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

Fancyburg Park

Master Plan



The City's Parks & Recreation Department recently wrapped up community engagement for Phase II of the Fancyburg Park Master Plan, with more than 600 residents completing an online survey. This round focused on updated design concepts and proposed amenities developed by The Edge Group, and the feedback received is guiding next steps for upgrades to this important community space.

Thoughts on the Overall Plan

Residents expressed strong support for many of the proposed features. The natural play areas and a four-season pavilion were seen as opportunities to enhance recreation and community gathering. While many liked the idea of an outdoor amphitheater, others questioned the need or were worried about neighborhood impacts, stressing the importance of making sure park elements complement the neighborhood setting.

One of the more debated elements

was an interactive wetland. While some appreciated its educational value and natural feel, others voiced concerns about safety for young children and the potential for attracting mosquitoes.

Other recurring themes included the importance of maintaining open green space, preserving mature trees, and improving safety and accessibility. Many residents suggested adding more shaded areas, especially near play equipment, and ensuring that the park is accessible to children of all abilities. There was also strong interest in additional recreational features like pickleball courts, along with amenities such as picnic areas and improved parking.

Respondents were able to weigh in on design approach for the playground. Steel and fabric designs were seen as more versatile, engaging, and safer, with shade features and materials that stay cooler in the sun.

The survey also asked for feedback on architectural styles for the pavilion. In general, there was a preference for a

timeless, welcoming design that would blend in with the natural setting, with natural materials like wood and stone.

What Comes Next?

This second phase of community feedback provided valuable insights into what residents want – and don't want – for Fancyburg Park. The project team shared the findings with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and City Council in June. These conversations will help guide the final direction of the Fancyburg Park Master Plan. After incorporating input from both groups, a refined design will be developed and shared with the community in the coming months. Once finalized, construction of the maintenance facility will occur in 2026, with the balance of the work scheduled for 2027 and 2028.

Visit the Fancyburg Park Master Plan project page in the Parks & Rec section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov for additional details. If you have questions or comments, please contact the department, at parks@uaoh.net.

Veo Brings Mixed Vehicle Fleet to UA and Columbus Region

Following the launch of a partnership between the City of Columbus and Veo to transition to a diverse fleet of shared electric scooters, e-bikes and pedal bikes, Upper Arlington's five CoGo Stations are becoming part of the Veo network. Once fully deployed, Veo will offer the most extensive range of vehicle options with a comprehensive, easy to use rental system that also requires proper parking at the end of the ride.

The five stations are located at North Star and Northwest, the Mallway, Lane Avenue, Tremont Center, and Kingsdale.

Visit veoride.com to learn more about Veo and to download the Veo app. If you have questions about Veo, contact our Community Development Department, at 614-583-5070.



2025 Community Survey Update

Community Invited to Complete Online Version of Survey

DEADLINE: Sunday, July 13

Every few years, the City surveys its residents to gauge how we're doing in terms of the services that we provide, and to identify where improvements or adjustments might be needed to stay in tune with community needs and desires.

The statistically valid data gathering portion of the 2025 Community Survey process is now complete. During this phase, 1,500 randomly selected households received an invitation to participate.

Now, we are now opening the survey up to the entire community, with an online version that can be completed between June 30-July 13.

The primary goals of the 2025 Community Survey are to obtain feedback on areas that include:

- The quality of life in Upper Arlington
- Satisfaction with existing City services
- Opinions on implementation of the City's Capital Improvement Program
- Opinions on recent economic development activity
- Perceptions of the challenges that currently face UA

- Identifying or reaffirming important goals for the City

The emerging opinions and themes will be used in a variety of ways, aiding City Council as it sets direction for the City and as it revisits the 2026 budget. In addition, City departments will use the data to determine satisfaction with existing programming and services, possibly obtaining new ideas or suggestions for improvement.

In the fall, our consultant from Illuminology will present the survey findings to City Council, so please watch for details in the coming weeks.

Use the QR code provided here to access the survey, or visit upperarlingtonoh.gov.



UA CHAT Health Tips

July: UV Safety Awareness Month

Summer is here! Which means it is time to practice sun safety skills. Did you know that having five or more sunburns doubles your risk for melanoma, a form of skin cancer caused by over-exposure to UVA and UVB rays? We are exposed to UV rays in all seasons, but in the summer frequent sun exposure puts you at risk for skin cancer, sun burns, and eye damage. Wearing sunscreen, monitoring existing moles, limiting sunbathing and tanning beds, and wearing sunglasses are best practices to protect against UV health risks.

August: National Immunization Awareness Month

Immunizations are one of our most effective tools in keeping society safe from illness, disease, and cancers. Vaccines help the body's immune system learn how to fight germs and protect against preventable diseases. Compliance in vaccines has resulted in the control and elimination of diseases such as polio, small pox, and mumps. Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/imz-schedules/index.html> for recommended vaccination schedules.

FROM CHAMBERS | Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

Property Maintenance Code Amendments

In mid-June, City Council authorized a series of amendments to the City's Property Maintenance Code, providing stronger penalties for repeat, chronic and severe offenses or for non-responsive offenders.

Fortunately, extreme instances of property neglect are rare, but when they do occur they negatively impact the surrounding neighbors – oftentimes for an extended period of time. It's in everyone's best interests to have the appropriate tools in place to reach compliance when property owners ignore or refuse to cooperate with the City's code compliance team.

The code revisions include:

- Reclassifying a property maintenance violation from a minor misdemeanor to an unclassified misdemeanor. This classification allows fines of up to \$1,000. This aligns with a corresponding change made in the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) – which now includes a fine of up to \$500 for a first offense, with the ability to charge the maximum for subsequent offenses within a two-year period.
- Moving appeals of property code violations from the Board of Building Standards to the Board of Zoning & Planning (BZAP), since BZAP already hears appeals under the UDO.
- Aligns the variance application under the Property Maintenance Code with UDO variance requirements.
- Expands the civil violation process from the commercial use zone to any buildings, structures and property, allowing the City to use the civil penalty process in property maintenance matters.
- Allows the City to use the tax address on file with the Franklin



2024-25 UPPER ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

FROM LEFT: Todd Walter, Kathy Adams, Brian Close (Vice President), Ukeme Awakessien Jeter (President), Jim Lynch, Heidi Munc, John Kulewicz

County Treasurer's Office when serving notice to the property owner.

If you have questions about the property maintenance code amendments, or you are experiencing issues with a property in your neighborhood, please contact our Code Compliance Division, at 614-583-5070.

Board and Commission Appointments

City Council recently confirmed a slate of new appointments and reappointments for various Boards and Commissions:

- **Civil Service Commission** - James Campbell
- **Community Relations Committee** - Eric Hutchison, Megan Potts, Joanne Strasser
- **Cultural Arts Commission** - David Guion

- **Medical Advisory Board** - Dr. John Bach, Dr. Medard Lutmerding, Dr. Bradley Raetzke
- **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board** - Lindsey Christ, Ivana Lucas, Brian Noble
- **Tax Incentive Review Council** - Richard Reith

This year's solicitation and selection process attracted 58 applicants, and the City is extremely grateful to have so many residents express their interest in serving the community in this way.

Master Plan Task Force Update

An impressive number of residents have also expressed interest in serving on the upcoming Master Plan Task Force. City Council is expected to review these candidates late summer/early fall, and the Task Force is expected to begin an approximately two-year review process by the close of 2025.

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE | 614-583-5030

The City has an online portal for public meetings, where you can also register for meeting agenda notices. A full list of public meetings can also be found on our *Community Events* calendar, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Give Old Clothes New Life Through Pilot Textile Recycling Program

In a partnership with SWACO, Circular Thrift, and Sustainable UA, the City has launched a textile recycling drop-off pilot program that runs through August 31.



This initiative provides residents with a convenient and eco-friendly way to dispose of worn-out or damaged clothing and household textiles – items that are no longer suitable for donation or resale and would otherwise end up in the landfill.

The average person throws away around 70 pounds of clothing each year, much of which ends up in landfills. By participating in this pilot program, Upper Arlington residents can help reduce waste and support the circular economy by giving these materials a new life – often being repurposed into insulation, industrial rags, or other products.

