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Police and Fire Pension Levy on the November 2 Ballot

Community surveys consistently confirm just how important safety is to Upper Arlington residents, highlighting their confidence in the exceptional services provided by the City's Police and Fire divisions. Maintaining a high standard of safety services is a costly endeavor. Combined, the divisions represent approximately half the City's workforce and general budget each year. The equipment and training required to make our Police, Fire and EMS response teams the best they can be is extensive. And yet, the City is able to provide an exceptional level of safety services at one of the lowest costs per capita compared with similar Ohio communities.

History of the Police & Fire Pension Levy

By Ohio Statute, the City is required to fund the equivalent of 19.5% (Police) and 24% (Fire) of gross wages to support

the Police & Fire Pension Fund. The City has funded its Police and Fire pensions through property tax for the past 45 years, with residents voting to approve nine, five-year ballot issues. All previous levies have been set at or close to 1.0 mills. The Police & Fire Pension Levy issue before voters has been placed on the ballot to renew the existing levy, but at a reduced rate.

Many communities in Ohio have traditionally used a combination of

permanent and voted property tax levies to help fund their safety services or their required contribution to the Police & Fire Pension Fund, since it provides a predictable, fixed source of income for safety forces' pensions.

What the Levy Funds

The proposed levy will fund the state-mandated retirement and disability fund for the City's police and fire personnel for a period of five

Police & Fire Pension Levy - in Dollars & Cents

The table below compares the existing levy of .97 mills—which expires at the close of 2021—to the proposed annual property tax rate of .89 mills, which represents a reduction of 8.25%. The property tax amount assigned to your home's value when a levy takes effect is fixed over the life of the levy.

Home Value	Existing Rate	Proposed Rate	Annual Decrease
\$100,000	\$33.95	\$31.15	(\$2.80)
\$400,000	\$135.80	\$124.60	(\$11.20)

years. If approved, 100 percent of the proceeds will be dedicated to the Police & Fire Pension Fund.

Approximately 8% of the property taxes paid by Upper Arlington residents is received by the City. The Police & Fire Pension levy is counted as part of this. The majority of your property taxes support the Upper Arlington Schools, Library and various Franklin County levies.

How the Reduction is Possible

The City is projecting that the police and fire obligation over the life of the proposed five-year levy will total approximately \$16 million, or an average of \$3.2 million per year. This is an increase from the previous levy projection of \$13.4 million (\$2.7 million per year).

Despite this projected increase, Staff believes the reduction can be accomplished due to a growing cash balance in the Police and Fire Pension funds, which has increased from \$928,000 in 2015 to 3.16 million in 2020. The increase is the result of a combination of factors:

- Over time, actual pension expenditures have been less than projections
- Strong property valuation increases have generated higher revenues on the City's permanent millage
- In 2020, the City was able to direct a significant portion of CARES Act funds from the pandemic to support police and fire salaries and pensions

Since these reserves can only be used to support police and fire pensions, it makes sense to lessen the levy renewal amount being asked of voters, while still maintaining a reasonable reserve.

Watch for additional information from the City on this issue in the count down to the November 2 election. If you have questions about the 2021 Police and Fire Pension Levy, please contact our Finance Department, at finance@uaoh.net.

Park Updates

Oxford Park Playground



The Oxford Park playground is being replaced, as one of the Parks & Recreation Department's 2021 Capital Improvement Program projects. This follows two phases of community engagement with park neighbors and the broader community. With the design for the new playground finalized, the replacement process is scheduled to begin late August, with completion sometime in the fall. Funding for the Oxford Park playground includes a \$10,640 Natureworks Grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Northam Park Vision Plan

Since 2020, work has been underway by MSA Sport to study and develop a plan for improving the athletic fields, tennis and other public facilities at Northam Park that have not yet undergone renovations. The Draft Vision Plan developed in the fall of 2020 identified the need for a detailed drainage study, a process that was initiated earlier this year.



As we head into the fall, the team recently shared its findings and recommendations with both the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and City Council, and is readying to begin detailed design for storm drainage improvements, with the goal of undertaking this first phase of improvements early in the New Year. Subsequent phases – spaced out over several years – will include replacement of the tennis/service buildings, athletic field renovations, and tennis court improvements

Vassar Pop-up Park Open Thru September 30 (Pictured on Cover)

Thanks to the creative mind of Katie White – a resident whose family lives close to Lane Avenue and who serves as Chair of the Upper Arlington Commission on Aging (UACOA) – and fellow resident and UACOA Executive Director Jennifer Monroe-Sega, the City has opened its first pop-up park in the Lane Avenue business corridor to provide a safe and attractive outdoor space for residents to enjoy a takeout meal, ice cream or coffee. The pop-up park features benches and picnic tables and has been decorated with creative touches to make the space attractive, fun and interactive.

Be sure to enjoy the pop-up park next time you visit Lane Avenue and let us know what you think by sending an email to parks@uaoh.net.

Upper Arlington Community Foundation Launches Community Center Capital Campaign and Announces \$2 Million Lead Gift

As the City prepares to begin the detailed design process for the Upper Arlington Community Center, the Upper Arlington Community Foundation has launched its fundraising initiative to gain the private sector's support, making two major announcements in August.

Capital Campaign Committee Honorary Chairs

The UA Community Center Capital Campaign Committee has announced its Honorary Chairs – Bill Hoskett and his son, Brad, along with Wendy Gomez and her daughter, Kate.

Bill Hosket is well known and respected nationally and in Central Ohio. He played college basketball for OSU and captained the team to the Final Four in 1968. He competed at the 1968 Summer Olympics, winning a gold medal with the U.S. basketball team, played four seasons in the NBA, and was a member of the New York Knicks 1970 World Championship team. Bill is one of the founding principals of Hosket Ulen Insurance Solutions.

Brad is a 2000 Finance graduate from OSU's Fisher College of Business, where he also played on the Buckeye varsity basketball team. After college,

Brad served as a financial consultant, real estate broker, and risk manager before joining Hosket Ulen Insurance Solutions in 2013, where he is currently serving as Managing Partner.

Wendy Hinton Gomez is a 1987 graduate of UAHS and a 1992 graduate of OSU, where she was a two-time captain of the cheerleading team. A lifelong UA resident, she founded Wendy's Gymnastics & Fitness for Children in 1993. She was a member of the Community Center Feasibility Task Force and recently joined the UA Community Foundation Board.

Kate Gomez is a 2018 graduate of UAHS, where she held many leadership roles such as Bear Den President, multiple captainships of volleyball and cheerleading, and on Kickin' It Live. She is a senior at OSU studying Human Development and Family Studies, as well as Business and Leadership Studies. Kate has been active with First Community Church's Mexico Mission Trip. She also founded Queue Academy during the COVID-19 quarantine to help local UA children learn, grow, and stay active, and help their families navigate the pandemic.

Lead Gift Announcement

In mid-August, the Capital Campaign Committee was pleased to announce receipt of a \$2 million gift from Loann Crane. The donation represents the first significant gift that will go towards raising at least 10 percent of the approximately \$54 million cost of the Community Center from private funds.

Loann and Bob Crane always believed they were extremely fortunate in their lives and wanted to give back to the Upper Arlington and central Ohio communities. "This donation reflects our commitment to lead by example, and I hope it will prompt others in this

community to follow with their financial support of this long-awaited and much needed Community Center," said Loann Crane. "Bob loved this community and loved sports. He would have been proud to see this legacy continue for generations of Upper Arlington families."

