailed review of pertinent guiding documents, such as the Master Plan, Unified Development Ordinance, past studies, and survey data.
- Development of streetscape standards to enhance the district, with a focus on pedestrian activity, accessibility, outdoor dining, and opportunities for public art and public gathering spaces.
- Recommendations for modifying the City's Planned Mixed-Use District regulations for the Lane Avenue district.
- A comprehensive traffic evaluation of Lane Avenue, from Riverside



2020 CITY COUNCIL
(from left): Vice President Brendan King, John Kulewicz, President Kip Greenhill, Michele Hoyle, Michaela Burriss, Jim Lynch, Brian Close

Drive to State Route 315, which included current and projected traffic counts and development of a phased approach to congestion mitigation and parking requirements.

OHM representatives and staff presented a summary of the process, findings and recommendations to City Council in June. Council is expected to revisit the study this fall to begin more detailed discussion and provide direction on specific implementation steps. This includes potential updates to the Lane Avenue Planned Mixed-Use District regulations.

The June presentations and draft report are available on the City's website, under the **Community Development | Community Projects** section.

Community Relations Committee Update

Plans for forming the Community Relations Committee were revisited by Council in June, after a delay resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. At press time, legislation to form the Committee was scheduled for Council Action on June 22. After reopening the application process for a brief period, an interview and selection process is in its early stages, with hopes for the seven-member committee beginning its work by the fall.

05 Framework Plan

Private Realm and Public Realm



CITY STREETS

Expanding Pedestrian & Bicycle Access

Since 2014, a significant focus of the City's 10-year Capital Improvement Program has been on street improvements. Tied to this, as residents increasingly indicate their desire for an expanded network of sidewalks and safe routes for bicyclists, the City's focus on alternate modes of transportation is yielding positive results. Some recent or pending examples are detailed below.

Northam Park Shared-Use Path

The pathway along Northam Road at the south end of the park has recently been expanded from a four-foot sidewalk to an eight-foot shared-use path in order to better accommodate pedestrians, strollers and bicycles in a safe manner.



The newly completed shared-use path in Northam Park is ready to welcome park users.

Mountview Road Improvements

The Mountview Road construction project—which is in full throes—is slated for street reconstruction, new curb and gutter, improvements to the storm sewer system, water main replacement and a new sidewalk on the west side of the street.



Mountview Road will soon feature a new sidewalk, enhancing pedestrian connectivity within the Ridge neighborhood.

Fishinger Road Improvements

On the horizon for 2022-23, the Fishinger Road reconstruction project—running from Tremont Road west to Riverside Drive—will add another vital sidewalk and shared-use path connection to one of our community's arterial streets.

Sidewalk Maintenance Program

While significant progress is being made to install new sidewalks, shared-use paths and dedicated bike lanes across the community, maintaining what we already have is also important. Now in its third year, the Sidewalk Maintenance Program provides for periodic inspections of existing sidewalks to determine if repairs or replacement work is needed to keep the network in good working order. Once the targeted zone for the year has been inspected, homeowners are notified of any necessary repair work that is their

responsibility. They may choose to secure a private contractor themselves to complete the work or can have the City coordinate repairs within its annual contract and bill them for their portion of the costs.

For additional details on these projects, visit the **Engineering** section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

UA Click2Fix

Visit the AppleApp or GooglePlay store and search **UA Click2Fix** to download our new smartphone reporting app. Residents can use the app to submit requests or notify the City of issues such as potholes, street-light outages, damaged street trees, etc. You can also view the construction update map and contact staff using the app's Directory. Call Public Service at 614-583-5350 if you have any questions.



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BUILDING BLOCKS

Golden Bear Redevelopment Update

On June 15, 2020, the Board of Zoning and Planning denied Golden Bear Development LLC's request to redevelop the Golden Bear Shopping Center, located at Fishinger Road and Riverside Drive. The proposed Amended Final Development Plan was for a five-story building with 102 condominiums and ground floor retail/restaurant space. The previously approved version of the plan included second floor office space, but was replaced with additional residential units in this latest plan.

Ohio State Bank

A Final Development Plan has been submitted to the City for the renovation and expansion of an existing one-story building to house the Ohio State Bank, located at the northeast corner of Lane and Northwest Boulevard. The proposal is scheduled for review and action by the Board of Zoning and Planning on Monday, July 20. Projects



details can be found at our *Ready for a Change* webpage, at upperarlingtonoh.gov/change.

Under-Speed/Golf Cart Vehicle Regulations

A popular trend in UA is the rental of golf carts for use over the Fourth of July holiday period. It sounds like a fun idea, but as this practice has grown, safety issues have increasingly been a concern for our Police and Fire divisions.

In 2019 City Council adopted Ordinance 41-2019, authorizing residents' use of code-compliant, under-speed vehicles (USVs) year-round, and exempting non-compliant golf carts for a total of five days over the Fourth of July holiday.

USVs, including golf carts, are defined as three- or four-wheeled vehicles weighing under 3,000 pounds, that cannot exceed a speed of 20 mph.

The following requirements apply year-round and during the five-day exemption period:

- USVs can only be operated on streets with a speed limit of 25 mph or less
- USVs must be operated within State and UA vehicular laws.

The following are required year-round requirements and encouraged over the five-day exemption period:

- USVs should include adequate



brakes, working brake lights, warning/turn signals, headlights and tail lights, a properly working steering mechanism, windshield, rearview mirror and street tires.

- Per UA requirements, seatbelts should be available for each designated seating position.

For year-round use, USV owners must have their vehicle inspected and approved for use on public streets by an authorized law enforcement agency (make sure you let them know of the City's seatbelt requirement). The City's

Police Division can also perform these vehicle inspections. Call 614-583-5160 during regular office hours to ensure that an officer will be available.