Location & Hours

The textile donation enclosure is located in the front parking lot of the Public Service Center, at 4100 Roberts Road. The enclosure is accessible at all hours, seven days a week.

What Can be Donated?

This program is specifically for end-of-life textiles that are stained, ripped, or otherwise unsuitable for traditional donation or resale. Accepted items fall into the following five categories:

- Denim
- Sweatshirts & Fleece (with hardware such as zippers or buttons)
- T-Shirts & Sweatshirts (without hardware)
- 100% Polyester Items
- Other Items - includes sheets, towels, blankets, socks, underwear, and bras (no underwire)

How to Participate

All items should be clean and dry before dropping off. Clear signage and donation instructions are provided at the site to guide you through the process.

Zollinger Road Mobility & Safety Improvement Project

Community Invited to July 10 Open House to Help Shape Corridor Vision



The City is kicking off a planning and design initiative focused on improving safety, mobility, and overall experience along Zollinger Road, from Riverside Drive to North Star Road. The Zollinger Road Mobility & Safety Improvement Project is an opportunity to thoughtfully invest in a corridor that serves thousands of daily users and sits at the heart of one of the community's most active areas.

"Our goal is to reimagine Zollinger Road as a safer, more comfortable, and more accessible corridor for everyone," said City Engineer Aaron Scott. "This effort reflects our broader, ongoing commitment to creating high-quality, connected infrastructure that supports long-term livability and public investment."

Community Open House

6-8 pm, Thursday, July 10

Bob Crane Community Center (Level 5), 3200 Tremont Road

The project will launch with a Community Open House that will include interactive exhibits, maps, and hands-on opportunities for community members to highlight issues, share their experiences, and weigh in on priorities for the corridor. Topics will range from street safety and traffic flow to lighting, landscaping, signage, and the pedestrian experience.

Registration is not required to attend this meeting, however you are encouraged to RSVP using the QR Code to help the planning team prepare.

The Zollinger Road project will unfold in two main phases of community engagement. This first phase centers on identifying existing conditions, needs, and values. A second round of input later in the year will focus on reviewing concepts and shaping design direction. Public feedback will directly inform a vision statement and a set of goals that guide future improvements to the corridor.

For more information, visit the City's website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov, or contact the City's Engineering Division, at engineering@uaoh.net, or 614-583-5360.





CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Steve Schoeny

National Church Residences Brings Corporate Campus Redevelopment Project to the City

If you're a regular reader of *UA Insight*, you may remember receiving updates on two projects focused on the Henderson Road Corridor in recent years.

Prior to last year's Henderson Road Corridor Study, in the fall of 2022 we shared plans with the community to rezone a portion of the office district surrounding Arlington Centre Boulevard to a Planned Mixed Office District, setting the stage for prospective redevelopment projects that would be more dense in nature – combining office space with other uses, such as residential and retail spaces. We held a series of public engagement opportunities throughout this process, with many residents providing invaluable input to help make the end result better, and by the close of the year, City Council had approved the rezoning.

We have long known that the Henderson Road Corridor was in need of a refresh. As one of the largest of seven key commercial districts with redevelopment potential, the Henderson Road Corridor had yet to undergo any significant change, as has happened along Lane Avenue and at Kingsdale. We knew we needed to take a closer look to see what role the City should play in setting the stage for quality redevelopment projects that would meet our economic development and community quality of life goals.

We started with the office district, in part because National Church Residences had indicated to us that they were considering redevelopment options for their corporate headquarters on North Bank Drive. We wanted to be sure we had a good framework



in place for the district that would define the community's parameters for redevelopment as National Church Residences explored its options.

After doing their due diligence, National Church Residences is now ready to bring a proposal to the City. They have drafted plans to redevelop the 7.5-acre site into a mixed-use development that would include their corporate offices and residential units designed to serve older adults, with potential public improvements by the City that could further enhance their proposal.

The public review process for this proposal began mid-June, with two public meetings designed to share details of their plans and to seek community feedback. A third meeting is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, July 23, from 4:30-6:30 pm at the Bob Crane Community Center, 3200 Tremont Road.

Moving forward, National Church Residences has indicated that they plan to bring their plan forward for approvals by various government bodies in July, August and September. As public

meetings and hearings are scheduled, we will have up-to-date information on this project available on the City's website, so that you can catch up on the details and follow the next steps in the process.

And if you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out to us, at city.manager@uaoh.net, or by calling 614-583-5040.

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Celebrating Independence Day - UA Style!

UA knows how to put on an incredible Independence Day celebration, thanks to the hard work of the all-volunteer UA Civic Association (UACA). To help ensure the day is safe and enjoyable for everyone, we always share several reminders.

Watching the Parade

NEW FOR 2025: For safety and logistical reasons, parade spectators will not be permitted north of the Zollinger Road and Northwest Boulevard intersection. Parade viewing will only be allowed south of Zollinger Road along Northwest Boulevard.

Parade Participant Safety Reminders

If you are planning to participate in the Parade, please make sure you do your part to keep things safe. Here are some basic reminders:

- Make sure anyone riding on a float does not sit over the wheel wells
- No passing out or throwing of candy or other items
- No jumping on/off moving vehicles
- Make sure children are properly supervised
- Make sure you have water and that everyone has applied sunscreen
- Respect and follow direction from parade officials and police officers

Parade Diversability Zone

The Red Oak Family Foundation is hosting a sensory friendly parade experience in front of Holy Trinity Church, where volumes will be set to 50%, tents for shade are provided, with convenient parking and easy access to the viewing area.

Parade Traffic & Safety Restrictions

The Police Division will place barricades or City vehicles at streets intersecting Northwest Blvd. As a result, local traffic will not be able to cross or use Northwest per the following schedule:

- 6:30-7 am - all streets between Zollinger Rd. and Lane Ave. closed at Northwest.
- 7-7:30 am - most streets between Lane Ave. and North Star Rd. closed at Northwest. It will still be possible to cross Northwest at Guilford, Barrington and Waltham roads until approximately 8 am.
- Travel on Northwest Blvd. limited after 7:30 am.
- Lane Ave. remains open to traffic until approximately 8:30 am.
- All streets are expected to be reopened to traffic by 1 pm.

Parking Restrictions

Parking restrictions will be in effect for most streets south of Lane Avenue that surround the parade route - in some instances this will be on both sides of the street, in other instances it will be on the fire hydrant side only. The affected streets will be posted in advance with "no parking" signs. No parking hours will be from 5 am-1 pm on the day of the parade. If you live in the area, please move cars into your driveway or to a nearby location where parking is permissible.

Party in the Park

Gates open at 5 pm at Northam Park, featuring Yachtopia, followed by The Conspiracy Band, and culminating in an exciting display of fireworks at 10 pm. New this year, UACA has also scheduled a pre-fireworks Drone Show that will paint the night sky with lights, shapes and surprises.

Fireworks Safety

The State of Ohio now allows the sale and usage of some consumer-grade fireworks around certain holidays, while giving local governments the option to ban the discharge of and/or sale of fireworks. Upper Arlington has maintained its existing ban on sales and usage with one caveat: party poppers,

smoke devices, snappers and sparklers may now be used, but on private property only. Therefore, no consumer-grade fireworks, not even sparklers, are permitted in any City park.

Help Protect the Northam Park Athletic Fields

UA Parks & Rec has issued some simple reminders for attendees to follow that will help protect the newly renovated turf fields and sprinkler system at Northam Park:

- No blankets are allowed on the turf prior to the start of Party in the Park at 5 pm. These blankets should be breathable (ie, no plastic tarps).
- Pop-up tents or other items that require stakes are not allowed.
- Using stakes to section off areas for seating is not permitted.