Margie Pizzuti, co-chair of the Campaign Committee, stated that "we are absolutely ecstatic and overwhelmingly grateful to Loann for this game-changing, generous commitment of \$2 million to name the Community Center in honor of her beloved husband."

Capital Campaign Committee Members

Campaign Co-Chairs Mike Fitzpatrick and Margie Pizzuti have also announced members of the Committee, who will be participating in this fundraising drive. Fitzpatrick is currently Chair of the UACF Board of Directors, and Pizzuti is immediate Past-Chair of the Board and served as Co-Chair of the City's 16-member Community Center Feasibility Task Force.

Honorary Co-Chairs
Wendy and Kate Gomez
Bill and Brad Hosket

Co-Chairs
Mike Fitzpatrick
Margie Pizzuti

Marissa Backes/Jeff Backes, M.D.
Greg Comfort
Jamie Crane/Tim Miller
Lisa Ingram/Greg Guy
Mary Ann Krauss
Michael Martz
Emily Ness/John Ness
Carolyn/Andrew Weeks

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Steve Schoeny, City Manager
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CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Steve Schoeny

The City's Fiscal Strength Enables Us to Pursue Community Goals

By the time the September/October edition of *UA Insight* starts reaching mailboxes, we hope to have secured Council's authorization for the City to enter into contract with the architecture and design team for the Upper Arlington Community Center.

Once we begin, the process for designing and building the Community Center will move into high gear. This process will include opportunities for resident participation at different stages along the way and the launch of a dedicated website that will serve as the go to source for all things Community Center.

After the 18-month study process of the Community Center Feasibility Task Force, followed by the May 4 election results, you might think the bulk of the design work is complete – far from it. While we do indeed have a solid understanding of residents' programming needs and wants, now comes the hard part of bringing them seamlessly together within a limited footprint, and doing so in a way that reflects our community's standards and values.

Watch for news of a series of community engagement activities this fall and, PLEASE...get involved and let us know your thoughts.

City Achieves Top Financial Ratings

For the 13th consecutive time, the City has achieved the highest possible financial ratings – Triple A – from two national ratings agencies. On the City's previously issued general obligation

debt, Moody's Investors Service has reaffirmed its rating for the City as Aaa and Standard & Poor's has reaffirmed its rating as AAA.

The ratings reassessments were undertaken as the City prepares to issue special obligation, non-tax revenue bonds valued at \$27.7 million for the Arlington Gateway Project. Specific to this issuance, Standard & Poor's awarded its highest rating of AAA, and Moody's Investors Service awarded an Aa1 rating, its second highest rating.

Both ratings agencies opined on the City's strong operating fund balance and its excellent credit profile, highlighted by a wealthy tax base, above average resident incomes and its ties with the Columbus metropolitan economy. And of note, both ratings agencies issued their ratings assignments knowing that the City will soon be issuing additional debt to help fund construction of the Community Center.

The Triple A rating is the highest that can be attained and is considered the gold standard for government entities when selling bonds to finance projects. As a result, our efforts to effectively manage the community's assets can now be further enhanced by our ability to secure exceptionally low interest rates.

Finance Department Designated as a GFOA "Triple Crown" Winner

Congratulations are in order for members of our Finance Department, with the recent announcement from the Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) that Upper Arlington is a 2019 Triple Crown Winner. This new recognition is afforded to communities that are recipients of GFOA's three awards for the same

reporting year. Upper Arlington is one of 11 communities in Ohio to receive this national distinction.

The three most recent awards are for:

- The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, a recognition that the Finance Department has achieved each year since 1987.
- The Award for Outstanding Achievement for the 2019 Popular Annual Financial Report. The City has repeatedly achieved this distinction since publishing its first PAFR for the year 2005.
- The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2019-2020 Budget, an accomplishment that the City has attained consistently since 1990.

These awards and this new designation as a Triple Crown Winner – combined with our financial ratings accomplishments – are testament to the City's commitment to responsible and transparent fiscal planning and implementation practices. These practices have helped us maintain a strong financial position during challenging times and afforded us the flexibility to dream big on issues like the Community Center and our infrastructure needs.

Brent Lewis and his capable staff may work behind the scenes at the City, but their efforts are crucial to keeping our organization and the work that we do on track. Our thanks to all in the team for their continuing efforts, and for the accolades they have been able to secure for our community year after year.

FROM CHAMBERS | Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

Council Adjusts Meeting Schedule, Expands Attendance Options

After a year of meeting remotely, City Council has made some adjustments to both its meeting format and schedule:

- In-person meetings have resumed, utilizing a hybrid option that allows residents to attend via Zoom. Full meeting access details are provided in each agenda, which can be found on the **City Council** section of the City's website.
- The schedule is now comprised of three City Council Meetings per month, on the first, second and third weeks of each month (eliminating Council Conference Sessions and allowing for special meetings at the end of the month if necessary).
- Residents may address Council on legislative items on the agenda. Hard copy speaker slips are available at the entrance to the Council Chamber. Residents wishing to address Council who plan to attend remotely should send an email "speaker slip" request to city.council@uaoh.net a minimum of two hours before the start of the meeting.
- Council meetings are live-streamed on the **City Council** page of the City's website.

Four Council Seats on November Ballot

Every November, U.S. citizens are afforded the opportunity to have a voice in government by participating in the electoral process at the local, state or national levels. In 2021, four Upper Arlington City Council seats are on the Tuesday, November 2 ballot.

Council Vice President Kip Greenhill is completing his second term on Council, and is therefore unable to run for an additional term. Council members Brian Close, Michele Hoyle



2021 CITY COUNCIL
(from left): President Brendan King, John Kulewicz, Vice President Kip Greenhill, Michele Hoyle, Michaela Burris, Jim Lynch, Brian Close

and Jim Lynch are all running to serve second terms. Community members Kathy Adams, Ukeme Awakessien Jeter, Stacy McIntire and Andrej Rotter have all filed with the Franklin County Board of Elections as candidates for a seat on Council.

Details of candidates' community experience and goals will be provided by local news media, via candidate websites, social media pages and other forums as election day approaches.

UACO Section 105.3 sets the contribution limitations in Upper Arlington. Financial contributions or in-kind contributions from an individual, corporation or organization in support of a candidate's campaign cannot exceed \$250 per calendar year. Of this, no more than \$100 can be in cash.

Leadership UA to Host Candidates & Issues Night

Thursday, October 7

3600 Tremont Road

Open House 6-7 pm

Moderated Forum 7-9 pm

As we head into election season, at the local level Upper Arlington residents are being asked to vote on the Police & Fire Pension Levy, seven candidates running for four City Council seats and five candidates vying for two spots on the School Board, so there's a lot to be informed about. To help you in your decision-making prior to heading to the ballot box, Leadership UA is once again

to the rescue by hosting its Candidates & Issues Night.

Participate in an informal meet-and-greet of the candidates and learn about other issues on the ballot from 6-7 pm in the Concourse Galley. A moderated Q&A forum begins at 7 pm, moderated by local news anchor for ABC6/Fox 28, Kurt Ludlow.

You can submit questions in advance—through 3 pm, Wednesday, October 6—at leadershipua.org.

Political Signage Guidelines

As election season approaches, the City wishes to remind residents about the proper display of political yard signs and banners.

Upper Arlington City Government is non-partisan, and City Council does not endorse political candidates. The City does not regulate language on a political sign, as this would infringe upon an individual's freedom of speech.