Examples of safety/traffic violations that will be acted upon by police officers over the Fourth of July exemption period include, but are not limited to:

- Driving without a valid driver's license or while under suspension
- Vehicular assault
- Reckless operation
- Traffic code violations that result in an accident
- Failure to obey traffic control devices
- Driving while under the influence
- Hanging outside the vehicle
- Violations of child restraint laws
- Underage drivers

With greater clarity on the laws and expectations for golf carts and other under-speed vehicles for the community—both year-round and over the Fourth of July holiday—we hope the community can enjoy the benefits of this alternate mode of transportation in a safe and responsible way.

Tree Pest Alert

European Lecanium Fruit Scale

A native pest that can cause damage to fruit and ornamental fruit trees is becoming more prevalent as a result of recent mild winters and the abundance of available host plants. The European Lecanium Fruit Scale can attack a variety of host trees, but they are most commonly found on fruit and ornamental fruit trees such as crabapple, cherry, serviceberry and pear.

Infested trees are late or slow to leaf out, and branches and foliage have a black sooty appearance. Trees that have been under attack for multiple years will exhibit tip dieback, dead branches and may die.

Scale insects can be difficult to manage. Spraying non selective contact insecticides is ineffective at penetrating the protective armor of the adult insect and can suppress natural predators and beneficial insects. If you choose to treat your trees or hire a contractor, please be thoughtful about treatments.

Because of the environment in which they exist—frequently exposed to exhaust fumes and winter street salt—street trees are particularly susceptible to the effects of an insect attack. Since treatment would be prohibitive from a cost perspective and could pose a health risk to pedestrians and pets, the City's management approach is to remove trees that have died or experienced significant dieback. Whenever a street tree is removed, replacements are selected that are less prone to pests or disease.

Since the City monitors street trees on a three-year cycle, if you feel that a tree in front of your home is dead or dying, contact the Parks & Forestry Division, at parks@uaoh.net and a member of staff will conduct an evaluation to determine if it should be removed.

The division has created an informational brochure on this pest, available under the **Parks & Forestry** section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Yard Signs Reminder

Election season is not that far off and we can expect to see a drastic increase in political signs in UA in the weeks ahead. We are also seeing many other types of signs appearing in front yards, addressing causes that are important to residents.

Here are some friendly reminders about the placement of political or other types of yard signs:

- The City cannot and does not regulate language on political signs. Contact the Ohio Elections Commission (614-466-3205 or www.elc.oh.gov) to register a concern.
- The City can regulate the size and location of political signs and can only request that a sign be removed from private property if it is deteriorating or in the public right-of-way.

In either event, call Code Compliance, at 614-583-5073.

- Political signs on private property are themselves private property. Theft charges will be filed against anyone found to be taking such signs.
- The Police Division recommends that you place your name somewhere on your signs for tracking purposes, so they can be returned to their rightful owner if stolen and later recovered.

Please be mindful of how signage can affect the aesthetics of our neighborhoods, and be respectfully considerate of the differing opinions of your fellow neighbors.

Fireworks Safety

Since UA won't be enjoying the traditional Fourth of July fireworks display this year, it might be tempting to purchase a few fireworks and sparklers for some fun at home.

The City's Fire Division urges you to think again!

Annually, 13,000 people are injured, and seven people killed, on average, in fireworks accidents throughout the US. Additionally, thousands of fires are ignited causing extensive property loss. The vast majority of these incidents occur in the four-week span surrounding the Fourth. Of note, 99% of the injuries and deaths, and most of the fires are the result of consumer grade fireworks—not professional, public firework shows.

Sparklers, available for sale in Ohio, burn at 2,000 degrees—hot enough to melt many metals. They account for burn injuries and start many of the fires. The same can be said for firecrackers and bottle rockets. Sadly, these injuries and much of the property loss impact innocent bystanders.



The City recognizes these dangers and enacted laws prohibiting the sale, possession or use of consumer fireworks, including sparklers, bottle rockets, firecrackers and trick noisemakers. It is not the intent of the City to be heavy-handed in enforcement, but the City has and will continue to enforce them, especially when unsafe situations are witnessed by police.

As the Fourth of July approaches, be wise, be patient and above all, be safe.

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CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holiday:

- **Friday, July 3** - Independence Day. Solid Waste collection is not affected.

2019 Tax Filing Deadlines Extended

New Deadline: July 15

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2019 federal, state and Upper Arlington tax deadlines have been extended to July 15. Estimated payments for the first and second quarters of tax year 2020 have also been extended to July 15.

As a reminder, in UA all residents aged 18 years and over must file an annual income tax return with the City, regardless of whether any tax is due. The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) processes UA income taxes. RITA's MyAccount platform allows taxpayers to electronically file taxes, update their accounts, send and receive secure messages, make payments and more, at www.ritaohio.com. Secure online filing is available through www.ritaohio.com. RITA customer service is also available (800-860-7482).

City staff is also available by appointment for assistance with City of Upper Arlington municipal income tax return preparations. Call 614-583-5291 to schedule an appointment.

City e-News

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

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

- **Sentinel** - monthly program updates from the Senior Center

Visit the **Connect** section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov, to register.

Home Security Alarm Permits POLICE 614-583-5100

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

Grass/Weed Control Guidelines

CODE COMPLIANCE 614-583-5070

The care and maintenance of property and landscaping benefits the entire community. City code specifies that grass must not exceed 10 inches in height and should be kept free of noxious weeds. Failure to comply will result in notice from the City to rectify the situation within five days, at which time the City will make arrangements to cut the grass/weeds at the owner's expense.

Upper Arlington Bridges

www.neighborhoodbridges.org

If you like the idea of directly helping your fellow community members when a need arises, be sure to register for updates from Upper Arlington Bridges. Visit www.neighborhoodbridges.org to register for email updates for the Upper Arlington program, or follow @uabridges on Facebook.

Block Party Permits

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 614-583-5040

Please be advised that in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and for health and safety reasons, the City is not issuing Block Party Permits at this time. We appreciate your understanding and encourage all our residents to follow appropriate social distancing practices.

Peddling/Solicitation Permits

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 614-583-5040

Please be advised that in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and for health and safety reasons, the City is not issuing Solicitation Permits at this time. As a result, there should be no individuals or groups going door-to-door in Upper Arlington attempting to sell residents a good or service, or to solicit donations. If this occurs, please report the activity to our Police Division non-emergency number, at 614-459-2800.