UA Parks & Rec Holiday Hours

Thursday, July 3

- Northam Tennis & Pickleball - close at Noon
- Tremont Pool - closes at 9 pm
- Reed Road Water Park & Devon Pool - regular hours

Friday, July 4

- Northam Tennis & Pickleball - closed
- Tremont Pool - closed
- Bob Crane Community Center - closed
- Reed Road Water Park & Devon Pool - open Noon-5 pm

Saturday, July 5

- Northam Tennis & Pickleball - open at 1 pm (if fireworks cleanup is complete)
- Tremont Pool - opens at 1 pm (if fireworks cleanup is complete)
- Bob Crane Community Center - regular hours
- Devon Pool & Reed Road Water Park - regular hours

NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays / Trash & Recycling Delays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Independence Day** - Friday, July 4.
No Solid Waste collection delays.
- **Labor Day** - Monday, September 1.
All Solid Waste collection zones are on a one-day delay.

Bob Crane Community Center Holiday Hours

- **Independence Day** - Friday, July 4.
CLOSED
- **Labor Day** - Monday, September 1.
Open 8 am-Noon

City e-News

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS | 614-583-5040

Get timely service news, event reminders and special project updates by e-mail:

- **City Insight** - weekly e-news on City services, special projects & events.
- **Activity Link** - monthly news from UA Parks & Rec, including Bob Crane Community Center updates.

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

Won't You Be Our Neighbor Podcast

City Manager Steve Schoeny and City Attorney Darren Shulman discuss City happenings and introduce you to various members of our community. Get started today, at <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/cityofua>.

CityofUA YouTube Channel

youtube.com/@CityofUA

Subscribe to the City's YouTube channel for convenient access to our latest service videos, highlights of community events and more.

Electric Aggregation

www.sopec-oh.gov

More than 10,500 UA households and small businesses that have been part of the City/SOPEC Electric Aggregation Program since January 2024 were recently notified of their new rate of 9.756 cents per kWh, effective with the June 2025 meter read. The AEP Ohio Standard Service Offer (or price to compare) for June is 9.97 cents per kWh.

For the 2024 program, it is estimated that program participants realized approximately \$2.2M in combined savings.

It's still possible to join this program, call 1-877-648-1937 to check your eligibility.

Friends of UA Parks

Saturdays, 9 am-Noon

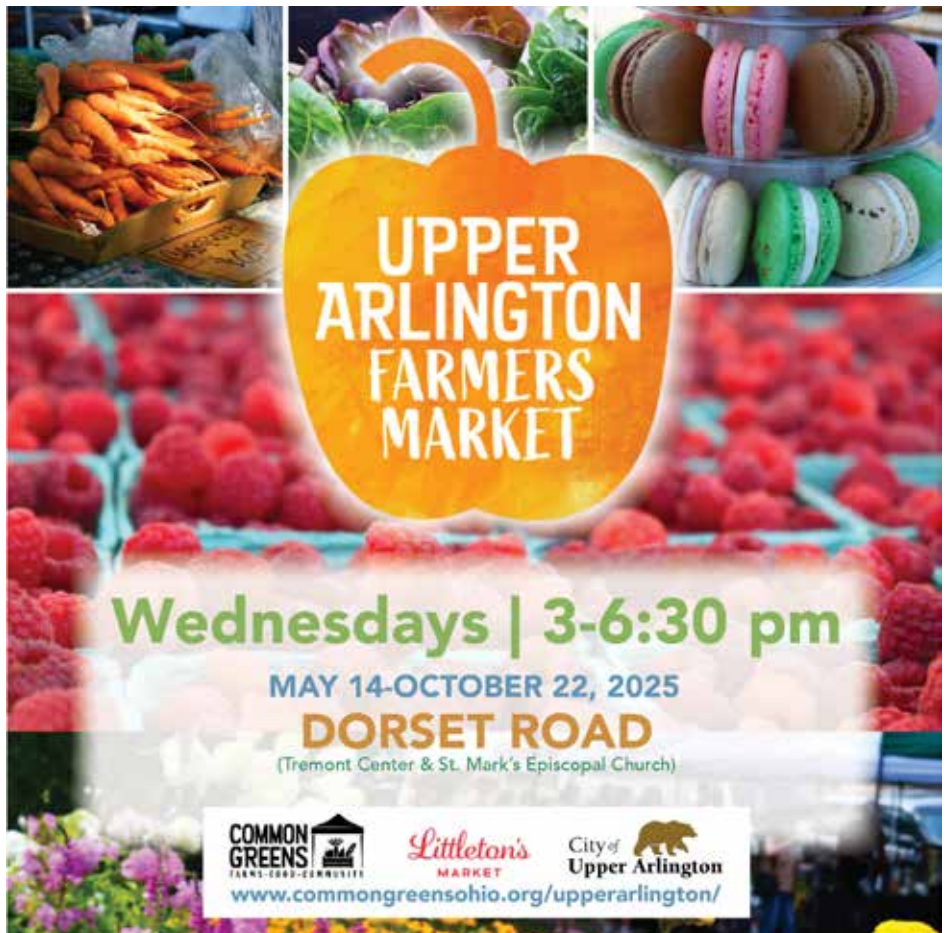
friendsofuaparks.com

Volunteers are always welcome to help remove invasive plant species from UA's local parks. Wear long pants and closed-toe shoes, equipment is supplied.

- **August 23** - Reed Road Park
- **September 20** - Thompson Park

Mosquito Prevention

Mosquito season is upon us, so make sure you are informed on ways to minimize the population around your property. The City contracts with Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) for the provision of an integrated mosquito management program each year. When fogging is deemed necessary, the City typically receives at least 24 hour notice of areas to be treated, and in turn, we use our website, email database and social media to inform affected residents. It's also possible for residents



UPPER ARLINGTON FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays | 3-6:30 pm

MAY 14-OCTOBER 22, 2025

DORSET ROAD
(Tremont Center & St. Mark's Episcopal Church)

COMMON GREENS
FARM-TO-FOOD COMMUNITY

Littleton's
MARKET

City of Upper Arlington

www.commongreensohio.org/upperarlington/



In May, the family of Dr. Martin Peter Sayers and Marjorie Garvin Sayers gathered to celebrate their induction onto the Wall of Honor at the Municipal Services Center. This annual tradition – a partnership between the Upper Arlington Historical Society and the City of Upper Arlington – honors deceased residents who made a notable difference in their community and beyond.

to register for Mosquito Spraying Updates directly from FCPH. Check out our Mosquito Control page at upperarlingtonoh.gov for details.

Garage/Yard Sales

CODE COMPLIANCE | 614-583-5070

Residents may conduct one garage/yard sale during any six-month period, not to exceed three consecutive days or two days on two consecutive weekends. Sales may be held from 8 am–8 pm, with items placed for display in a garage or backyard. Any signage should be placed on private property only and should not exceed eight square feet.

American Red Cross Blood Drives

- **10 am–4 pm, Friday, July 11** - 3200 Tremont Road
- **10 am–4 pm, Friday, August 1** - 3600 Tremont Road
- **10 am–4 pm, Tuesday, September 23** - 3600 Tremont Road

The need for blood donations always increases in the summer, when fewer people register to donate. Meanwhile warmer weather increases outside extracurricular activities that have a higher risk of injury. Do your part to help meet the need by donating at one of our

upcoming American Red Cross blood drives. Visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> and type in *CityofUA* to register.

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 arrange to cut the grass/weeds at the owner's expense.

Building Permit Reminders

DEVELOPMENT | 614-583-5070

If you have plans to remodel part of your home, our Community Development Department can help with an important first step: checking to see if your project requires a permit. Examples of projects that require a permit include:

- Constructing a deck
- Finishing or altering a basement
- If framing is removed/added to a kitchen/bathroom or the layout is altered
- If non-load-bearing walls and/or soffits are removed, altered or added

- Adding a porch or covered entry
- Building a fence or replacing an existing fence
- If roof decking, exterior sheathing or framing is replaced, along with shingles or siding
- If an exterior wall and/or header framing is altered during window replacement

Citizen Police Academy

Thursday Evenings, Sept 4–Nov 13

APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 1

UA POLICE | 614-583-5150

upperarlingtonoh.gov

UA Police is accepting applications for the 2025 Citizen Police Academy, which will run on Thursday evenings in the fall. Any UA resident or business owner/leader over the age of 21 is eligible to apply for this free program.

Summer Utility Invoice

Deadline: August 8

FINANCE | 614-583-5291

The City's second semi-annual utility invoice is being mailed to UA households early in July. This includes fees for Solid Waste, the Stormwater Utility and, in some cases, a Neighborhood Lighting Utility fee.

