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



ENVISION HENDERSON

Phase 1 Updates

For much of 2024, the City is focusing on its northern edge, as it works to develop its “*Envision Henderson*” West Henderson Road Vision Plan. The study area runs from Stonehaven Drive/Chevy Chase Court on the west, to Reed Road on the east. The planning process will include an evaluation of prior studies and plans for the corridor, a review of existing regulations, meaningful public involvement to gather community input about the corridor, consideration of prospective regulations for future redevelopment opportunities, and an exploration of complete streetscape concepts to safely accommodate all users.

The final plan will highlight an aspirational, yet achievable vision for the corridor that will be supported by policy recommendations, recommended roadway and streetscape improvements, potential site concepts, and guidance for funding and implementation.

Phase 1 Activities

As part of the initial fact-finding process, the planning team has been conducting its first round of community engagement. This has included a series of stakeholder interviews, in-person and virtual community meetings, and pop-up displays at different community events and locations.

Pop-Up Schedule

Several pop-ups are scheduled in May:

- **Somewhere In Particular Brewing:** 3:30-5:30 pm, Wednesday, May 8, 5055 Dierker Rd.
- **Spring Fling:** 11 am-2 pm, Saturday, May 11, Sunny 95 Park, 4395 Carriage Hill Ln.
- **UA Farmers Market:** 3:30-6:30 pm, Wednesday, May 15, 2140 Tremont Rd.
- **Sandwich Stroll:** 10:30 am-Noon, Tuesday, May 21, Sunny 95 Park, 4395 Carriage Hill Ln.

Envision Henderson Engagement Hub

An interactive online project site is also available, where you can complete an online survey and share your thoughts and experiences with the W. Henderson Road Corridor. AND, please remember to share this link with your friends, family and community network.

Stay Informed

For full details and updates on the study, use the QR code provided here to access our West Henderson Road Vision Plan webpage, available at upperarlingtonoh.gov.



Bob Crane Community Center Updates



We are happy to report that construction progress at the Bob Crane Community Center is continuing on schedule, and well within budget. With installation of the exterior finishes underway, the work taking place within the structure will no longer be visible to passersby, but this is when the interior transformation kicks into high gear.

On the ground level, work has begun to dig out the space that will become the swimming pool (shown top left), one of the central features of the 155,000 sq. ft. building. The pool will include lap lanes, a water slide, zero-depth entry and a play area for kids, and will have an adjacent party room so that families can enjoy pool parties.

Parking Deck Construction

A significant enhancement to the overall Kingsdale Redevelopment Project has

begun - construction of a parking deck at the north end of the Giant Eagle parking lot. Scheduled for completion by early November, in plenty of time for the holiday season, the deck will provide a total of 310 spaces on two levels. This brings the total number of spaces to more than 900, significantly exceeding parking standards for a development of this size.

While the end result will be a welcome addition at Kingsdale, current parking and access has been significantly impacted. We ask for your patience and understanding through this phase of construction, and to please continue supporting the businesses at Kingsdale.

Accessing Kingsdale and Giant Eagle is still possible from the traffic light on Northwest Blvd, with motorists guided around the construction area to open parking area adjacent to Giant Eagle. If you are coming from the north or west of Kingsdale, we recommend using Tremont Road access points, and that you consider parking in the lots on the west side of Kingsdale. The parking garage for the apartment building is open and can be accessed from Ridgecliff Road.

You might also consider visiting during non-peak shopping hours. Other options to help

reduce traffic congestion are to walk, bike or carpool.

Rooftop Solar Panels

Another exciting project - made possible thanks to a series of project costs coming in lower than budgeted - is the addition of rooftop solar panels. The panels will significantly offset operating costs, with projected savings of more than \$50,000 per year, while advancing the City's sustainability goals.

A fun addition to this project is a real-time energy savings monitor that will be on display in the lobby.

The estimated carbon offset from adding these solar panels is 215 metric tons per year - the equivalent of removing every diesel-powered vehicle owned by the City from the road each year. The reduction in greenhouse gas emissions will contribute to a cleaner and healthier environment.

Installation of the solar panels will begin this Spring, and should be complete by the end of the summer.

Scan the QR code below for more on the Bob Crane Community Center.



2023 Community Award Recipients



UA is overflowing with groups and individuals who dedicate their time and energy to enriching lives and building community. A long-held tradition for the City each year is a celebration of the best in our community, through the annual Community Awards Program. As usual, many nominations were received for the 2023 awards program, and at the March 18 City Council Meeting, our recipients were presented awards in the following categories:

Business

Little Ones Pediatric Dentistry, Dr. Nicole Johnson

Dr. Johnson and her team were recognized for providing exceptional dental care and education for children and families, while also participating in various community activities.

Community Enrichment

Tri-Village Lions Club

Jane Jarrow and the Lions were the primary team behind the launch of the

Tri-Village Packers program, which has brought together numerous civic and community groups in support of children experiencing food insecurity, starting with a Thanksgiving food assistance program.