Below are guidelines for the display of signs or banners:

- Signs and banners must be located on the property and not in the public right-of-way.
- A maximum of five signs/banners are permitted per property.
- In addition to the five permitted signs, an additional sign/banner may be onsite for each street frontage if the property is under construction or on the market for sale or lease.

- Signs/banners should not exceed eight square feet in size per side.
- Signs should not exceed four feet in height if free-standing, and should not be attached to any roof or roof element if mounted on a building.
- Signs/banners should not be illuminated.
- Signs with changeable copy/text are not allowed.

Council recently approved some amendments to the City's sign code, allowing the use of larger banners - up to three feet by six feet - during the time period of May 7-July 7. This amendment was made to facilitate the use of graduation banners for students, though the enlarged sign size is extended to all messages during that period.

The City may be able to ask a resident to remove signs/banners only if they exceed the size requirements, are deteriorating or have been placed in the public right-of-way. If you believe this to be the case, call Code Compliance at 614-583-5073 or use our **UA Click2Fix** smartphone app to report an issue.

Signs placed on private property are considered private property as well, and theft charges will be filed against individuals taking signs.

Please be mindful of the aesthetics of our neighborhoods when displaying political signs.

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.

CITY SERVICES

Leaf Collection Public Works Division614-583-5350

The City is providing leaf collection services late October-early December, weather permitting (dates announced in September).

Residents are advised to refrain from placing leaves at the curb until approximately one week before the start of the program AND to stop at least one week before the program ends. The timeframe for collection each year does not change since the Public Works Division must fit this service in with other seasonal services.

A Leaf Collection Tracking Map is available on the **Leaf Collection** section of our website, providing residents a means to follow the progress of collection crews in their area and anticipate when they are likely to be on their street.

Please follow these guidelines:

- Place loose-raked leaves close to the edge of the street in the tree lawn, **not in the street.**
- Leaf piles should extend no further than two-three feet behind the curb.
- Do not place grass clippings, rocks, sticks or other objects in leaf piles - please continue to use the weekly yard waste collection service to dispose of other yard waste debris.
- Keep piles away from signposts, light poles, trees and mail boxes.
- Do not block storm sewers as this can increase the chance of flooding in the event of a heavy rain.
- Parked vehicles should be at least 15 feet away from either side of leaf piles so that collection crews have safe access to the leaves with their truck and leaf machine.



Bring Us Your Pumpkins!

October 29-December 3

Don't throw away your pumpkins, compost them! Even though pumpkins are 100% compostable, they are not accepted as yard waste, so any

pumpkins set out for curbside collection

are taken to the landfill. To help remedy this issue, the City has partnered with GoZero Services to provide a pumpkin collection bin, located next to the food waste containers in the Fancyburg Park parking lot. Please **DO NOT** put any pumpkins in the lime-green food waste containers, these are reserved for food scraps only.



NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

COVID-19 Health & Safety Update

Following the August 5 mask advisory from Franklin County Public Health, the City asks visitors to our public indoor facilities to put on a face mask before you enter. As a reminder, residents can conduct much of their business with the City online or via telephone.

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holiday:

- **Monday, September 6** - Labor Day. Solid Waste collection is delayed by one day for all collection zones.

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 & events
- **Activity Link** - monthly programming updates from Parks & Recreation
- **Arts Link** - monthly art updates
- **Sentinel** - monthly program updates from the Senior Center

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

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!

Citizen Camera Partnership POLICE

614-583-5150

The Police Division's Citizen Camera Partnership is an opt-in program designed to build a database of proper-



ties with video cameras. By registering, residents and businesses are simply letting the division know that cameras are in use on their property, with Police only requesting access to video footage following a crime or other notable safety incident in the immediate area. The database is secure, with participants' information kept private and confidential.

Visit the Police section of the City's website to register.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery® Sunday, November 7

As Daylight Savings Time comes to a close, clocks "fall back" one hour at 2 am on Sunday morning. This is also a good time to change the batteries in your home's smoke alarms. This should be done at least once a year, but changing them while changing your clocks serves as a great reminder. Alarms should also be tested once a month and if an alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

Parking Restrictions During OSU Home Football Games

PUBLIC SERVICE 614-583-5350

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

- Ashdowne Road;
- Berkshire, Essex, Grenoble and Barrington roads between North Star Road and Northwest Boulevard;
- Cardiff and Doone roads between North Star Road and Brandon Road;
- Beaumont Road between Grenoble Road and Lane Avenue.

Parking Adjustments by UA High School

ENGINEERING

614-583-5360

As we head into the 2021/22 school year, the UA High School will have limited onsite parking availability until the new parking lots have been completed. To address this shortfall, the City and UA Schools have been working closely to facilitate safe parking options for students and faculty around the High School while minimizing impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods.

The School District is providing incentive programs for students and staff to encourage alternate modes of travel, to reduce the parking demand. The District has also implemented a closed lunch policy, requiring students to remain on campus during the lunch period, to minimize traffic movements during the day.

The City has created additional parking spaces (similar to the marked parking spaces on Northwest Boulevard) for Zollinger, Brandon and Mount Holyoke roads. Additionally, parking restrictions have implemented on streets near the high school to minimize student parking on both sides of the roadway.

Leadership UA 2021/22

Application Deadline: September 2
leadershipua.org

Leadership UA is accepting applications for its 2021/2022 program through September 2, with the program beginning September 12. The cost of \$875 covers everything, meals before each meeting included, and oftentimes employers will partially or fully cover the costs for your involvement. Contact Executive Director Natalie Boe at info@leadershipua.org for details.

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.

Home Security Alarm Permits POLICE DIVISION 614-583-5100

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

2020 Popular Annual Financial Report

FINANCE 614-583-5291

The 2020 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) was recently mailed to all UA households. This report provides a reader-friendly summary of the City's financial activities and standing from the previous year.

Beggar's Night Safety Tips

Thursday, October 28, 6-8 pm

POLICE 614-583-5150
Tips for Kids

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

Tips for Parents

- Be sure you know where your child will be trick-or-treating.
- Avoid costumes that are flammable or obstruct vision or movement.
- Supply your child with either light colored clothing or a flashlight.

- Check your child's candy before she/he eats any. If you think anything has been tampered with, notify Police.

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

U.S. Flag Collection Box

Thanks to a 2018 Eagle Scout project of Joseph Piccininni, the Municipal Services Center is the site of a U.S. Flag Collection box, with an informational brochure detailing the history, etiquette and proper flag retirement. Residents can stop by any time during regular business hours to properly retire any worn flags.

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

10 am-2 pm, Saturday, October 23

3600 Tremont Road

POLICE 614-583-5150

In addition to hosting the year-round

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

Senior Center Fall Social

10-11:30 am, Tuesday, November 9

SENIOR CENTER 614-583-5320

Join your friends as we all enjoy seasonal refreshments and door prizes during this social event. Attendees must be active members of the Senior Center and registration is required due to limited seating and food count.

Permit Portal

RESOURCES | PERMIT PORTAL

upperarlingtonoh.gov

The City has been transitioning its various application processes online via its **Permit Portal** on our website, from building permits to special event applications, making it possible to conduct business with us online in most instances. Just look for the **Permit Portal** icon under the **Resources** section of our website to get started.