Panhandling:

There's a Better Way to Help!

UA POLICE | 614-583-5150

In the summer, there's often an increase in panhandling across the community. While panhandling itself is not illegal, the City restricts individuals from entering the roadway and obstructing traffic to accept cash, food, or other items from vehicles. Our Police Division along with UA CARES actively responding to these situations, engaging with individuals and families who are panhandling to identify their needs and help connect them with essential services, such as shelter, food, and other resources.

We understand the desire to provide assistance directly to those in need. However, we encourage you to support the local organizations and services that are equipped to provide more long-term solutions.

Events Around the Community



This year's Arts on Arlington community event at the Mallway didn't disappoint, with families stopping by to enjoy live music, local artists and delicious refreshments. Our thanks to UA Parks & Rec for another successful community event.



Members of the Police Division were part of this year's Light Ohio Blue Caravan, which traveled through a portion of UA on May 7, honoring law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, and to show support for those who currently serve.



On June 2, the City raised the Pride flag at the Municipal Services Center to officially kick-off Pride Month and demonstrate UA's commitment to supporting all members of our community. Our thanks to Letha Pugh from Core Café for serving as our keynote speaker, as well as the folks at Rainbow UA and the UA Library who helped with this year's event.

And let's not forget the May Spring Fling event at Sunny 95 Park, which celebrated the start of the outdoor season and all the fun things you can do through UA Parks & Rec.



Schools[★]iNSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

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Celebrating the UAHS Class of 2025

The Upper Arlington High School Class of 2025, our 101st graduating class, stands as a shining example of the district's vision of uniquely accomplished students prepared to serve, lead and succeed. These remarkable students have not only excelled academically but have also made a lasting impact through the arts, athletics, service and innovation. With nearly 500 students, the Class of 2025 reflects the strength, spirit, and support of an entire district – shaped by the dedication and care of educators and staff at every level.

As they step into the next chapter – whether it's college, careers, service or other opportunities – they carry the strength and values that define Upper Arlington. "This class has shown time and again that they are ready to lead with heart and integrity," Principal Andrew Theado said. "Their future is bright, and I can't wait to see the incredible things they will accomplish. They leave a legacy that will inspire future Golden Bears for years to come."





SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Robert Hunt, Ph.D.

Community Input Guides Next Steps for Future of Our Schools

Robert Hunt, Ph.D., is the superintendent of Upper Arlington Schools. You can email him at superintendent@uaschools.org and follow him on X (formerly Twitter) at @Hunt_EdLeader.

Over the past few weeks, we have said our goodbyes to the remarkable Upper Arlington High School Class of 2025 – our 101st graduating class – and celebrated the accomplishments of all of our students. While the 2024-2025 school year has come to a close, there is much to do in our schools as we work on final preparations for the upcoming school year and continue to provide academic support and enrichment for students through summer programming.

This summer, another major focus for us is phase two of our facilities master planning process. Since May, we've gathered feedback through surveys on revised draft options for our aging middle schools and Burbank Early Childhood School. These options range from addressing the physical needs of the buildings to also considering educational needs – such as classroom configurations, space for growing enrollment, and other factors that impact students' daily experiences.

I've been impressed by the level of

community engagement. By late May, we had more than 2,700 touchpoints, and that number continues to grow.

As we've connected with the community, two key questions have emerged: Why now? And what's next?

Why Facilities Planning – and Why Now?

A decade ago, our community began the first phase of our master planning process. At that time, the physical needs of our middle schools and Burbank were projected to be about a decade out.

Now, 10 years later, there is much more urgency. Hastings, Jones and Burbank have immediate physical needs. While we've maintained these buildings well, the systems within them are reaching the end of their useful life.

There is no zero-cost option. It's critical that we work together to create a strategic, financially responsible plan that reflects our community's priorities and supports a high-quality educational experience for students.

What's Next?

Over the past two months, we've received a wealth of feedback on the draft options. That input is invaluable as we shape a master plan that reflects our community's vision.

We are also aware that these options involve complex factors – especially for the middle schools – such as swing space needs during construction, timelines and considerations around the historic nature of Jones Middle School.

Because of this complexity, we are extending the planning process timeline, and anticipate bringing a recommendation to the Board of Education in early 2026. This allows us to gather even more input and engage our Financial Advisory Board to ensure a thoughtful, community-driven master plan.

I encourage you to continue to stay involved – your voice matters! Watch your mailbox or visit www.uaschools.org/facilities for updates on the process.

UAHS Open House to Honor Alumni, Educators

The Upper Arlington Alumni Association and Upper Arlington Schools are pleased to announce the alumni and retired educators who have been selected for the 2025 Alumni Awards and 2025 Educator Hall of Fame, respectively. These individuals will be recognized at an awards presentation on July 3 during the Upper Arlington High School Open House, sponsored by the Upper Arlington Alumni Association. The open house will be held from

12:30-3 pm, with the awards presentation at 2 pm in the performing arts center

2025 Alumni Awards

- **Outstanding Alumni Award:** Annie Burtch Stair, '99
- **Distinguished Alumni Award:** Erin Moriarty, '70, and the Honorable Bob Doyle '60
- **Inspirational Young Alumni:** Gabrielle Shell, '20

2025 Educator Hall of Fame

- **Nancy Botti**, Upper Arlington High School
- **Jean Crawford**, Upper Arlington High School
- **Karen Pettus**, Jones Middle School and Upper Arlington High School
- **Vicky Sherer**, Jones Middle School and Upper Arlington High School
- **Thomas A. Williams**, Hastings Middle School

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

Upper Arlington Schools provides our community with a key financial update twice a year through the five-year forecast – a



legally required document submitted to the state of Ohio each November and updated every May. This report serves as an important check-in on our current financial position and long-term outlook, reflecting our ongoing commitment to transparency and fiscal responsibility.

In May, the updated five year forecast was presented to the Board of Education at their regular meeting. The updated forecast reflects minimal changes since the November 2024 filing but does not

incorporate any potential impact from the state biennium budget, which was still making its way through the state legislature.

As it stood in May, the proposed budget could have a significant negative impact on school districts across the state, including Upper Arlington. Our two biggest areas of concern center on the proposed abandonment of the Fair School Funding Formula and a potential cap on cash balances for school districts. The latter would take away funds that our community has already approved for education.

We are continuing to share our concerns with state lawmakers and keep our community informed as the budget bill progresses through the legislature. We will share updates on our website, www.uaschools.org. While you're there, you can take a closer look at the five year forecast, at www.uaschools.org/treasurer.

Enrollment Update

This spring, we shared the latest enrollment projections for our district. This independent report looks at everything from real estate trends to birth data to project how many students will be enrolled in our schools during the next 10 years.

As expected, we are continuing to see steady growth in K-12 enrollment districtwide – an exciting challenge that requires thoughtful planning for staffing, space and resources.

With this trend likely to continue over the next several years, the district will continue to monitor our enrollment growth to efficiently plan for additional students and the additional people, space and resources students need to support them on their academic journey.

If you are interested in a deeper dive into our enrollment projections, please visit www.uaschools.org/enrollmentdata.

Summer Projects

This spring, the district has been preparing for summer projects at its buildings. Several of these projects involve the typical maintenance you would expect – such as asphalt work and concrete repairs, and roof repair and maintenance.

Yet this year, the school district and the City of Upper Arlington will be working together to demolish the old Upper Arlington Senior Center near Tremont Elementary School, turn the site into greenspace and repair the adjacent parking lot. The site will be turned over to the district as part of a previous agreement with the City of Upper Arlington in connection with the opening of the Bob Crane Community Center. This affords the district additional greenspace for Tremont and the potential for future flexibility around that site.

If you have additional questions about district finances, you can contact me at treasurer@uaschools.org.

2025 UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM LEFT:
Liz George Stump,
Lori Trent, Vice President
Lou Sauter, President
Jenny McKenna and
Nidhi Satiani



Thanks to a partnership with the City of Upper Arlington, Board of Education meetings take place in the Council Chamber of the City's Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road.