Tree Damage

PARKS & FORESTRY 614-583-5340

If a damaged tree is a threat to public safety, or obstructing the street or sidewalk, call Parks & Forestry at the above number during office hours. After hours situations can be reported to 614-459-2800. For immediate emergencies call 9-1-1.

Following severe weather, the City is responsible for clearing debris from street trees in the public right-of-



Thanks to the work of our Parks & Forestry Division and the City Tree Commission, UA is celebrating 30 years as a Tree City



As the UA High School Class of 2020 participated in their commencement parade, the City made sure the students knew we were thinking of them.

way. Debris from private trees is the responsibility of the property owner. However, the City may clear private debris from streets or sidewalks when expedient, or take action to abate immediate hazards even if privately owned trees are involved. Emergency and storm cleanup is prioritized using several criteria, and your patience is appreciated.

Residents can dispose of tree debris through the yard waste collection component of our Solid Waste Program or by taking items to the Regional Composting facility on Roberts Road. Visit the **Solid Waste** section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Do not approach downed or damaged power lines. Call your utility company or the Fire Division non-emergency line, at 614-583-5124, for assistance.

Citizen Police Academy POLICE 614-583-5340

If you have ever wondered how much fiction and how much reality plays into the various crime shows on TV, each fall the Police Division offers some insight for those residents selected to participate in the Citizen Police Academy. On Thursday evenings from September 10-November 19, up to 10 adults go behind the scenes for a hands-on learning experience of local law enforcement.

Topics covered include:

- Crime scene investigations
- Crime prevention tips
- Legal considerations and the laws of arrest
- Defensive tactics
- Firearms safety and training
- Patrol tactics and traffic stop practices
- Ride-along with a police officer

Academy graduates have the opportunity to become part of the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, providing volunteer support to various Police Division activities and helping to raise community awareness on safety issues.

The application deadline is Monday, July 27. Visit the **Police Support Services** section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov for details.

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 614-583-5030

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

SCRAM! Wildlife Control

www.SCRAM!Wildlife.org

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

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

Semi-Annual Utility Bill FINANCE 614-583-5280

The second of this year's semi-annual utility invoices from the City are in the mail to UA households. These invoices include the Solid Waste fee, the Stormwater Utility fee, and in some cases a Neighborhood Lighting Utility fee. The deadline for payments is Friday, July 24.

The Stormwater Utility fee—a total of \$45 for the year and now billed at \$22.50 every six months—helps to defray the costs of maintaining our City's storm drainage system.

The Solid Waste Service fees cover the costs for providing trash, recycling, bulk item and yard waste collection services.

Payment of the Utility Invoice is the responsibility of the property owner(s). Similar to property tax, the fees remain attached to the property.

You can pay your Annual Utility Bill online at upperarlingtonoh.gov, under the **Resources | Utilities & Billing** section.



Thanks to the Upper Arlington Community Foundation and the Field Sports Work Group, Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) are installed at all City parks that feature athletic fields.

Schools[★]iNSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

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Historic School Year Closes with Unique, Memorable Send-Offs for Students

After two months of distance teaching and learning, the 2019-2020 school year came to a close in ways no Upper Arlington Schools students, families or staff members would have expected when it began last August.

"This school year is one we'll never forget," said Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D. "While we would much rather have had our schools filled with the sounds of learning over the past two months, I am so proud of how our students, our families and our staff have risen to this challenge of reimagining how we educate the children of our community and how we maintain that sense of community we have within our schools."

Students and teachers celebrated the end of the school year in unique and creative ways. There were virtual memory books, video-conferencing "air hugs" among classmates, yard signs celebrating students' milestones and car parades – including a first-of-its-kind commencement parade celebrating the 430 graduates in the Upper Arlington High School Class of 2020.

"It really is incredible to see how our staff, families and community have rallied together to support our students and

one another in countless ways," Imhoff added. "This is an incredible example of our value of Strength in Team – we are better together and stronger together."

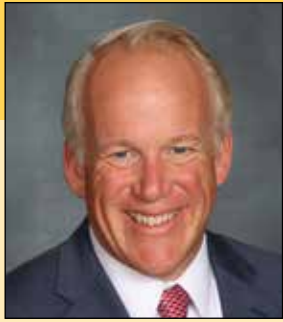
Since the end of March, students and teachers had been engaging in distance teaching and learning in response to the governor's orders to close schools amid the COVID-19 pandemic. When the school closure was extended through the end of the school year, it became clear that celebrating the accomplishments and milestones of the Class of 2020 would require a lot of outside-of-the-box thinking. That started with a feedback survey for the entire senior class, parent and student advisory groups, and a vast network of community members excited to find their own ways to honor the senior class.

"It's kind of crazy that something that felt so guaranteed wasn't guaranteed after all, but you know sometimes things don't go as planned and obstacles come in the way," said Brooke Yoakam, class president. "That's when we become the best version of ourselves. And you can see that in the Class of 2020. With this, with these obstacles, we've been able to be very creative and innovative and make the best out of this situation."



One of the high points of the creative, collaborative planning was a graduation day car parade through the heart of Upper Arlington that allowed Upper Arlington High School staff, family members, friends and community members to cheer for the seniors and their accomplishments.

"We've heard from so many families and seniors who said the experience really exceeded their expectations," Principal Andrew Theado said. "We are so grateful to everyone who helped make this a safe and special send-off for our seniors – that includes our entire high school staff, Class of 2020 families and friends, the City of Upper Arlington, police and fire officials, the Upper



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

Family, Student, Staff Feedback at Heart of 2020-21 Planning Process

On behalf of our Board of Education and the leaders of our schools and district, I want to express our steadfast commitment to eliminating racism and promoting justice and equity. It is critically important that we continue this work in our schools as our nation engages in crucial discussions about racism and the systemic injustice that has created fear, pain and inequity for Black Americans for many generations. We want to express to you we are committed to moving forward with the vital diversity, equity and inclusion work that began in our schools several years ago.