Fire Prevention Week - October 3-9

The Upper Arlington Fire Division wants to share safety tips to help you "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety"

- A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means



the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

- Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

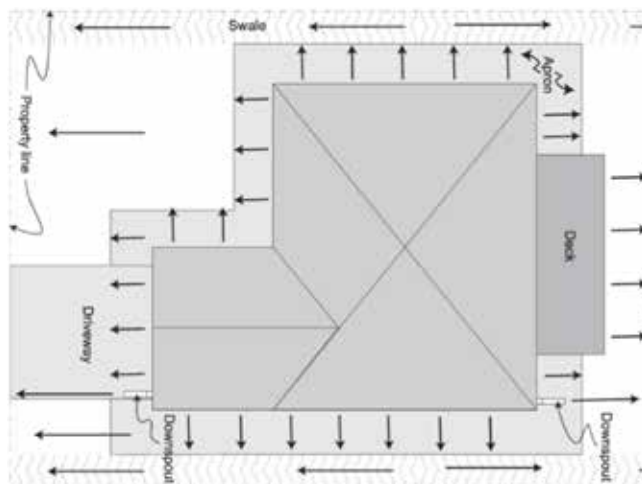
Grading & Drainage Around Homes

The sanitary sewer system is comprised of buried pipes that carry sewage and grey water from toilets, showers, sinks, dishwashers, washing machines and other home or business plumbing components to a wastewater treatment plant, where it is filtered, treated and discharged. The City's stormwater system is separate from sanitary sewers and collects rainwater runoff from rooftops, streets, yards and parking lots and discharges it to local rivers and streams. Privately owned pipes (laterals), convey the sanitary flow and rainfall from the home to the publicly owned sanitary or storm sewer. While basement backups can be caused by issues in the sanitary and storm systems, there are also other sources that could be to blame, including the grading and drainage around a home.

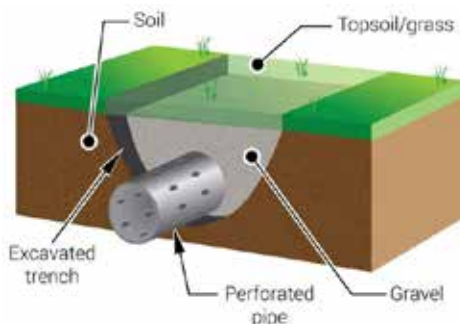
Ideally, a home is at the highest point on a property with positive drainage in all directions. If not, that water may enter the basement via cracks in the wall or floor, floor drains and/or at or below grade windows. Additionally, water that is not directed away from the house may make its way down the basement wall and into the sanitary sewer. In these cases, the property may not get a basement backup, but instead may contribute to another as the sanitary sewers are not designed to take storm water.

Ideal residential drainage conditions include:

- At a minimum, positive drainage slope of six inches of fall over the first 10 feet from the house
- Downspouts should outlet at the curb per City ordinance and not at the house foundation.
- Sump pumps should outlet at the curb per City ordinance and not at the house foundation



For instances where positive drainage away from the home is not able to be achieved the property owner should take steps to prevent or limit the amount of water that reaches the home. With the direction of a qualified contractor who has investigated the property, those steps may be:



- Installing a French Drain or buried perforated conduit to intercept the water and transport it to the street
- Adjust the grading to disrupt the normal flow and direct the water around the house to the public storm system
- As an additional measure, a sump pump with the outlet directed out to the street would work well to prevent storm water from entering a basement. This should be considered

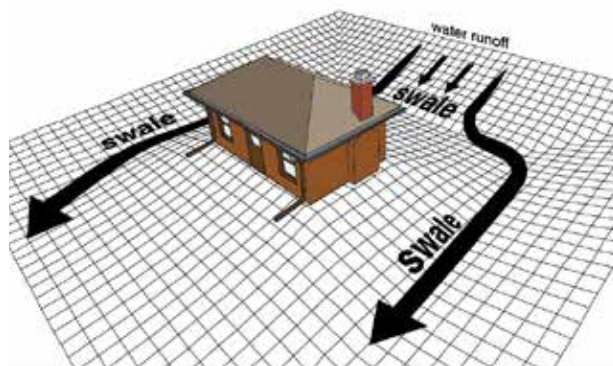
a secondary measure as positive drainage or re-directing the surface water are the most effective means of preventing a storm water basement backup.

The City is working to prevent basement backups by performing regular cleaning and televising of publicly owned sanitary sewer and spending approximately \$1.5M annually on sanitary sewer lining to keep rainwater from entering the system. In addition to addressing drainage issues that may contribute to a flooded

basement, the property owners should likewise take action and regularly have their private sanitary and storm lateral inspected to address issues that would reduce capacity and lead to basement backups. To do so, homeowners should hire a licensed plumber to investigate and fix issues. Reach out to the Upper Arlington Engineering Division at engineering@uaoh.net if you have questions.

Additionally, more information regarding the - GRADING AND DRAINING OF LOTS can be found in City ordinance 1304.04, available online at <https://upperarlingtonoh.gov/>.

You may also contact the Community Development Department at 614-583-5070 or email at uadev@uaoh.net for questions or concerns about lot grading and drainage.



Schools[★]INSIGHT

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Building Our Future Grand Opening Celebration

A new and state-of-the-art Upper Arlington High School and five new or renovated elementary schools held grand opening ceremonies for students, staff, families and community members during the month of August to mark the completion of the first phase of the facilities master plan – on schedule and on budget.

“These new buildings reflect Upper Arlington’s long-standing commitment to excellence in education,” said Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D. “By encouraging collaboration and innovation, these new flexible learning spaces will provide students with the opportunities to develop the skills they need to succeed in their futures.”

Just a few days before these new spaces welcomed students and staff for the start of the 2021-2022 school year, the Upper Arlington Schools community came together for a grand opening celebration on August 15 at the Upper Arlington High School.

Here’s a brief overview of the new Upper Arlington High School and the elementary projects.

The new Upper Arlington High School

The new Upper Arlington High School opened its doors to students for the start of the 2021-2022 school year on August 18 following more than two years of construction, beginning in the spring of 2019. The new building is situated on the northwest end of the site, at 1625 Zollinger Road at the corner of Brandon and Zollinger roads.

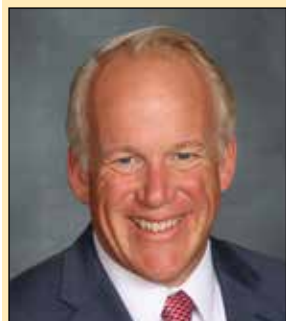
The new Upper Arlington High School features:

- **395,000 square feet of learning space** – over 100,000 square feet more than the old building, providing additional space for enrollment growth

- **Three-story academic building** – flexible learning studios for the core subject areas, dedicated and updated science labs, multiple collaborative “commons” areas and 8,000 square feet of mezzanine space
- **Expansive Golden Bear Boulevard** – a large, multi-use space that serves as the heart of the building, connecting academics, the arts and athletics
- **Expanded arts and athletics facilities** – a new performing arts center, black box theater, natatorium, varsity gym and three-court multipurpose gym; and a renovated stadium
- **Additional off-site athletic facilities** – a new turf field and baseball and softball diamonds for high school teams and community use on the district-owned land behind Tremont Elementary School
- **New, secure main entry** – accessible from the corner of Brandon and Zollinger roads with adjacent parking
- **New building systems** – all new mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems

Work is continuing on the site to demolish the old Upper Arlington High School building,

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SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

New and Renovated Schools Reflect Our Community's Vision for Education

This is truly a great time to be a Golden Bear! This fall, we celebrate an incredible milestone for the Upper Arlington community - the completion of the first phase of the facilities master plan for our schools - on schedule and on budget!