In general, the meetings begin at 6 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Some exceptions apply, and last-minute scheduling changes are possible. Please refer to www.uaschools.org for the most up-to-date information.

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, August 6, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, September 9, 6 pm – Council Chamber

For additional information on the members of the Board of Education and its policies, please visit www.uaschools.org/board.

BITES From the Apple



217 UAHS Students Receive Service Awards

With a combined total of more than 21,000 hours of service, 217 Upper Arlington High School students were honored this spring as recipients of the 2025 President's Volunteer Service Award. These awards are given in two categories, Young Adult and Teen, based on the graduating class of the recipient. Congratulations to this year's recipients!

Young Adult Awards Gold: 250+ hours – Bishishta Acharya, Kayden Britt, Khloe Dewald, Kevin Feng, Esther Lam, Rae Liu, Gavin Lord, Logan Magliery and Alexander Skoracki

Young Adult Awards Silver: 175+ hours – Caroline Abel, Adam Arasada, Max Bloomfield, Andy Chen, Ryan Cho, Avery Falor, Daryn Goodwin, Seungri Han, Evelyn Logsdon, Emily Malone, Nora Nawrocki, Marley Nemeth, Matthew Rice, Hannah Setterlin, Selis Tüfekçi, Sienna Tuttle and Elena Zhu

Young Adult Awards Bronze: 100+ hours – Dominic Alicea, Avah Anderson, Milena Antonova, Liam Bain,

Lucy Baker, Athina Becker, Caroline Beegle, Hogan Bloomfield, Ava Brown, Camille Brown, Parker Brownlowe, Maureen Burky, Leo Capetanopoulos, Anthony Cavallario, Ella Chandler, Kaitlyn Cole, Jett Corso, Carsen Christie, Bridget Deshler, Braylen Edwards, Evangeline Ellsworth, Jenna Ezzie, Connor Ferguson, Camden Gaupp, Mia Gillum, Jack Gilmour, Stella Goff, Alvaro Gonzalez-Adams, Helen Griffith, Madison Hanosek, Kate Hauswirth, Alice Hawley, Emerson Hemmelgarn, Elliana Howarth, Ava Kang, Joon Kang, Zoe Kourlas, Calvin Larson, Elias Larson, Evelyn Leader, Sylvie Lederer, Emily Lin, Jackson Lloyd, Lauren Love, Evelyn Lundquist, Brady Lynch, Chloe Malatesta, Erin Malone, Meredith McCormick, Vivian McGee, Cooper McGinty, Isaac Meats, Margaret Miao, Ingrid Miller, Charlotte Milligan, Dominic Moberg, Caden Moore, Abbey Murphy, Ellie Ness, Natalie Ness, Sophia Norton, Julia Oakley, Abby Oliphant, Andrew Petzinger, Kenadie Phillips, Ryan Piccinich, Drew Poling, Celia Probst, Maddie Reisz, Erin Samora, Kathryn

Sanderson, Matthew Schmersal, Kathryn Sexton, Harry Sisson, Bryan Smith, Ella Smith, Benjamin Stamm, Ala Stanek, Lila Susi, Ava Swanson, Hadley Taylor, Humaira Tashfeen, Natalie Theaker, Tatum Thrush, Jillian Vagnier, Brooke Vaughan, Kiersten Watts, Max Wood, Macie Zhong and Jimmy Zolkowski

Teen Awards Gold: 100+ hours

– Iris Bachey, Katherine Bloomfield, Mia Burkey, Annabelle Burkle, Hazel Burt, Carolina Caruso, Phineas Chapman, Josephine Coplin, Isabella Courser, Barrett Doerflein, Sophia Edwards, Jack Ehler, Juliana English, Claire Evans, Harper Hemmelgarn, Riley Hollingsworth, Kristen Kahle, Selena Khanal, Aden Kiger, Carmen Kimmel, Maya Krishnasetty, Gianna Lewis, Logan Liu, Lucas Liu, Trip Milburn, Cassie O'Brien, Joonyoung Park, Madison Pennell, Deven Reddy, Ellen Stein, Jackson Stiles, Shreya Trikha, Mia Walter, Koby Watts, Dillon Wiles, Kylie Wimmer, Judy Wu and Claudia Young

Teen Awards Silver: 75+ hours

– Olivia Andres, Julia Balada-Guerau, Augie Bertolo, Camryn Butts, Scarlett Graves, Audra Leahy, Avery Lloyd, Blake O'Donnell, Giana Peachey, Lydia Rule, Isabella Schmidt, Calvin Schmit, Abby Smith, Charlie Stought, Haneen Tashfeen, Bella Taylor and Clare Wright

Teen Awards Bronze: 50+ hours

– Leila Abouhassan, Avery Aufderheide, Jamie Ayers, Riley Babb, Regan Bateman, Audrey Beam, Evan Bodin, Erin Burky, Adeline Butsko, Sophia Chapman, Degen Coble, Huiying Cui, Noah Dingle, Finley Fastinger, Liam Ferguson, Kevin Foster, Cole Harris, Ian Hawley, Serena Huang, Nora Huss, Sawyer Katz, Emmett Kelly, Cameron Krisiewicz, Wyatt Logsdon, Elise Lowe, Parker Magliery, Mariam Marashdeh, Charlie McKenna, Avery Meier, Ava Montgomery, Eva Newlin, Ella Oakes, Reagan Orben, Ryan Potts, Ryleigh Rivera, Caroline Singer, Christian Snyder, Carolyn Stratman,



McCartney Stutz, Donna Vogt, Emery White, Lucy Wilcox, Riley Wolf, Samatha Wood and Salma Younis

2025 UACA Golden Apple Award Winners

Each spring, the Upper Arlington Civic Association recognizes outstanding staff members at Upper Arlington's public and private schools with Golden Apple Awards. UACA directors solicit and review public nominations, then select a deserving staff member in each school. Congratulations to the 2025 Golden Apple Award winners from Upper Arlington Schools!

- Barrington Elementary School: **Jill Bixel**, gifted intervention specialist
- Greensview Elementary School: **Melissa Dunagan**, gifted intervention specialist
- Tremont Elementary School: **Lindsay Kidwell**, fifth grade teacher
- Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School: **Shelly Hughes**, 4/5 teacher
- Windermere Elementary School: **Alyssa Lively**, fifth grade teacher
- Hastings Middle School: **Brian Shipley**, seventh grade math teacher
- Jones Middle School: **Sara Dross**, seventh grade social studies teacher
- Upper Arlington High School: **Sean Martin**, language arts teacher
- District: **Alicia McGinty**, visual arts teacher

These educators exemplify the spirit of dedication and excellence that the

Golden Apple Awards aim to honor. Their unwavering commitment to fostering a nurturing and stimulating learning environment has left an indelible mark on their students and the broader school community.

Hastings Teacher Honored with Statewide Award



Elizabeth Blank, a sixth-grade science teacher at Hastings Middle School, has been selected as a recipient of the Arthur S. Holden Science Teacher Award of Excellence by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. This prestigious award honors outstanding science educators from across Ohio who demonstrate exceptional teaching, dedication, and contributions to science education within their schools and communities.

Blank's selection for this honor is a testament to the high regard her peers hold for her work and the lasting impact she has on her students and the broader school community. Her recognition highlights the strength of the district's commitment to academic excellence and innovative science instruction.

She will be formally recognized at the Foundation's Annual Educator Awards Banquet on Thursday, July 24. As part of the award, Blank will receive a \$1,000 grant to support a classroom, school, or district project or initiative.

Uniquely Accomplished

- This spring, Upper Arlington High School celebrated 157 junior inductees into the National Honor Society, in recognition of their exceptional scholarship, service, leadership and character. They join 158 UAHS seniors who were inducted last year.
- The Upper Arlington Education Foundation presented the 2025 Charles G. Will Scholarships in the spring to five outstanding student writers: senior Brooke Vaughan, senior Trevor Lane, junior Leigha Reyes, sophomore Max Bennet and freshman Emmy Hommema. These awards, founded by the Upper Arlington Alumni Association Class of 1959 in honor of beloved educator Charles G. Will, recognize students who show remarkable growth and promise in writing.
- The Upper Arlington Crew boys V4+ and girls freshman 8+ boats made waves at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America's National Championship Regatta in New Jersey on Memorial Day weekend – going head-to-head with top teams from across the country. The boys clocked the 7th fastest time overall in the finals, and the girls placed 6th in their semifinal, just shy of the finals.