We strive to ensure that all of our students feel a strong sense of belonging in our schools and are welcomed, respected, supported and celebrated. But we know there are times our schools have fallen short of that ideal.

We know there is a tremendous amount of work to be done to eliminate

racism in our schools and support diversity, equity and inclusion. The Board of Education and district leaders look forward to sharing more with you in the coming weeks about our work going forward as we continue to implement this crucial piece of our strategic plan.

2020-2021 Planning Process

In Upper Arlington Schools, we have come to the end of a school year unlike any other. I am so proud of our staff and families for all they have done to challenge and support our students through distance teaching and learning.

As with many areas of our lives right now, we know that school in the fall will likely look different than school years of the past. In order to develop the best possible plan for our UA Schools community, our district has launched a three-phase rapid-design process to create a plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

We're doing what we always do in UA – we are gathering as much feedback as possible from students, families and staff through multiple

surveys and focus groups. The Board of Education is committed to hearing from every possible voice before making a final decision.

And, by mid-July, I plan to make a final recommendation to the Board of Education on a plan for the fall and the 2020-2021 school year that will fit within the guidelines provided by state leaders and health officials

As of the writing of this column, we unfortunately do not have any answers to share yet, as the process is still unfolding. I can promise you that we will provide answers as soon as we can to our families, our staff and our community. Please watch our UA Schools social media accounts and visit our website, www.uaschools.org/2020-2021planningprocess.aspx, for updates and more information about this process.

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

Arlington Civic Association and many more."

The car parade and a virtual graduation ceremony combined to honor the seniors on what would have been the morning of their commencement ceremony at the Schottenstein Center, but there's more celebrating to come for the Class of 2020 and their families.

"Our senior survey also told us one thing loud and clear - in addition to all of the fun, alternative events that happened this spring, our students want to have a traditional, in-person graduation ceremony whenever it is safe to do so," Theado said. "We are absolutely committed to making this happen."

In addition to the celebrations for the Class of 2020, the middle and elementary schools and their PTOs also found some wonderful ways to celebrate the milestone years for fifth and eighth grade students.

"I'm incredibly proud of the resilience all of our students, and especially these milestone classes, showed in these difficult times," Imhoff said.

To watch the Class of 2020 virtual graduation ceremony, please visit our Upper Arlington Schools YouTube account (www.youtube.com/UpperArlingtonSchoolsOH).



BITES From the Apple

SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



Award-winning artwork
by Sophia Shen

Art Students Honored with Dozens of Awards

Congratulations to all of the Upper Arlington High School art students who have been recognized in national, regional and state competitions this spring!

National Scholastic Art & Writing Competition

– Sophia Shen was one of 3,000 teens across the country recognized with a national medal – the most prestigious honor an American teen can receive for their creative work. Shen, who will be a senior in the fall, received a Silver Key for one of her paintings.

Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Competition

– Receiving a combined 13 awards in the 2020 regional competition were the following UA High School students:

- **Alex Karavolos**, Gold Key (animation); Silver Key (digital art); and two honorable mentions (painting and drawing)
- **Sophia Shen**, two Gold Keys (digital art and painting); two Silver Keys (digital art and painting)
- **Adiah Bonham**, two honorable mentions (painting)
- **Caitlin Curran**, honorable mention (drawing)
- **Ava Peterson**, honorable mention (painting)

- **Katherine Sambas**, honorable mention (painting)

Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition State Winners

– Four UAHS students had works selected for the state exhibition: **Caitlin Curran**, drawing; **Ellie Hartranft**, short film/video; **Alex Karavolos**, animation/video; and **Ava Peterson**, painting.

Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition Regional Winners

– Eighteen UAHS students were honored as regional winners in categories that included drawing, photo, digital art, short film/video, painting and more. Congratulations to: **Caitlin Curran**, **Brooke Fidler**, **Sarah Gardiner**, **Ellie Hartranft**, **Alex Karavolos**, **Ingrid Lach**, **Philippe Nguimbous**, **Monica Olvera**, **Ava Peterson**, **Will Reynolds**, **Sophia Shen**, **Adil Siddiqi**, **Ava Taylor**, **Pierce Thompson**, **Daomanii Tiengkham**, **Alex Trifelos**, **Sanay Tufekci** and **Emma Wang**.

Free Meal Program Continuing Through Summer

The Upper Arlington Schools free meal program will continue through the summer thanks to the generous support of the Upper Arlington Education Foundation, the Upper Arlington Community Foundation, the Columbus Foundation, Upper Arlington Rotary, TriVillage Rotary, our PTOs and more.

This grab-and-go lunch and breakfast program was started during the extended school closure and has been a valued resource for many families amid the many uncertainties of this time. The meals are available for no cost for any child 18 and under in Upper Arlington.

During the summer, meals will be distributed on Tuesdays (two lunches and two breakfasts) and Thursdays (three lunches and three breakfasts) at the following locations and times:

- Tremont Elementary School - 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- Barrington Elementary School - 10:30 am-11:15 am
- Greensview Elementary School - 10:30 am-11:15 am
- Windermere Elementary School - 11:45 am-12:30 pm
- Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School - 11:45 am-12:30 pm

Many thanks to our Nutritional Services and Transportation staff for their help in continuing to provide this service to our community this summer!

UACA Celebrates Nine UA Schools Staff Members

The Upper Arlington Civic Association continued its long-standing tradition of honoring the best of the best in Upper Arlington Schools with Golden Apple Awards. Congratulations to this year's honorees!



- Barrington Elementary School: **Crissie Winner**, kindergarten teacher
- Greensview Elementary School: **Heather Opel**, fourth grade teacher
- Jones Middle School: **Kaitlin Pizzimenti**, intervention specialist
- Hastings Middle School: **Vincent DeMaria**, language arts teacher
- Tremont Elementary School: **Jill Prout**, second grade teacher
- Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School: **Janie Nocera**, fourth grade teacher
- Windermere: **Amy Meyer**, second grade teacher
- Upper Arlington High School: **Donna Cornwell**, art teacher
- Upper Arlington Schools: **Marvin Myers**, head custodian, Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School

UAHS Students Selected for Thurber House Journal

The 2020 edition of the Thurber House publication "*Flip the Page: Central Ohio's Teen Literary Journal*" will include the work of 11 students from Upper Arlington High School.