The master plan was a labor of love for so many volunteers from across our community. We came together and took the necessary time to identify facilities needs and develop a financially responsible, student-centered plan for moving ahead. Now, six years after our first facilities meetings, we have five fully renovated or rebuilt elementary schools and a state-of-the-art high school unlike any other in the Midwest.

Instead of letting the costs of maintaining aging buildings continue to

grow and having to defer funding from educational operations, our community faced the financial issue head-on and found a solution that will benefit students for generations to come. These new flexible, light-filled learning spaces are designed to support students as they develop the skills necessary to serve, lead and succeed.

There are so many people to recognize for making this vision a reality. Hundreds of people donated their time to one of our financial committees, building teams or the levy committee. Hundreds more took the time to become informed and share feedback by attending our community meetings. Thousands more shared their thoughts through surveys. Nearly 400 more showed their support through donations to the Legacy Campaign. All of Upper

Arlington came together to shape the master plan, and now all of Upper Arlington's children will benefit from the result of that work well into the future.

I must also recognize the staff members who have played such a critical role in making the first phase of the plan a reality. They took part in committees and user group meetings. They spent hours packing and unpacking. They smiled through the stress and kept their focus on what was best for students. Our maintenance and operations teams rose to the herculean task of moving entire schools over and over again. I am so honored to work with such a dedicated team.

Thank you to everyone in our community who took the time to celebrate the grand opening of these amazing new spaces for our students. We look forward to many, many more opportunities for you to come inside these buildings as they serve our community for generations to come!

Thank you, and, as always, GO BEARS!

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D. is superintendent of Upper Arlington Schools. You can follow him on Twitter @imhoffpaul.

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continue research into the Pleasant Litchford cemetery site and develop the remainder of the high school site. Demolition is being done with great care, especially in the area built on the site of the Pleasant Litchford family cemetery. Archaeologists have been on site to do additional research during the demolition process.

New or renovated Elementary Schools

It has been an exciting two years for all of our elementary schools! Construction wrapped up in August of 2020 on the new and different learning spaces in the Barrington Elementary School addition, the new Greensview Elementary School, the Tremont Elementary School renovation and addition project, and the new Wickliffe Progressive Elementary

School. Construction continued through the 2020-2021 school year to renovate the original parts of the Barrington building and build the new Windermere Elementary School - both of which opened to students in August 2021. The grand opening celebrates the completion of all of these projects - on budget and on schedule.

All of the new and renovated elementary schools feature:

- **A much-needed increase in educational space** - approximately 100,000 square feet across all five projects
- **Learning neighborhoods** with flexible classroom spaces, small group and commons areas
- **Updated and centralized media**



centers - learning spaces at the heart of each school

- **All new building systems** - mechanical, electrical and plumbing
- **Safety enhancements** such as secure entrances and other updates

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

The milestone we reached this fall – the opening of six new or renovated school buildings – reflects a vision from our community for not only the future of education in Upper Arlington Schools but also the long-term financial health of the district.

The call for creating a facilities master plan came from a group of community experts in various areas of business and financial management. This group, known as the Productivity and Efficiency Work Group, identified the cost of maintaining the district's aging school buildings as their biggest concern and urged the Upper Arlington Board of Education to engage the community in a master planning process.

Beginning in the fall of 2015, the Board of Education launched a nearly three-year community-driven process, bringing together feedback from students, families, staff members and community members to determine the best path forward for our aging schools.

Early in the process, we learned simply maintaining and repairing our schools would cost approximately \$189



million – and that didn't factor in much-needed additional learning space for a growing enrollment. In the end, the community considered whether it was better to move forward with repairs or to renovate or rebuild our existing schools. Thousands of residents, students and staff members shared their thoughts on the best option for each school through community meetings, volunteer building teams and online surveys.

We also brought together a team of community volunteers with expertise in major facilities and construction projects, and this team - known as the Financial Advisory Board - weighed in on how to phase and fund the facilities master plan. After nearly three years and more than 8,000 touch points in the process, Upper Arlington voters endorsed moving forward with the first phase - to build a new Upper Arlington High School and renovate or rebuild all five elementary schools.

At the suggestion of the Financial Advisory Board, the \$230 million bond issue was supplemented by the historic Upper Arlington Legacy Capital Campaign that successfully raised more than \$7.5 million toward construction costs and project enhancements to further the daily student experience in Upper Arlington Schools. Nearly 400 community members and staff members supported the Legacy Campaign.

The result of all of this work is the new learning spaces you see today. All of Upper Arlington faced the financial challenges posed by our aging school buildings head-on and came together to shape a financially responsible plan to ensure that we would not need to defer funding from educational operations. Thanks to the Upper Arlington community, for many years to come, we can continue to focus on what's most important - providing the highest quality of education for the students of Upper Arlington.

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2021 Upper Arlington Board of Education

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



Thanks to a partnership with the City of Upper Arlington, Board of Education meetings take place in the Council Chamber of the City's Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road. In general, the meetings begin at 6 pm on the second Tuesday of each

month. Some exceptions apply, and last-minute scheduling changes are possible. Please refer to www.uaschools.org for the most up-to-date information.

Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, September 14, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, October 12, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, November 9, 6 pm – Council Chamber

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BITES From the Apple



SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Hastings teacher is Ohio Teacher of the Year finalist

Congratulations to Hastings Middle School health teacher Allison Tomlin, who has been selected as a finalist for 2022 Ohio Teacher of the Year by the Ohio Department of Education!

Mrs. Tomlin has been a teacher at Hastings for 11 years and last year was named UA Schools Teacher of the Year alongside Carrie Williams, a reading specialist at Wickliffe Progressive Elementary. Mrs. Tomlin and Mrs. Williams both were nominated by UA Schools to be considered for the 2022 Ohio Teacher of the Year honor. This summer, Mrs. Tomlin was named the Teacher of the Year representing State Board of Education District 6 and, from there, was selected as one of four finalists for the 2022 Ohio Teacher of the Year.

"We are so blessed to have exceptional teachers - the best of the best - like Allison and Carrie, and this recognition is truly a reflection on just how amazing our teaching staff is," said Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.



"Allison is a tremendous teacher who embodies our mission - to challenge and support every student, every step of the way - in her classroom and throughout the school. She is passionate about our districtwide commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion and is an advocate for every student. Students know they can always turn to Mrs. Tomlin for support or advice, even after they move on from Hastings."

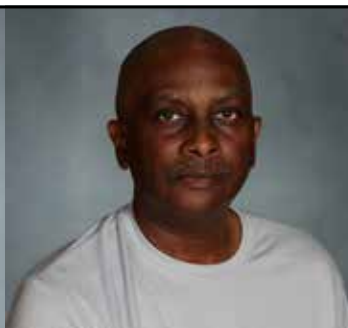
An Ohio panel of education and community stakeholders will interview Mrs. Tomlin and the three other state

finalists to select the Ohio Teacher of the Year. Paolo DeMaria, the state superintendent of public instruction, will announce the statewide honoree this fall.