2025 Senior Honors Assembly

The Upper Arlington High School Senior Honors Assembly celebrated the incredible Class of 2025, with more than 50 awards and scholarships given out to more than 200 students. The awards and scholarships reflect their achievements in all aspects of their school journey, including the academics, arts, athletics and much more. Congratulations to the recipients!

Alea Ramsey's Heart of Gold Memorial Scholarship:

Ava Harrigan, Caroline Hall, Emily Iams, Lucy Martin, Josie Petersen and Tatum Thrush

Dr. Bill Schaefer International Scholarship:

Alma Weisberg

Emily Reardon Memorial Scholarship:

Natalie Theaker

The Debbie Casto Scholarship:

Caroline Beegle, Caden Moore, Cecilia Donohue and Julia Tobin

Francis Richard Barnes Humanitarian Scholarship:

Avah Anderson

Howard Hanna Realtors Scholarship:

Abree Aschliman

Jim Baas Community Service Award:

Alberto Manganelli

P.E.O Chapter BX Scholarship:

Bishishta Acharya and Stella Goff

PTO Pat Stewart Senior Student Award:

Eliot Samurin

PTO Kip Greenhill Senior Student Award:

Tatum Thrush

Rotary Club of Upper Arlington Community Service Award:

Nora Ginnan, Alberto Manganelli, Natalie Ness and Alexander Skoracki

Carl D. Smallwood Inclusion Scholarship:

Julia Oakley and Joseph Shepherd

Susan Grace Knell Scholarship:

Alberto Manganelli

Tri-Village Chamber Partnership Scholarship:

Caden Moore

Tri-Village Lions Club President's Scholarship:

Mia Gillum

Tri-Village Rotary Scholarship:

Cecilia Donohue

Troll Family Scholarship:

Julia Tobin and Eliot Wise

Upper Arlington Civic Association Junior Director Awards:

Caroline Abel, Bishishta Acharya, Maureen Burky, William Carlisle, Jenna Ezzie, Luke Friedman, Maxwell Friedman, Mia Gillum, Kate Hauswirth, Alice Hawley, Alberto Manganelli, Hayden Millisor, Nora Nawrocki, Julia Oakley, Sarah Snider, Benjamin Stamm, Natalie Theaker and James Wilcox

Upper Arlington Education Association Post Merit:

Hadley Taylor

UA Firefighters Local 1521 Scholarship:

Ashton Orr

Vera K. Randall Award:

Caroline Beegle, Kate Ayers, Caden Moore, Alberto Manganelli, Sophie Port, Tatum Thrush, Colin Anderson and Colin Hickey

FC Bank Award:

Benjamin Stamm

Character Scholarship:

Avery Haupt

Agonis Scholar Athlete Award:

Braden Moss and Maren Degenhart

Central Ohio Scholar Athlete Award by Encovia

Insurance and WBNS-10TV:

Andrew Golowin and Paige Schneider

NFHS Award of Excellence:

Caden Blamer, Ava Brown, Ava Harrigan and Jackson Thomas Lloyd

OHSAA Archie Griffin Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award:

Hayden Hollingsworth, William Poth, James Wilcox and Brogan Wiles

OHSAA Courageous Student:

Jack Caine, Andrew Golowin and Katherine White

OHSAA Scholar Athlete Nominees:

Madeline Reisz and Sam Old

Upper Arlington Swim Club Award:

Caden Blamer and Samuel Luxhoj

Military Award:

Daniel Ben-Artzi, Jabril Husein, Gabe Hoffman, Luke Jeffers, Jackson Thomas Lloyd, Chris Paine, Matthew Palmer and Declan Saint Jacques

UA Rise Scholarships:

Kavya Navaneetha Krishnan, Julia O'Dwyer, Piper Pitt, Kathryn Sanderson and Viola Syverson

National Merit Finalists:

Rohan Baste-Bania, Bennett Dial, Emerson Houser, Rae Liu, Logan Magliery and Corinne Stevens

Pat Hamilton Art Scholarship:

Caroline Beegle

**Global Language Department
Outstanding Achievement
Awards:**

Nora Boyer, Marley Nemeth, Kyrie Coble, Tobias McLaughlin, Clare Cooper and Jennifer Sethi

**Robert A. Hawkins Global
Language Scholarship:**

Caroline Beegle

IB Diploma Candidates:

Milena Antonova, Daniel Ben-Artzi, Tallulah Blower, Maureen Burky, William Carlisle, Lauren Creedon, Bennett Dial, Jenna Ezzie, Meredith Fastinger, Seungri Han, Reagan Jaglowski, Alex Skoracki, Elise Love, Lauren Love, Dean Mason, Dominic Moberg, Emerson Houser, Luke Jeffers, Grant Mitchell, Charles Poling, Cooper Rehl, Kassra Shavezipur, Selis Tüfekçi, Alma Weisberg, Macie Zhong, Braden Moss, Nora Nawrocki, Sam Old, Josephine Petersen, Celia Probst, Isabella Probst and Madeline Reisz

Matt McCoy Writing Award:

Emeline Binkley and Alberto Manganeli

**Charles G. Will Emerging
Writer Award:**

Michael Lindsay and Brooke Vaughan

**Math Department
"E"xcellence Award:**

Joonhyun Kang, Logan Magliery, Madeline Reisz and Harry Sisson

**Computer Science
Student of the Year:**

Michael Lindsay

**Music Department David
Hajek Spirit Award:**

Abigail Talarzyk

Director's Award for Orchestra:

Dylan Jones, Ava Kang, Alicja Stanek and Macie Zhong

**John Lohse Orchestra
Spirit Award:**

Charles Poling

National School Orchestra Award:

Vivian Bennett

**Keith Krieger Music Endowment
Fund Award:**

Marley Nemeth

**UA Civic Association Music
Endowment Fund Award:**

Corrine Stevens, Katherine Hauswirth and William Turnbull

Joe Caruso Science Scholarship:

Gabrielle Vonder Embse

**John Lohse Science
Memorial Scholarship:**

William Carlisle

Senior Social Studies Award:

Madeline Reisz

**Upper Arlington
Community of Theatre Award:**

Audrey Dingus and Charles Poling

**2025-2026
SCHOOL DATES**
Convocation; Staff Meetings
Monday, August 11

Staff In-Service Day
Tuesday, August 12

First Day for Students (Grades 1-6 and 9)
Wednesday, August 13

Kindergarten Orientation
Wednesday, August 13 and Thursday, August 14

Classes in Session (Grades 1-12)
Thursday, August 14

All Students in Session (K-12)
Friday, August 15

First Day of PreK at BECS
Monday, August 18

Labor Day; No School for Students and Staff
Monday, September 1

For the upcoming 2025-2026 school year calendar, please visit our website at www.uaschools.org/calendars. To view a calendar of community events in our schools, please visit www.uaschools.org/communitycalendar.

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SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



The Class of 2032 cheered the end of the school year and an unforgettable fifth-grade year at special celebrations during the final week of the school year in May.



In May, eighth-grade students enjoyed a class trip full of learning experiences – from the Flight 93 Memorial and Gettysburg battlefield to the many museums and monuments in Washington, D.C.



Burbank Early Childhood School students rolled up their sleeves and worked together to plant tomatoes, peas and flowers in the school's garden beds this spring.



Third-grade students at Tremont Elementary School joined the City of Upper Arlington to celebrate Arbor Day by planting three trees behind the school gym.



Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School students wrapped up the year with curiosity, creativity and connection through an immersive exploration of ecosystems.



To build awareness around mental wellness and suicide prevention, Upper Arlington High School hosted a Sources of Hope and Strength Week, led by two student groups, Hope Squad and Sources of Strength.



The inaugural Hastings Middle School Farmers Market was a tremendous success and a true showcase of the creativity, teamwork and entrepreneurial spirit of the sixth grade class.