These students were selected by the *Flip the Page* editorial staff and student writers from out of more than 350 high-quality submissions from other student poets, writers and artists from around the central Ohio area.

Congratulations to the following students: **Gwyneth Bessey**, **Nora Diday**,

Anna Dunsizer, **Ty Fredrick**, **Nick Hansen**, **Evelyn Kretzer**, **Joy Ku**, **Macy Shaffer**, **Josie Stewart**, **Abby Taggart** and **Ben Underwood**.

UA Students Win Top Awards in cBusStudentHack

Upper Arlington High School had an impressive showing in this year's virtual cBusStudentHack, taking home four of the seven awards. The two-month programming contest, organized by Franklin University, challenged teams of students from central Ohio high schools to create an app that addresses a real-world problem.

Congratulations to the UAHS teams:

- First place: Project Bright Trail – **JC Yan**, **Ben Underwood**, **Emma Wang** and **Winston Basso-Schricker**
- Second place: Project Verify My Vote – **Ben Crespo**, **Nathan Yu**, **Nick Hansen** and **Isaac Adams**
- Hacker's Choice: Project Civitas – **Alain Welliver**, **Victor Gu**, **Ben Turner** and **Thomas Wolfe**
- Hacker's Choice: Project PhishTrap – **Avi Hari**, **Henry Redder**, **Calvin Kinatader** and **Avalon Haney**

Imhoff Named President-Elect of National Association

Upper Arlington Schools Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D., has been elected as the 2020-2021 president-elect of AASA, The School Superintendents Association.

AASA is the premier organization for the nation's superintendents serving thousands of education leaders throughout the U.S.

"I am so proud to be a member of this organization, and I am humbled by being elected to serve as president-elect," said Imhoff.

"The need for equitable access to a strong public education system has never been greater. As president-elect, I will have the opportunity to serve the leaders of our public schools as they strive to serve

students and staff across our nation. Our membership understands the importance of developing, supporting and continuously improving schools that can keep that promise for every single child."

Upper Arlington Schools Board of Education President Nancy Drees noted that this is an honor for the entire Upper Arlington community to have its superintendent leading a national organization. "We are so grateful for his leadership here in Upper Arlington, and we are excited to see the positive impact he will have on districts across the country," Drees said of Imhoff.

Imhoff will begin his term on July 1.

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Students from the Upper Arlington High School Class of 2020 greeted each other along the car parade route on May 24 to celebrate their graduation day.



Teachers and staff, physically distanced, lined the parade route around the high school and along Northwest Boulevard to cheer on the 430 graduates.

A Milestone Year

Although end-of-year celebrations for the milestone classes of 2020 – graduating seniors, eighth grade and fifth grade – looked different than in years past, many people rallied together to creatively share traditions in a different way or come up with innovative new celebrations for these students. Here's a look at how our students and staff celebrated the end of this unique school year!



Fifth-grade students were celebrated with modified versions of their school's traditional celebrations – such as drive-through clap-outs and virtual ceremonies.



Hastings Middle School staff clap out eighth-grade students in vehicles.



Jones Middle School eighth-graders passed under a balloon arch to the cheers of staff members on their last day.

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The new addition to Barrington Elementary School will open for the fall of 2020. Renovation work will continue on existing interior spaces for a fall 2021 completion.



The new Greensview Elementary School will be completed by fall with a media center at the heart of the learning spaces.



The first floor renovation at Tremont Elementary School began earlier this year and is on schedule for a fall 2020 completion.



On the site of the new Upper Arlington High School, masonry work on the three-story academic area is well underway.

Building Our Future: Construction Update

Over the past few months, construction has continued to progress on schedule and on budget. The governor's office had deemed construction an essential business during the pandemic, and crews have continued to work on all five school sites here in UA while implementing additional health and safety precautions. In June, construction began on the final project in the first phase of the facilities master plan – the new Windermere Elementary School. The first three projects – the new Greensview and Wickliffe Progressive and the renovated Tremont elementary schools – are on schedule for completion by the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Look on our website, www.uaschools.org/facilities, for a timeline and final video walk-throughs of the three buildings that were decommissioned this spring – Windermere, Greensview and Wickliffe.



The interior learning spaces in the new Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School are progressing quickly for a fall 2020 opening.

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about many financial hardships and uncertainties for our families, our community partners and our school district as well.



In May, our district received word of a funding cut from the state of Ohio for the 2019-2020 school year. Additional cuts in state funding for our schools are possible in the future.

Since we received this news, we have been working with the Board of Education to evaluate our budget and plan for our future financial needs. The difficult reality is that there are many unknowns – about the pandemic, its impact on the state and national economy, and the future changes to the

operations of school districts. But, to be clear, our school district will be facing additional financial challenges.

As of the writing of this column, we are continuing to work with the Board of Education on developing a sensible financial plan for the future of our schools. As always, our commitment to providing a high quality of education to the students of Upper Arlington will be at the heart of this.

We will be sharing more information at www.uaschools.org. I encourage you to look for updates there, and in the next issue of our community UAIINSIGHT newsletter as well.

If you have any questions about our district's finances, please feel free to visit my page on the website, www.uaschools.org/treasurer.aspx, or contact me at treasurer@uaschools.org.

UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION



2020 Upper Arlington Board of Education

From Left: Carol Mohr, Jenny McKenna, Vice President
Scott McKenzie, President
Nancy Drees, Lori Trent

Thanks to a partnership with the City of Upper Arlington, Board of Education meetings take place in the Council Chamber of the City's Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road. In general, the meetings begin at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Some exceptions apply, and last-minute scheduling changes are possible. In the event that the COVID-19 pandemic necessitates the Board of Education conducting a regular meeting via video-conferencing, a live feed of the regular meeting will be available on the Upper Arlington Schools YouTube account. Please refer to www.uaschools.org for the most up-to-date information.

Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, August 11, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, September 15, 6 pm – Council Chamber

2020-21 SCHOOL DATES

Staff Convocation and In-Service Days

Monday, August 17 and Tuesday, August 18

First Day for Students

Wednesday, August 19

Kindergarten and First Grade Orientation

Wednesday, August 19 and Thursday, August 20

No School Students and Staff: Labor Day

Monday, September 7

For full school year calendars and any updates due to the pandemic, please visit www.uaschools.org.



COVID-19 is having a significant impact on everything we do, and it has taken its toll on all of the alumni celebrations around the July 4 holiday. The Upper Arlington Alumni Association (UAAA) has canceled its annual Alumni Open House at Upper Arlington High School, and classes have also canceled their reunions. The UAAA and these classes are planning to regroup next year for what will be the final open house at the current high school.

The UAAA invites all alumni to look for future opportunities on the website, www.bearalums.com.

2020 Cum Laude Awards

Membership in the Cum Laude Society is the highest academic recognition a high school student can achieve on a national level. The society was established in 1906 to recognize academic excellence, justice and honor. It was modeled after Phi Beta Kappa. The Upper Arlington chapter of the Cum Laude Society is supported by the Dr. Charles Wade Moulton Fund of the Upper Arlington Education Foundation. Congratulations to our 2020 scholars!



Isaac Adams
Nina Akins
Natalia Angelis
Theodora Anghelina
Samantha Ansel
Cassidy Baran
Taylor Baran
Clare Baryluk
John Basil
Giulia Bedalli
Lena Bibbo
Samuel Bonasso
Monica Browning
Nathanael Burns-Watson
Leah Burton
Grace Call
Isabel Carmichael
Defne Ceyhan
Kaya Ceyhan
Madeline Chamberlain
Demetra Changizi
Alan Chow
Morgan Clark
Trent Clayton
Caroline Colombo
James Colombo
Elowen Conley
Benjamin Crespo
Alexandra Criss
Thomas James Crosten
Caitlin Curran

Eli D'Herete
John Davis
Andrew DeVoe
Sophia Elliott
Nathaniel Erre
Nicholas Ferraro
Kayla Foulke
Matthew Giammar
Moirra Ginger
Alexander Goldman
Jennifer Gomez
Victor Gu
Grace Gutierrez
Avi Hari
Lydia Haskins
Emma Hayek
Alamusi He
Anna Heckscher
Olivia Hench
Abigail Hendershot
Lindsey Hjelle
Deborah Hodson
Erin Huang
Dylan Hudson
Emily Hummer
Calista Hundley
Ryan Huntley
Julianne Johnson
Anna Jonaus
Brent Ju
Ariana Kanchuger

Alexandria Karavolos
Allan Kawakami
Shea Keethler
Riley Kuehn
Cassandra Kula
Sydney Lape
Andy Lin
Christopher Liu
Yueze Liu
Megan Martz
Kate Mason
Julian Mattis
Rachel Maves
Ethan Mayerson
Kathryn McKenzie
Luigi Melaragno
Senna Mieth
Benjamin Mollica
Christian Moreland
Chandler Morin
Michael Mudrick
Lydia Muldoon
Alison Mulh
Nicholas Mullins
Rebekah Murray
Isabelle Petersen
Ella Peterson
June Postalakis
Claire Powell
Jessica Price
Michael Reisman
William Root
Lindsey Rush
Margaret Ryan
Ellena Schildmeyer
Grace Schooley
Christopher Schueler

Safiyah Seck
Wenzhuo Shi
Lydia Silver
Jhanavi Sivakumar
Sofia Sivilotti
Ellen Sneed
Karen Snyder
Jaykuhn Song
Eleanor Spaine
Sophia Stayer
Paige Stevenson
Grace Taylor
Ava Towle
Gillian Turnbull
Benjamin Underwood
Victoria Vasquez Diaz
Avery Voss
Isabelle Walther
Olivia Wang
Yue Wang
Eilee Wang
Christiano Wang Beach
Jackson Weeks
Alain Welliver
Nora Will
Karun Winstein
Thomas Wolfe
Leon Wu
Jian Chen Yan
Jacqueline Yerke
Brooke Yoakam
Ainsley Young
Nathan Yu
Avery Zelina
Rena Zhao
Quentin Zimmer

Library JULY | AUGUST 2020 **iNSIGHT**

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Library Gearing Up for a Limited Reopening

At Insight press time, our staff is preparing to welcome the public back into the Main Library for limited services. While many details need to be worked out, we anticipate opening our doors in early July. The Lane Road and Miller Park Libraries will remain closed. (See Director Beth Hatch's column on page 21 for more information on temporary branch closures and our reduced active staff.) Our situation is always evolving, so be sure to check our website at www.ualibrary.org for the most up-to-date information.

When you return to the library, things will look and operate differently than before the closure. For everyone's safety, we will limit the number of people in the building at the same time. We

may be open reduced hours. Everyone will be required to wear a mask or facial covering, and maintain 6 feet of distance between other patrons and staff. We've installed Plexiglass barriers at our service desks.

You will be able to browse and check out items using our new touchless self-checkout stations. Please bring your library card, either the physical card or on our app, for the quickest experience. Computer workstations will be available by appointment, which can be arranged by calling (614) 486-9621.



You'll notice that we've removed much of our furniture throughout the building as well as the toys in our youth department. We encourage you to find your materials, check out and exit. While we look forward to the time when we can again serve as a gathering place, for now we must focus on providing materials rather than areas to meet or lounge.

Drive up book drops will remain open during designated hours and we'll continue quarantining returned items for at least 72 hours.

Curbside pickup will still be available for limited hours for patrons whose requested items are ready.

Certain services have been suspended. Outreach homebound delivery, live programs, passport appointments, one-on-one technology help, and meeting room reservations will not be available until further notice.