Staff members honored for excellence, service

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

- District Teacher of the Year: **Tricia Fellingner**, German teacher, UA High School
- Classified Employees of the Year: **Cheenie Kinney**, bus driver, Transportation; **Derrick Kindrix**, custodian, Operations; **Dianna Vernon**, cook, Nutritional Services; and **Jayne Schott**, Hastings Middle School media clerk, Secretarial/Bookkeeping Division
- Support Staff Employee of the Year: **Christy Blamer**, educational aide, Tremont Elementary
- Administrator of the Year: **Keith Pomeroy**, chief academic officer



District-level Employee of the Year Recipients

Top /row from left:
Tricia Fellingner, Cheenie Kinney, Derrick Kindrix

Bottom Row: Dianna Vernon, Jayne Schott, Christy Blamer, and Keith Pomeroy



Receiving building-level teacher of the year awards were:

- **Kristin Liggett**, intervention specialist, Barrington Elementary
- **Rachel Jones**, preschool teacher, Burbank Early Childhood School
- **Laura Kunkle**, school counselor, Greensview Elementary
- **Margie Belair**, science teacher, Jones Middle School
- **Diane Balog**, science teacher, Hastings Middle School
- **Angela Morway**, kindergarten teacher, Tremont Elementary
- **Shannon Hemmelgarn**, media specialist, Windermere Elementary
- **Amy Tolson**, speech-language pathologist, Wickliffe Progressive Elementary

In its second year, the Joanie Dugger Educators of the Year Fund through the Upper Arlington Education Foundation honors three educators - one from each level - who receive funding for projects of their choice. The fund was created in loving memory of Joanie Dugger, who retired as executive director of the UA Education Foundation in 2018 after 17 years of dedication to "Enhancing What Matters Most." The 2021 Joanie Dugger Educators of the Year recipients are: **Laura Kunkle**, Greensview Elementary School; **Margie Belair**, Jones Middle School; and **Tricia Fellingner**, UA High School.

The Nancy Losekamp Career Development Leadership Award is also awarded to three teachers each year - one from each level - in recognition of their work to engage students in service learning. This year's recipients are: **Blythe Lamont**, second grade, Greensview Elementary; **Catherine Shapiro**, school counselor, Hastings Middle School; and **Tricia Fellingner**, UA High School.

Additionally, 14 staff members were recognized for 20 years of service to UA Schools, and one staff member - **Sally MacGregor-Martin**, a first-grade teacher at Greensview - was honored for 30 years of service to the district.

Athletic Hall of Fame Honors Nine Inductees

The UA High School Athletic Hall of Fame celebrated six alumni, two retired coaches and a team physician this summer for their outstanding contributions to the impressive history of the school's athletic program.

These inductees, along with the state championship teams from 1990 through 1999, were recognized at a ceremony on July 2 in the Jones Middle School auditorium.

Congratulations to the 2021 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees!

- **Simon Fraser**, Class of 2001 – football
- **Bo Hoag**, Class of 2007 – golf
- **Grant Jones**, team physician and a member of the Class of 1984
- **Peter Linn**, coach (1982-1988) – swimming
- **Greg Lopez**, Class of 2002 – baseball
- **Emily Mikac (Oakley)**, Class of 2005 – field hockey and track
- **Dan Rohrs**, Class of 1979 – track and field
- **Mackenzie Tesner (Skellan)**, Class of 2002 – soccer
- **Ted Wolford**, coach (1990-2015) – lacrosse

Learn More About How UA+Ed Supports Our Schools

In 2020, over \$114,000 was given in grants, scholarships and awards to support the strategic priorities of our district, including:

- Programs to promote the health and well-being of every student and staff member;
- Innovative, effective and flexible instructional supports to assist in teaching and learning; and
- Initiatives that align with our school district's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

We invite you to learn more about UA+Ed and how you can become involved at uaeducationfoundation.com and goldenbearbash.com.



2021-22 SCHOOL DATES

**No School for Students or Staff:
Labor Day**

Monday, September 6

**Early Dismissal (K-12)
Wednesday, September 22**

Dismissal at 1 pm for elementary students; 1:30 pm for secondary students

**End of First Quarter (Grades 6-12)
Thursday, October 14**

**No School for Students; Staff Report
Per Schedule
Friday, October 15**

**Elementary Early Dismissal (Grades K-5) for Parent Teacher Conferences
Thursday, October 21**

Dismissal at 11:05 am; no lunch service

**End of First Trimester (Grades K-5)
Monday, November 1**

**General Election Day: No School for
Students; Staff Report Per Schedule
Tuesday, November 2**

**Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, November 24-Friday,
November 26**

**For the full 2021-2022 school
year calendar, visit:
www.uaschools.org/calendars.aspx**

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Building Our Future: Grand Opening Celebration

Upper Arlington Schools and the entire community celebrated the completion of the first phase of the community-developed facilities master plan with a grand opening celebration for the new Upper Arlington High School and the five new or renovated elementary schools on Sunday, August 15. Here's an additional look at these beautiful new, light-filled and flexible learning spaces for the students of Upper Arlington today and generations to come.



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Summer Academy staff members supported more than 300 students in grades 1-12 with 20 different course options.



Upper Arlington Schools welcomed approximately 30 outstanding new staff members who will support students in our schools. We're very proud that the best of the best want to be a part of the UA Schools team!



More than 500 students, K-12, participated in the new Summer BRIDGE to Achievement and Well-Being, a program that offered flexible opportunities to maintain and grow academic skills and foster well-being.



Staff members spent time helping approximately 180 students in grades 1-3 develop early literacy skills through our expanded Summer Reading Program.



Transportation employees provided busing - with a smile - for students in summer programming.



The district Maintenance/Operations team has been working hard throughout the summer to move into the new buildings and get spaces ready for the school year.



Every Donor, Every Dollar Contributes to Success

The Legacy Capital Campaign has fulfilled its goal of raising \$7.5 million toward the new and renovated school buildings! Thank you to all of the Legacy Capital Campaign donors for their generosity in supporting the first phase of the facilities master plan and the long-standing tradition of excellence of Upper Arlington Schools!

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Upper Arlington Author Series Welcomes Madeline Miller

After a hiatus last year due to the pandemic, the Upper Arlington Author Series is scheduled to return this fall with a presentation by Madeline Miller, author of *The Song of Achilles* and *Circe*.

Miller will speak on Sunday, October 24 at 2 p.m. in the UA Main Library's atrium. Tickets for the talk are \$20 and will go on sale October 1 at www.ualibrary.org.

A post-talk reception with the author is being planned by our co-sponsor, the Upper Arlington Community Foundation. Details will be available soon.

Please note that this event is subject to change based on health authority guidelines that might affect gathering size or the author's ability to travel. Masks will be required for everyone attending.

Madeline Miller grew up in New York City and Philadelphia. She attended Brown University, where she earned



her BA and MA in Classics. She has taught and tutored Latin, Greek, and Shakespeare to high school students for over fifteen years.

She has also studied at the University of Chicago's Committee on Social Thought, and in the Dramaturgy department at Yale School of Drama,

where she focused on the adaptation of classical texts to modern forms.

Her first novel, *The Song of Achilles*, was awarded the 2012 Orange Prize for Fiction and was a *New York Times* Bestseller. Her second novel, *Circe*, was an instant #1 *New York Times* bestseller, and won the Indies Choice Best Adult Fiction of the Year Award and the Indies Choice Best Audiobook of the Year Award, as well as being shortlisted for the 2019 Women's Prize for Fiction. *Circe* also won The Red Tentacle Award, an American Library Association Alex Award, and the 2018 Elle Big Book Award. It is being adapted for a series with HBO Max.

Miller's novels have been translated into over 25 languages including Dutch, Mandarin, Japanese, Turkish, Arabic and Greek. Her essays have appeared in several publications including the *Guardian* and *Wall Street Journal*.