Library JULY | AUGUST 2025 iNSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Celebrate Dog Week beginning July 27

Celebrate our furry friends with crafts, performances, games, and more during this special week at our Lane Road Branch from July 27-August 1.

From Sunday-Friday, enjoy a mix of simple and easy dog-themed crafts at our activity tables in the children's area. You can also vote for the coolest and cutest dogs, and check out books about them. Starting on Monday, enjoy a themed scavenger hunt, only available this week with surprise prizes!

The week is also filled with these special activities:

- **Monday, July 28 at 10:30 am**
– Performance Dogs of Ohio will perform amazing tricks outside. Rain date is July 30.
- **Tuesday, July 29 at 10:15 am** –
We'll have a dog-themed storytime for babies up to age 24 months.
- **Tuesday, July 29 from 3-5 pm** –
Join us during our dog-themed drop-in event as we make art and play games. We may even have special guests!
- **Thursday, July 31 at 10:15 am** –
We'll have a dog-themed storytime for toddlers ages 2-3 years.



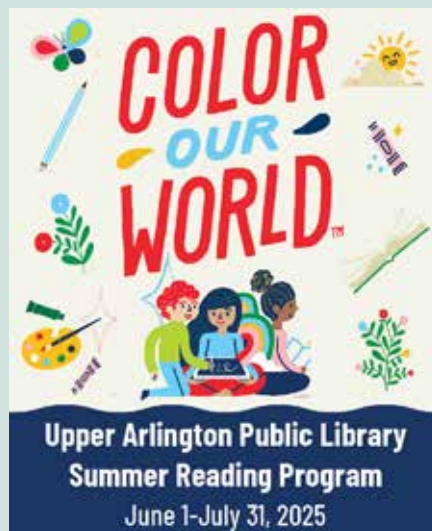
Summer Reading Program Runs Through July 31

A colorful summer is in full swing at the UAPL! The "Color Our World" Summer Reading Program continues through July 31.

Kids and teens can track their reading, and adults can track their reading and library-related activities, to earn prizes. Pick up a log at any UAPL branch or download one from our SRP website at ualibrary.org/summer-reading. Full program details are on the site, too.

Many thanks to the Friends of the UAPL for their continued sponsorship of our Summer Reading Program.

Thank you also to the following for their grand prize and coupon



donations: 61 Face, Bleu & Fig, the City of Upper Arlington, Clothes Mentor, the Columbus Crew, Cover to Cover, Crimson Cup, Cub Shrub, El Vaquero, Houlihan's, Kings Island, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Renaissance Festival, the Ohio State Fair, Once Upon a Child, Orange Leaf Otherworld, The Original Goodie Shop, Raising Cane's, Shadowbox Live, Storyline Bookshop, Studio 35, and Sweet Baby Octane.



A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Beth Hatch

Happy Birthday, Lane Road Branch!



This year, we're proud to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Lane Road Branch! While the branch's roots trace back to 1952 in the Lane Avenue Shopping Center, the current location on Lane Road officially opened its doors on August 18, 1975, serving residents north of Fishinger Road. Since then, it has remained our beloved mid-sized location, welcoming between 9,000 and 11,000 visitors each month.

Over the years, we've made thoughtful improvements to the space, often working within tight budget constraints. In January 2020, we installed a more ergonomic and functional circulation desk, along with an enclosed staff workroom to improve efficiency. Thanks to generous donations, we were also able to add drive-through book drops – an amenity our patrons have come to appreciate.

In 2022, we unveiled a refreshed Early Learning Play Area – our second iteration of this interactive, play-based learning space. Designed for young children and their families, the area encourages shared reading, creativity, play and socialization in a vibrant, engaging environment. These enhancements were made possible through the generosity of individuals and community partners, including the UA Community Foundation, the Tri-Village and Upper Arlington Rotaries, and the Friends of the Library.

Despite these updates, more substantial improvements were needed. With limited funding, progress had to wait until May 2022, when our community overwhelmingly supported

the Library's operating levy. That support made it possible for Lane Road to be the first location addressed in our 10-year master facilities plan.

We prioritized the most urgent needs: a new HVAC system, updated heating/cooling controls, and redone ceilings on both floors. These critical infrastructure upgrades accounted for the majority of project costs.

At the same time, we had the opportunity to respond to feedback from our patrons. The renovated Lane Road Branch now offers greater

flexibility, additional access to power, more meeting rooms, and improved sound baffling to create a quieter, more comfortable space.

We received gifts from 134 community donors to further improve the children's area with new shelving and seating options. Thank you to everyone who donated to make this possible!

We are thrilled to welcome you back to a refreshed, revitalized Lane Road Branch – ready to serve our community for the next 50 years.

At press time, our plan is to reopen on Monday, July 7 at 10 am, and to hold a grand reopening celebration on Monday, July 14 at 5:30 pm, featuring a ribbon-cutting ceremony and brief remarks.

We can't wait to see you there!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



All meetings of the Board and its committees, with the exception of executive sessions, are open to the public. Meetings begin at 5 pm, and are held in Meeting Room B of the Tremont Road Branch.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, July 15 (organizational meeting)

2025 Board of Trustees

From Left: John Yesso, Kate Hare, Matthew Courser, William Shkurti, Kevin Fix, Peter Hahn, Sue Ralph

- Tuesday, August 19

NewsBITES

LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the UA Library will hold a book sale from August 3-10 in the atrium of the Tremont Road Branch. The sale will feature a large selection of fiction and nonfiction books for all ages, plus DVDs, CDs, vinyl, magazines and more. A members-only presale will take place on August 3 from 11 am-1 pm. The sale opens to the public at 1 pm that day, and will close each day 15 minutes before the library closes. The final day of the sale will feature the famous bag sale, where shoppers can fill a paper grocery bag with books for \$5 (Friends members) or \$10 (nonmembers).

Here are a couple fun facts about our Friends: they have small bookstores in our atrium and Lane Road Branch that are open year-round. They donate unsold books to various organizations across the state, including food pantries, prisons, and children's charities and schools.

OhioLINK and SearchOhio

As a reminder, OhioLINK and SearchOhio, the statewide borrowing systems some patrons use to receive certain items, are undergoing upgrades. OhioLINK has been down since May 23, and SearchOhio will be down beginning August 1. Both

are expected to return to service on October 27. No requests, checkouts or renewals can be made during these times. Items may still be returned.

Red Cross Blood Drives

The American Red Cross will hold blood drives at the Tremont Road Branch on Tuesday, July 22, Friday, August 8, and Friday, August 22 from 11 am-4 pm. Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org using sponsor code UAPL.

Holiday Closings

All UA libraries will be closed on Friday, July 4.

Program Highlights

Songs of America

Music lovers of all ages are invited to hear local band RMT perform patriotic songs and tell the stories behind them. Bring blankets, chairs and maybe even a picnic to the park outside our Miller Park Branch on Wednesday, July 2 at 6:30 pm. The concert will be rescheduled to Monday, July 7 if there is inclement weather.

Didgeridoo Down Under

Join us for a fusion of Australian music, culture, comedy, and stories at the Tremont Road Branch on Saturday, July 12 at 10:30 am. We'll venture to the Land Down Under and hear music, explore the ocean, learn about Aboriginal artwork, and more. Great for ages 4+.

Cody Clark's Sensory Friendly Spectacular

Magic is for everybody! On Monday, July 14 at 4 pm at our Lane Road Branch, enjoy a performance by magician Cody Clark in a supportive

space without the bright lights and loud noises. Recommended for families and children ages 8+. Email lerwin@ualibrary.org for more information/accommodations. Registration is required.

School Supplies Free-Cycle

Do you have extra school supplies? Or do you need supplies for the upcoming year? Participate in our school supplies free cycle! Drop off your unused or lightly used school supplies at our Lane Road Branch starting July 19. From August 4-10, we will put out all donated supplies on a table, free to anyone who needs them.

Combating School Anxiety

Are you or your child stressed about starting school? Learn support strategies for the new school year at a presentation by Larysa Gilbert, a school-based clinician with Syntero. She'll be at our Tremont Road Branch on Wednesday, August 6 at 6 pm. Registration is required.