Community Relations

Upper Arlington Civic Association

UACA seized the opportunity to launch a new community event focused on bringing neighbors together, with a special focus on new and newer families. The inaugural Neighbors Night Out event attracted more than 700 attendees, quickly establishing itself as a new UA tradition.

Senior

Howard Warner

Howard has been quietly contributing to the benefit of others his entire life. A barber by trade and former owner of Howard's Barber Shop on Lane Avenue, he has provided haircuts free of charge for orphaned and homeless children,

helped prison inmates learn the barber trade, shaved the heads of women undergoing breast cancer treatment at the Over My Head Boutique at the Bing Cancer Center, and has helped immigrants become established as successful barber shop business owners. Never one to turn down an opportunity to serve, Howard is a founding member of the City's Community Relations Committee.

Youth

Wellington School Green & Apiary Clubs

Green and Apiary club students and faculty are making a positive difference on campus and beyond, developing and offering education about sustainable practices that balance the use and protection of natural resources while ensuring that all people can have healthy, productive, and fulfilling lives.

For more on this year's winners, visit the City Manager's Office section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

FROM CHAMBERS | Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

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

Community Improvement Corporation Dissolved

On April 15, City Council voted to dissolve the City's Community Improvement Corporation (CIC).

Originally formed in 1993, the CIC was a not-for-profit entity, guided by an advisory board of residents with experience in various aspects of economic development. Under Ohio Revised Code (ORC), CICs are able to purchase and sell property on a city's behalf, and can oversee the exploration of redevelopment plans and partnerships with developers. ORC requirements also include formal management and reporting mechanisms that generate annual administrative costs to the City.

Since the City has not utilized the



CIC in several years, and has no plans to acquire additional property for prospective redevelopment projects, it was determined that the UA CIC had outlived its useful life.

Moving forward, the Administration will transition the members of the CIC to an advisory body for the City's economic development activities.

If at some point in the future, the City sees value in the tools available through

a CIC, Franklin County's Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation is available to support communities working to return distressed properties throughout the county back to productive use.

If you have questions about the City's economic development activities, please contact the City Manager's Office, at 614-583-5040 or via email: city.manager@uaoh.net.

UA CARES Paramedicine Program Expands

The City's Fire Division is expanding resources for its nationally recognized community paramedicine program, UA CARES, with the deployment of two vehicles, each staffed by dedicated community paramedics five days a week to further the City's commitment to providing exceptional healthcare and social support. This strategic move comes in response to the growing demand for accessible healthcare and social services, and underscores the division's dedication to serving the community.

Since its establishment in 2018, UA CARES has emerged as a vital lifeline for residents. The program is a collaboration of efforts between Fire, EMS, and police personnel. This interdisciplinary approach ensures a swift response to urgent needs identified by first



responders, providing crucial support to the community in times of crisis.

The program has undergone several expansions to keep pace with growing demands. The integration of the former STAY UA program, initiated in 2009, into UA CARES has further enhanced service

coordination and program management. UA CARES expanded its reach in 2021 to include police officers, enabling them to provide crucial follow-up care for mental health and substance use cases.

Fourth of July Reminders

UA's favorite holiday of the year will be here before we know it, and thanks to the tireless efforts of UA Civic Association volunteers, this year's event will be one to remember.

In the lead up to this year's events, we will be sharing a series of holiday reminders on our website and via the *City Insight* eNews, including:

- Block Party reminders
- Guidelines for placing chairs along the Parade route
- Day-of road closures and parking restrictions
- Holiday hours for Tremont Pool and Northam Tennis
- Fireworks safety reminders
- Pet safety reminders for the Parade and evening fireworks

Golf Cart Regulations

Please be advised that the City is taking golf cart safety seriously. In October 2023, City Council approved amendments to the City's Under Speed Vehicle legislation. Ordinance 49-2023 removed the five-day Fourth of July exemption for non-street-legal golf carts, with the exception of UACA's use of golf carts for the Parade, and any streets closed for a Block Party.

So please remember, only street legal, licensed and inspected golf carts are allowed on our roads. Any violations are subject to your vehicle being impounded and the driver ticketed.

Edwards Green



In March of this year, the Upper Arlington Community Foundation announced the gift of green space to the community, thanks to the family of Michael and Phaedra Edwards, in honor of their parents, Peter and Suzie Edwards. Edwards Green is located at Abington and Sherwin roads. Scheduled to open in July, the future public park spans .8 acres of land in the Canterbury neighborhood. Features will include floral gardens, inviting walking paths, a stacked stone wall, bench, and a relaxing space to enjoy nature in Upper Arlington.

CITY SERVICES

Curbside Food Waste Collection Program PublicService.....614-583-5350

A reminder that the City's curbside food waste collection program is expanding. Scan the QR code to learn more and to submit your application. Households will be added on a first-come, first-served basis as the program expands.

For questions about the program, please email us, at foodwaste@uaoh.net.



CITY SERVICES

Solid Waste Reminders Solid Waste614-583-5350

Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with various solid waste requirements, so that you are doing your part to ensure the program's ongoing success.