News from the Friends of the Library

Book Sale

The Friends of the Upper Arlington Library are preparing to hold a nearly two-week sale at the UA Main Library.

Stop by the Atrium from September 13-25

to shop a large selection of fiction and nonfiction books for all ages, plus DVDs, CDs, VHS, vinyl, magazines, and more. Most items are priced from 25¢ to \$3.

A special presale just for Friends



members will be held on Monday, September 13 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Not yet a member? Become one at the door and enjoy this benefit for the remaining 2021 sales.

On the final day of the sale, Saturday, September 25 from 2-4 p.m., fill a paper shopping bag with books for one low price. Member price is \$5, non-member price is \$10.

Donation Day

The Friends accept book, DVD and other material donations on the gray carts near their store inside the Main Library during our regular operating hours. If you have

many items, box or bag them and bring them to one of the Friends' Donation Days: Friday, September 24 or Saturday, October 16 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Drive to the designated area in the Main Library's parking lot, and volunteers will unload the items from your car.

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A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Beth Hatch

Inevitably, when people think of libraries, they think of books. They are the core service of any library. The Upper Arlington Public Library has hundreds of thousands of books on the shelves, and access to over 5 million more items thanks to our membership in the Central Library Consortium, through which we share items with 17 other systems.

Even with so many titles to choose from, I often struggle with finding a new good book to read. Luckily, I have a slew of staff who are experts at finding great books, whether it's the latest release or a

forgotten favorite.

On one of my jaunts around the neighborhood, I stopped by Miller Park Library and was greeted by Kris, one of our branch staff who specializes in reader's advisory. I was having trouble finding something new to read, so she asked me what I typically like. I told her I enjoy time travel, love stories, and psychological thrillers. A couple of my favorite books are *Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger and *Outlander* by Diana Gabaldon.

After a few minutes, she had gathered a few titles for me to choose from and I was able to take home and enjoy *The Doomsday Book* by Connie Willis, a time travel story that kept me on the edge of my seat.

For your own personalized recommendation, call an Adult Services Librarian at 614-486-9621 ext. 506, or stop by any of our locations.

We also have other resources and services to help you keep up with your reading. Visit <https://uapl.me/SelectReads> to see some of our latest titles in over 30 genres of literature. You can subscribe to the monthly eNewsletter, or explore titles right from the webpage.

Love a particular writer? Go to <https://uapl.me/FavoriteAuthors> to sign up to automatically place a request for their newest book.

We also offer free delivery of library materials to persons who live within our service area and are physically unable to visit the library. Our Outreach Librarian Jen selects library materials based on personal preferences, and maintains a confidential record of reading preferences and checkout history to aid in material selection. To learn more, visit our website at <http://ualibrary.org> and click "Outreach" in the top bar.

Program Highlights

Software and Technology Training

The Library is a great place to start to gain technology skills. The Main Library is offering more than 20 in-person and online classes for adults looking to learn or enhance their skills with Google, Microsoft Office, Internet safety and more. To see the full schedule and register, visit <https://ualibrary.libnet.info/events> and use the filters for the September-November date range and "Internet and Technology" event type.

A Visit from the Farm

Drop by the Miller Park Library on Saturday, September 25 between 10 a.m.-12 p.m. to meet some animal friends from Bring the Farm to You. Visitors might see chickens, ducks, rabbits, sheep, turkeys, goats, and a pig. This will

be held weather permitting, as it is an outdoor event.

Tech Assist

Learn how to access books, audio books, magazines, music, movies, and comics on your computer or device. It's all free with your library card! Come to one of our Tech Assist programs at the Lane Road Library on Saturdays, September 11, October 9, or November 6 at 11 a.m.

Live at the Library

Live music returns to the Main Library on Tuesday, October 5 at 7 p.m. with a performance by Powers/Rolin Duo. Columbus natives Jen Powers and Matthew J. Rolin play hammered dulcimer and 12-string acoustic guitar to create music that *Magnet Magazine Review* wrote "messes with your

expectations in the most delightful ways."

Fire Truck Visit

The Upper Arlington Fire Division will visit Miller Park on Saturday, October 9 at 10 a.m. Learn about fire safety and explore a fire engine.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Your plushie is invited for some overnight fun at the Main Library at our Stuffed Animal Sleepover on Tuesday, October 19. Visit anytime between 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Make a craft, then leave your stuffed friend with your trusted librarians. Return the next day to discover what fun they had during their sleepover!

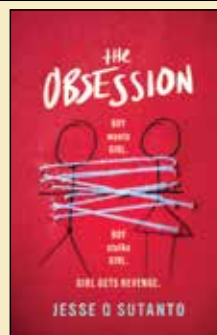
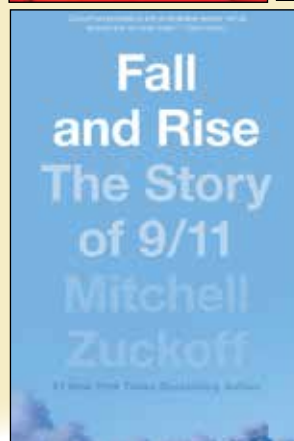
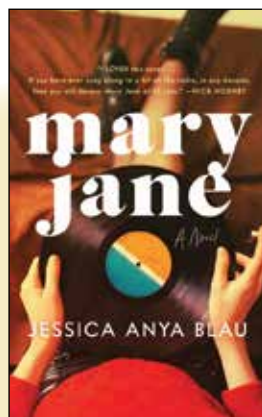
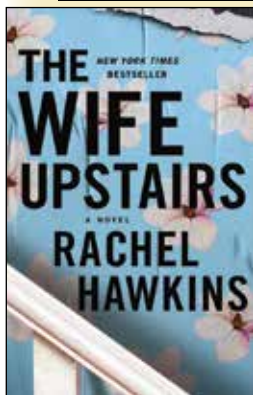
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

The Wife Upstairs

By Rachel Hawkins

Jane is a newly single young woman, enduring one the worst times of her life. Things change when wealthy widower Eddie Rochester crashes into her life. One meet-cute later, Eddie and Jane are married, and Jane's life is a dream. But she now lives in the shadow of Edward's dead wife, and must deal with his increasing moodiness. Not to mention finding the source of unexplained sounds coming from the panic room in the attic. If you're familiar with the inspiration here, *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte, then you might think you know how this goes, but I assure you, Hawkins has plenty of twists and thrills keeping this read from being a tired reboot.

– Ben Claymier, Adult Services



The Obsession

By Jesse Q. Sutanto

Delilah has had a tough year - her father passed away, her mother moved in with an abusive boyfriend, and she's starting a new prep school. Logan, on the other hand, is in paradise when he sees Delilah across campus and instantly realizes he's met his soulmate - if only he could find a way to talk to her. So when Logan discovers Delilah's secret (*spoiler: it involves murder*), he figures it's the perfect way to convince her she should be with him forever - or so he thinks. Fans of *One of Us is Lying* and the Netflix series *You* will enjoy this romantic thriller gone terribly wrong. Recommended for grades 9 and up.

– Kelly Edwards, Youth Services

have a fascinating upbringing and early adulthood, but she is a great writer. From surviving her mother's "Queen of Mold" meals to living in a commune where Thanksgiving dinner was once foraged from ingredients found in a dumpster, Reichl keeps the pages turning. If you like cooking (or just consider yourself a foodie), curl up with this book and a big mug of homemade soup. You won't be disappointed!