Jazz Academy on Tour

Young music fans can dance and sing along to a live performance of iconic jazz tunes on Friday, August 15 at 10:30 am at our Miller Park Branch. Led by a band of local musicians, kids will learn about important artists, history, and instruments of jazz.

Fermentation: How to Do It, How It Works, and Why It's Good for You

Registered dietician Julia Orloff is back, and this time she's bringing her dad, science teacher Warren Orloff. In this hands-on workshop on Saturday, August 23 at 1 pm, they'll teach you all about fermenting foods. Whether you're interested in learning about the science behind fermentation, the nutritional benefits of fermented foods, or you just want to explore the flavors, this program has what you're looking for. Registration is required..

MAKING MEMORIES...building connections



At our STEAM Bash, families chatted with UA police officers, picked up COSI Learning Lunchboxes, and even tried a pretend MRI machine.



The Columbus Crew's Crew Cat helped to kick off Summer Reading at our Miller Park Branch.



UA High School students led an instrument petting zoo, where kids could try a variety of musical instruments.



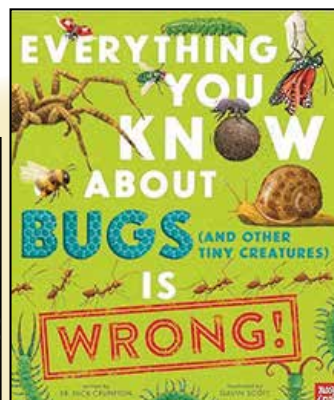
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

Everything You Know about Bugs and Other Tiny Creatures Is Wrong

By Dr. Nick Crumpton

Everyone knows that centipedes have 100 legs and all spiders spin webs, right? Well, zoologist Dr. Nick Crumpton is here to tell everyone they are WRONG! Filled with surprising facts and detailed artwork, this book will quickly become a favorite with insect fans of all ages.

— Laura, Technical Services



story carries the reader through a vast array of life changes and emotions, spanning 30 years of their unlikely friendship.

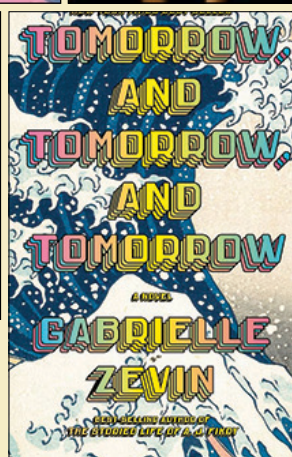
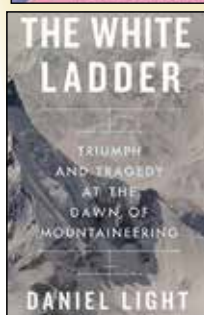
— Nancy, Miller Park

The White Ladder

By Daniel Light

In 1923, a reporter asked George Mallory why he was attempting to summit Mount Everest. Mallory was infamously one of the mountaineers on the first three British Mount Everest expeditions. But before that, a myriad of mountaineering adventures and progress led up to those famous summit attempts of the 1920s. Daniel Light goes further into the past and highlights the many mountaineering feats that lead up to the highest mountain on Earth being climbed. The author goes beyond the more visible points in mountaineering history and explores early expeditions, equipment inventions, and local communities surrounding mountains coveted for their height. It's an exhilarating look at mountaineering's past before George Mallory, when asked why he was climbing Mount Everest, famously replied, "Because it's there."

— Meg, Adult Department



conceit of a social order based around gameplay, the author sets complicated questions before her young protagonist: Do the rules that govern society apply equally to everyone? Is it possible for anybody to succeed, regardless of where they start? While the book is a fantasy written for children, its themes reflect real-world issues that affect all of us.

— Nicole, Youth Department

Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow

By Gabrielle Zevin

For those who grew up with – or simply have a fondness for – video games, this book should have great appeal. It follows the story of two vastly different pre-teens who forge a friendship playing video games and reunite in college to build their own game together. Filled with amusing '80s and '90s references and dotted with likable side characters, this

Say Everything: A Memoir

By Ione Skye

You may know Ione Skye as the dream girl that inspired John Cusack's unforgettable boombox serenade in the movie, *Say Anything*. However, this memoir reveals so much more about this very interesting person

who has led an unconventional life.

From her troubled relationship with her famous father, the folk singer legend Donovan, to her relationships and marriages to famous rock stars, to frank revelations of her bisexuality, this book will captivate you.

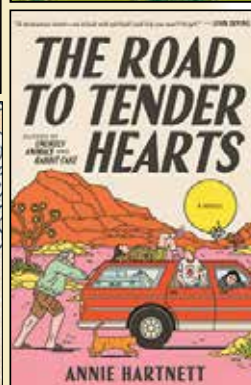
— Dale, Adult Department

The Road to Tender Hearts

By Annie Hartnett

PJ Halliday is hard to like. He may have won a million dollars on a scratch off ticket, but his history of heavy drinking and poor life choices have left him struggling to stay connected with his family. When PJ sees the obituary of a high school friend, he realizes Michelle Cobb (AKA "the one that got away") is single again. His plan to travel across the country to win her back is complicated by the fact that he can't drive, a stray cat won't leave him alone, and the sudden arrival of two recently orphaned children. The road trip that follows is heartfelt, weirdly funny, and ultimately rewarding.

— Laura, Technical Services



A Game of Noctis

By Deva Fagan

Set in a fantastical and futuristic city of canals, *A Game of Noctis* is an imaginative interrogation of what fairness truly means. Through the



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit our Community Event calendar at
upperarlingtonoh.gov for more on these events

Concourse Gallery

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

Portrait of Columbus, Sandra Rocha

July 9-September 12

Reception: 6-9 pm, Thursday, July 17

Artist Sandra Rocha captures the essence of Columbus through a series of expressive paintings that blend iconic landmarks with quiet, lesser-known corners. From the glowing neon of Katz's Deli at night to the mirrored architecture behind the Columbus Theatre courtyard, Rocha's work invites viewers to rediscover the city with fresh eyes.

Community Gallery by Loann Crane

Bob Crane Community Center
3200 Tremont Road
Cultural Arts Division | 614-583-5310

Joe Anastasi Through July 18

Joe Anastasi is a nationally recognized commercial artist, designer and illustrator based in Columbus, Ohio.

UA Farmers Market

3-6:30 pm, Wednesdays

Through October 22

Dorset Road at Tremont Center

commongreensohio.org/upper-arlington

UACA's Fourth of July Celebrations

Friday, July 4

9 am Parade | 5 pm Party in the Park

10 pm Fireworks

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

Movies in the Parks

UA Parks & Rec | parks.uaoh.net

- **Wild Robot (PG)** - 7 pm, Friday, July 11, Sunny 95 Park (Family Camp Out)
- **Wicked (PG)** - 7 pm, Friday, August 8, Thompson Park

Party on the Plaza

6-9 pm, Thursday, July 17

MSC, 3600 Tremont Road

UA Parks & Rec | parks.uaoh.net

Join us for a fun evening of fantastic music, delicious food, refreshing drinks and engaging art activities for all ages.

National Night Out

6-8 pm, Tuesday, August 5

Thompson Park, 4250 Woodbridge Road

UA Police | upperarlingtonoh.gov

National Night Out is an annual campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places.

OhioHealth Grandview Yard Half & Quarter Marathon

7 am, Sunday, August 17

Begins in Grandview Yard

[//rungrandviewyard.com](http://rungrandviewyard.com)

Neighbors Night Out

4-10 pm, Saturday, August 23

Northam Park Parking Lot, Tremont Road

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

An evening for all neighbors – newcomers and lifelong residents – to meet and mingle while supporting the Upper Arlington Civic Association.

Golden Bear Bash

6-10 pm, Sunday, August 31

Amelita Mirolo Barn

UA Education Foundation

www.goldenbearbash.com

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

Labor Day Arts Festival

10 am-5 pm, Monday,

September 1

Northam Park

UA Parks & Rec | parks.uaoh.net

UA's premier one-day festival with activities for all ages.

UACA Labor Neighbor Day

9 am-5 pm, Monday, Sept. 1

Hastings Middle School

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

Featuring bike races for kids up to 15 yrs. and a whiffle ball tournament.