"We are eager to see everyone again," said Assistant Director Kate Porter. "Though your library experience may be a little different, we made these changes with the goal of keep all of us as safe and healthy as possible."

Summer Reading Club Invites You to "Imagine Your Story"

There's still time for you to participate in the 2020 Summer Reading Club. Readers of all ages can "Imagine Your Story" through July 31.

In light of the times, we've simplified the program. Register at <http://read.ualibrary.org>. You only need to complete one form per household. Download a reading log from the site, or use one of your own. Simply mark each day you read. Those who read on 15 days from June 1-July 31 will earn a free book! Hang on to your calendar and bring it to the Main Library any time in August to receive your prize.

We'll also have weekly challenges like quizzes, a scavenger hunt and other activities. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram (UAPublicLibrary) and check each Monday for that week's challenge. By participating, you can earn chances in drawings for great gift cards. Winners will be drawn on August 1 and will be notified by email or phone.





A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Beth Hatch

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the library, our staff, and our community in so many ways. In the history of the library, we have never had to close our doors for this length of time. It was heartbreaking though necessary to ensure safety for everyone.

The Library is adjusting to the new financial realities of the loss of revenue suffered by the state due to business closures, specifically the impact on the Public Library Fund (PLF). The PLF comprises 44% of the Library's budget,

and we're estimated to lose more than 30% of that revenue.

We had to make very difficult decisions due to the economic changes brought on by COVID-19. First, we cut 30% out of the budgeted expenditures for library materials and more. However, with the expected loss more drastic cuts had to be made and unfortunately 70 employees were furloughed and full-time employees' pay was reduced by 5-6.25%.

Due to these staff reductions and furloughs, the Miller Park and Lane Road Libraries will remain closed until further notice, and the Main Library's hours have been reduced. Until revenue from the state is restored, the Library will need to continue these measures to make sure operations are stable and viable.

Despite the uncertainty of the financial future of the library and the threat of the

COVID-19 virus, library staff are diligently working to serve you. You can chat live with an online library staff member via our website, reserve items online or over the phone, and pick them up outside our entrance once you receive a notice they are ready. The book drops are open at the Main Library with returned materials quarantined for 72 hours. We're taking appointments for computer workstation sessions.

We're also planning to open the Main Library for limited services in early July. See page 20 or our website at www.ualibrary.org for more information.

We are anxious to return furloughed staff to the library, open the branches, and restore hours. We plan to do this as soon as we can financially and safely. We hope to see you at the library soon!

Explore...GATHER...grow!!



From curbside pick up to acrylic barriers, life at the Main Library is looking quite different.



Imagination Library Project Provides Free Books to Kids

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is open to all children in Franklin County thanks to the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library initiative. The project provides a book a month for all kids age 0-5. The books are mailed to the child's home and are for them to keep. They can start building their early literacy skills and engage in reading with family/care givers to prepare them for school.



Dolly's program began in 1995 and is now both a national and international program. Ohio's first counties came on board in 2005, and the Governor Mike DeWine's goal is to have all 88 counties participate. In July 2019, the Ohio legislature included \$5 million over the course of the next two years to jump start the project.

The UA Library is happy to answer questions about the program or help kids enroll, at <https://ohioimaginationlibrary.com/enroll>.

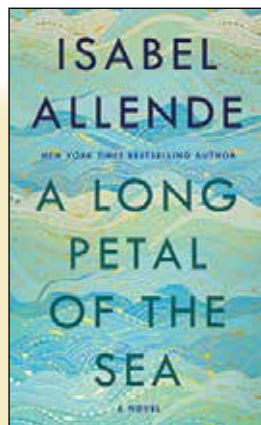
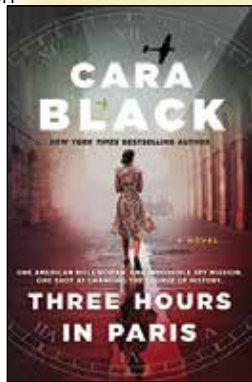
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

A Long Petal of the Sea

By Isabel Allende, translated by Nick Caistor and Amanda Hopkinson

This new epic novel by the author of *The House of the Spirits* follows the lives of Victor Dalmau and Roser Bruguera from small Spanish towns and the trenches of the Spanish Civil War, to concentration camps in France and into exile in Chile and Venezuela. Through the author's engaging and masterful storytelling, and superior translation, we are treated to a complex but accessible story of displacement and exile informed by an overwhelming desire to belong and establish roots. More than anything, through decades of Roser and Victor's lives, the epic reinforces the triumph of love and human spirit over misfortune and tragedy, as we learn that home is closer than one might think.

– Shahin Shoar, Media Services



vulnerability. Though she still has her cringeworthy moments, this older Olive is more likable and finds some much-deserved happiness.

– Kris Stahler, Miller Park Library

The Mystery Of Three Quarters

By Sophie Hannah

Available as an eBook in our Digital Downloads collection
This book features Hercule Poirot, a character that was made famous in the books by Agatha Christie. First there is a murder... or was there? Four people were sent letters accusing them of the murder of Barnabas Pandey. All of these letters were signed in the name Hercule Poirot, but the great detective did not send them. Some of the recipients did not even know who Barnabas Pandey was, and neither did Poirot. Needless to say, Poirot felt the need to look into the situation to find

out if Mr Pandey was indeed murdered and who would have signed his name to the letters.

– Steve Gruber, Media Services

Stand Up, Yumi Chung

By Jessica Kim

Yumi Chung's parents are determined she become an A+ student like her perfect older sister, who is studying to be a doctor, so they enroll her in test-prep tutoring for the summer. If she gets a scholarship, she'll be able to stay at her elite private school, but that's not Yumi's dream. Yumi dreams of being a stand-up comedian, and when she stumbles into a comedy camp where she's mistaken for an absent student, she can't bring herself to tell the truth or stop going. On stage, as terrifying as it is, Yumi finds herself and becomes the confident person she's always wanted to be. But it's only a matter of time before all this unravels. She also discovers her family is in danger of losing their restaurant. You'll cheer for Yumi as she makes mistakes, but finds the courage to stand up in more ways than one.