– Nancy Byron, Miller Park

Mary Jane

By Jessica Anya Blau

Mary Jane is a naive 14-year-old girl who lives in an affluent neighborhood in

1970s Boston with her very conservative mother and father. When she's offered a job nannying for the very liberal and

eccentric Cone family, who is secretly hiding a famous rock star, Jimmy, and his movie star wife to treat Jimmy's addiction, her worldview instantly expands. Caught between her rigid upbringing and the unconventional lifestyle she's introduced to, Mary Jane's eyes are opened to the essential yet difficult truth that adults are indeed fallible and there are many different ways to live a life. This sweet, but not overly saccharine, coming-of-age story is a delightfully fun escape à la Judy Blume meets *Almost Famous*.

– Jen Downing, Adult Services

Fall and Rise: The Story of 9/11

By Mitchell Zuckoff

Mitchell Zuckoff's latest book is a collection of 9/11 stories. Using a timeline method, he writes about the attacks, the victims, and their families in New York City, Pennsylvania, and the Pentagon. He also paints a brilliant picture of the intensity and stress on the planes involved in the tragedy. The multitude of stories within the book are moving and inspiring, depicting everyday people who became true heroes during a harrowing experience. The stories are about men and women who came to work in the towers or at the pentagon or on the airplane just like any other day. This includes some accounts of the lives of the men and women who tried to physically rescue them or tried to calm them for hours over the phone as help was trying to get to them.

– Scott Potter, Adult Services

Tender at the Bone: Growing Up at the Table

By Ruth Reichl

This is a delightful and fast-reading memoir by the former editor-in-chief of *Gourmet* magazine. Not only did Ruth

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www.ualibrary.org/adultservices

A Little Devil in America: Notes in Praise of Black Performance

By Hanif Abdurraqib

Hanif Abdurraqib is many things as a writer: a poet, an essayist, a music and

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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Meeting Rooms

Is your group or organization ready to ditch Zoom and meet in person? Meeting rooms at the Main and Lane Road Library are once again open for public meetings. The Friends Theater is currently open, and Meeting Room B and the Lane Road Meeting Room are scheduled to open for bookings on September 7. To see space availability and reserve a space for your meeting, visit <https://ualibrary.libnet.info/reserve>. Meetings held at the Library must be free of charge and open to the public.

Serve on the Library's Board of Trustees

The City of Upper Arlington will accept applications for the Library's Board of Trustees from August 30-September 17 for a term that runs from January

2022-December 2026. The Board meets 10 times each year with committee meetings once per month, and you must be a resident of Upper Arlington. To apply, visit <https://upperarlingtonoh.gov/city-council-city-clerk/#council-boards>.

Labor Day

All three UA Libraries will be closed on Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day. Attending the Labor Day Arts Festival in Northam Park? Visit the children's craft tent and pick up one of our take-and-make bags.

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month

Don't have an Upper Arlington Library Card? It's a great time to get one for your whole family. Your card gives you

access to millions of items, including eBooks, streaming content, high-quality database subscriptions, and much more. Visit <https://www.ualibrary.org/account> to apply.

Booked on Tuesday

Our monthly Facebook conversation about books continues on Tuesday, September 7 and Tuesday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m. Visit our Facebook page and look for the #BookedOnTuesday post by the Library, then add your recommendations and questions in the comment section. More info at <https://www.ualibrary.org/booked-on-tuesday>.

Red Cross Blood Drive

There's a critical need for blood donations, and you can help by donating at the Red Cross Blood Drive at the Main Library on Friday, October 8 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code "UAPL" to make your appointment.

culture critic, but perhaps more than anything else, he is a storyteller. He has an extraordinary ability to weave together the past and the present, to marry the expansive and the personal, and to find beauty in harsh spaces. Abdurraqib's latest book is a celebration of Black music, dance, voice, love, culture, and performance. He tells the stories of original performers, Black trailblazers who found a way to make a space for themselves to create in a country that continues to try to force them into the margins. Hanif "gives roses" to Black singers and dancers, magicians and astronauts, actors and musicians, and to the legacies they created. The prose in this book is written with a poet's ear for beauty, a memoirist's eye for the personal, and a critic's ability to provide insight and perspective. Abdurraqib is a Columbus treasure and I would like to give him his roses now.

— Zach Parish, Lane Road

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

From Left: Bill Shkurti, Board President Gloria Heydlauff, Stephen Flynn, John Yesso, Kevin Fix, Kate Hare and Vice President Peter Hahn



In general, meetings of the Upper Arlington Public Library Board of Trustees begin at 5 pm on the third Tuesday of each month in Meeting Room B of the Main Library. All meetings of the Board and its committees, with the exception of executive sessions, are open to the public. You can sign up to receive email notification of upcoming Board meetings at www.ualibrary.org/pages/board-trustees.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, September 21 at 5 pm
- Tuesday, October 19 at 5 pm



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar reflects what is known at this time. Plans are subject to change based on COVID-19 health and safety guidelines.

UA Farmers Market

**4-7 pm, Wednesdays
Ends September 29**

Tremont Pool Parking Lot
getfreshmarkets.org

UA's popular Farmers Market is held every Wednesday, rain or shine. Visit the Get Fresh Markets website for full details.

Nationwide Children's Golf Tournament

August 26-29

OSU Golf Course

Enjoy professional level golf close to home. Free admission.

Labor Day Arts Festival

10 am-4 pm, Monday, Sept. 6

Northam Park

UA Cultural Arts | 614-583-5310

UA's favorite arts festival is back, featuring the artists, activities, entertainment and refreshments we all enjoy on Labor Day in UA.

UACA Labor Neighbor Day

Monday, Sept. 6

Reed Road Park

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

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

Concourse Gallery

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

Rock, Sand, Sun: My Earth

Artist Frauke Palmer

September 15 - October 29

Reception: 5-7 pm, Thur, September 16

Inspired by the mountains and canyons of the Southwest, Frauke Palmer prints her own fabric using personal photographs, transforming them into quilts.

UA Night Market

6-9 pm, Wed, Sept 15

Mallway Business District

CYP | uanightmarket.com

Enjoy the inaugural season of the UA Night Market, an outdoor open-air market buzzing with live music, local shopping, art, food & activities for kids.

Cycle UA

10 am-1 pm, Saturday, October 2

Begins & ends at Northam Park

UA Parks & Recreation | 614-583-5300

Enjoy a family-friendly community ride through UA, with snacks and entertainment along the way. Register by September 8 to receive a t-shirt.

Fall Fest

1-5 pm, Sunday, October 3

Fancyburg Park

UA Parks & Recreation | 614-583-5300

Annual family event with a fall twist.

UACA Golden Bear Scare

October 11-13

Elementary age kids: 6:30-7:30 pm

Middle School age: 7:30-9 pm (a bit scarier)

Smith Nature Park, Fishinger Road

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

UACA pulls out all the stops for a fright night to remember in Smith Nature Park. Free event.

Raise the Roof

7 pm, Saturday, October 16

Amelita Mirolo Barn, Sunny 95 Park

UA Community Foundation

uacommunityfoundation.com

Annual fundraiser event for the Community Foundation. Tickets can be purchased online.

Prescription Drug Take-Back

10 am-2 pm, Saturday, October 23

MSC, 3600 Tremont Road

UA Police | 614-583-5150

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

Beggars Night & Pumpkin Patrol

6-8 pm, Thur, Oct 28

Throughout UA neighborhoods

The City's volunteer Pumpkin Patrol ensures children are safe while passing out candy.