– Tracie Steele, Youth Services

Three Hours in Paris

By Cara Black

This thriller is set in Paris during WWII with assassin Kate Rees, an American markswoman, working for the British Secret Service. She is dropped into France with a mission to assassinate Adolf Hitler. Black's pace is fast but plausible, with enough tension and twists, plus a great feel for Paris during the Nazi occupation. A good historical thriller for folks who like a hard boiled and well-paced book.

– Vita Marinello, Adult Services

Olive, Again

By Elizabeth Strout

Olive, Again is the sequel to the Pulitzer Prize winning book, *Olive Kitteridge*. Olive is a deeply flawed and complex character, but a glimpse at a painful childhood memory makes her more sympathetic. She is coming out of a difficult period in life and has gained a bit more self-awareness and

Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up with Me

By Mariko Tamaki

Frederica "Freddy" Riley is dating Laura Dean, the most popular girl in school, but Laura Dean keeps breaking up with her. Freddy can't figure out what to do, and even though all her friends tell her to break up with her, Freddy can't seem to let go even when she starts losing friends, including her best friend Doodle who desperately needs her help. Follow Freddy in her relationship journey in this poignant and realistic story about being a teenager in love.

– Kelly Edwards, Youth Services

Online Programs from Familiar Faces



In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we've suspended our live programs until further notice. However, you can still have fun, learn new things and explore interesting topics with our virtual programs. We have uploaded many videos to our YouTube channel, at www.youtube.com/UAPublicLibrary and are planning live interactive programs to present through Zoom.

Storytime Activities

Our youth librarians have created dozens of videos for their young fans. Discover stories, flannels, rhymes and songs in our YouTube "For Kids" playlist. Miss Kelly, Miss Sue, Miss Tracie, Miss Sarah and Mr. Zach

have all contributed to the fun. We add new videos each week, so subscribe to get notification when a new one is posted.

Technology Tutorials

Our Technology and Media Librarian Donna has created many videos to help adults feel comfortable using our virtual collections. The videos feature easy-to-follow instructions for getting the most out of products like Hoopla, RBDigital, and OverDrive eBooks. You can also learn about iCloud and Google products like Docs and Drive. You'll find videos that cover the basics as well as specific topics like using your Amazon Echo with Hoopla, and how to set filters and notifications for OverDrive. Check out all the available tutorials in our YouTube "Technology" playlist.

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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Branches Closed

We've suffered a significant loss of income due to a reduction in state funding. As a result, we must keep Lane Road and Miller Park Libraries closed until further notice. Full-time staff from these branches have been moved to the Main Library, which is open but providing limited services. See Director Beth Hatch's column on page 21.

Some Library Services are Suspended

Due to the temporary reduction of our workforce, we've suspended several services. Passport processing, one-on-one tech help, Outreach homebound delivery, meeting room reservations, and live programs are all on hold for the foreseeable future.

Main Library Open for Computer Appointments

Many of our patrons rely on our computers and Internet, and you can now book time on one of our workstations. You'll need a library card and will be limited to a two-hour session. To ensure social distancing, workstations are set up in the Main Library's atrium

more than six feet apart. If needed, staff assistance will be provided remotely through onscreen help. To make an appointment, call 614-486-9621. Walk-in use is not permitted.

COVID-19 Healing Kit

If you know a child struggling with the pandemic, the COVID-19 Healing Kit may help. It's a downloadable PDF curated specifically for families to offer books to share, discussion suggestions, comfort activities, acts of kindness, and local and broader community links about the pandemic. Access it from our homepage at www.ualibrary.org

Friends Book Sale Canceled

The Friends of the UA Library have canceled their August book sale. The fate of the November sale has not yet been decided.

Stay in the Know

You can get updates on our reopening strategy and service offerings by checking www.ualibrary.org and by following us on Facebook and Twitter. You can also sign up for our electronic newsletter at bit.ly/2yFkY2v to receive updates direct to your inbox.

Curbside Pick Up in 3 Easy Steps

1. Reserve an item through our catalog, app, or by phone at (614) 486-9621.
2. Check your email or phone. We'll let you know when your item is ready for pick up.
3. Make an appointment using the link in your email, or call (614) 486-9621 to speak to a staff member for pick up options.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit our Community Calendar at upperarlingtonoh.gov
Or follow us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram for event updates

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Calendar details events that are tentatively scheduled to occur, but subject to postponement, adjustment or cancellation. Please check our online event calendar at upperarlingtonoh.gov for updates and news of any additional events as they are scheduled.

Get Fresh Farmers Market 4-7 pm, Wednesdays

Tremont Pool Parking Lot, 2850 Tremont Rd
UA Parks & Recreation | 614-583-5300

Market logistics are modified to provide a safe environment, with pre-ordering/ payment also available.

Fourth of July Celebration Saturday, July 4

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

While it may be a scaled back version of UA's typical celebrations, the Civic Association still has planned various activities for a day of celebration, including a front porch parade. Visit uaca.org for full details.

Nationwide Children's Championship

August 20-23, OSU Golf Course
<http://www.ncc-golf.com/>

Enjoy free admission to this annual golf tournament, which is part of a pathway to the PGA Tour.

UA High School art students invited residents to get outside-while social distancing of course-to create positive chalk art that shows support and appreciation for friends, family and neighbors. Activities included a scavenger hunt and raffle for gift cards to various UA businesses. This fun event was made possible by a grant from the Upper Arlington Education Foundation and support from the City's Cultural Arts Division.



Wall of Honor

3 pm, Sunday, August 30
3600 Tremont Road

Previously scheduled in May, this year's ceremony honors Ken Thompson, UA's first Parks & Recreation Director (Linda Readey will be honored in 2021).

Labor Day Arts Festival

10 am-4 pm, Monday, September 7
Northam Park

UA's Cultural Arts Division hopes to be able to present a modified version of our annual festival. Visit upperarlingtonoh.gov for details as the date approaches.