Screening Requirements - Households should keep trash and recycling containers out of view from the street, except when putting them at the curb before collection day. Options are to store the containers in an enclosed structure, such as your garage or shed. If that is not possible, containers should be stored to the side or rear of the residence and

screened from street view. This can be accomplished with a natural landscaped barrier or with fencing that is a minimum of 42 inches in height. Full details of this requirement can be found within §7.15(A)4 of the UDO.

When to Put Containers at the Curb - In an effort to preserve community aesthetics, the City restricts the length of time that trash and recycling containers can be at the curb in advance of and following your collection day. Per UA Streets and Services Code §935.02, containers or materials for collection should not be placed at the curb any earlier than 6 pm of the day preceding collection day but must be out ready for collection by no later than 7 am of collection day. Following collection, containers must be removed from the curb and returned to their regular storage location by 7 am of the next day.

Correct Placement of Containers - For ease of access, trash and recycling containers should be placed on the grass median at least three feet apart from other items, and away from parked cars, so that crews have unobstructed access. Place containers with the lid openings on the facing into the street.

For full details, visit our *Solid Waste Services* page at upperarlingtonoh.gov.



CITY MANAGER UPDATE Steve Schoeny

Outdoor Noise Guidelines

Forgive me if I sound a little formal in this column, but I want to be clear (but not loud) about how the City regulates noise in the community, which is done in two ways:

Noise Ordinance

In general, Section 517.14 of City Code prohibits anyone from making “unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises of such a character, intensity and duration as to disturb the peace and quiet of the community...” Without an Outdoor Entertainment Permit, the City considers noise above 60 decibels, 100 feet from the property line, to be in violation of the code.

Outdoor Entertainment Permits

City Code has additional regulations for the hiring of “outdoor entertainment,” such as DJs or musical performers.

If you wish to hire any form of outdoor entertainment for an event at your home, you must apply for an Outdoor Entertainment Permit from the City Manager’s Office, and obtain written permission from more than 50% of residents within 400 feet of your property.

The Outdoor Entertainment Permit allows your event to generate up to 80 decibels of noise at the property line. The City may issue permits for events running no later than 10 pm on Sundays through Thursdays, and 11 pm on Fridays and Saturdays, as well as on Federal holidays and the day prior to each holiday. Once you have collected signatures, bring the form back to the City Manager’s Office, and within three business days, we will determine if you have reached the 50%

threshold. At that time, you will be required to pay a \$50 permit fee to receive your completed permit, which will clearly state the hours and decibel level allowed for your event.

Failure to obtain a permit, violation of these noise levels or falsification of any element of the application is subject to a fine of \$200.

If you plan to have an event, but do not intend to hire outdoor entertainment, you must abide by the City’s Noise Ordinance. As such, your event cannot make “unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises of such a character, intensity and duration as to disturb the peace and quiet of the community...” As noted above, the City considers noise above 60 decibels 100 feet from the property line to be in violation of the City code if you do not have an Outdoor Entertainment Permit.

Even if you aren’t planning to hire outdoor entertainment, you may choose to apply for an Outdoor Entertainment Permit and complete the above-listed process, to allow your event to generate noise higher than the normally acceptable levels. There is no charge for an Outdoor Entertainment Permit without paid entertainment.

For more on this permit process and to access an interactive map that allows you to identify the properties within 400 feet of your property line, visit the City Manager’s Office webpage, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Tri-Village Packers Food Support Program Update

The Tri-Village Packers wishes to thank the individuals and civic groups who helped make the Spring Break food support program



a huge success. Some highlights include:

- More than 150 volunteers gave over 300 hours preparing 4,000 food items for just over 100 bags.
- This included 31 customized bags to accommodate children with special dietary restrictions.
- 62 craft kits were assembled for children under 12 years of age, including *High Five/Highlights* magazines.
- Thanks to a grant from the UA Community Foundation and gifts from the UA and Tri-Village Rotary Clubs, more than \$1,600 in grocery cards were also provided to help buy fresh produce and dairy products.

Watch for updates this fall, as the Packers make preparations for the 2024 Thanksgiving food distribution project.

To help sustain the Tri-Village Packers on an ongoing basis, support from the community is key. Visit the uacommunityfoundation.com/donate/ page on the Upper Arlington Community Foundation’s website, and select the Tri-Village Packers Fund from the drop-down menu.

NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Memorial Day** - Monday, May 27. Solid Waste collection is delayed by one day for all zones.
- **Juneteenth** - Wednesday, June 19. No Solid Waste delays.
- **Independence Day** - Thursday, July 4. Thursday's Solid Waste collection will move to Friday.

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 614-583-5030

The City has an online portal for all 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.

City e-News

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS 614-583-5040

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

- **City Insight** - weekly e-news on City services, special projects & events
- **Activity Link** - monthly updates from Parks & Recreation
- **Senior Center Updates** - monthly program updates from the Senior Center

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

Won't You Be Our Neighbor Podcast

You never know who might show up on our 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>.

Friends of UA Parks

friendsofuaparks.com

The Friends of Upper Arlington Parks coordinate monthly gatherings from 9 am-Noon on Saturday mornings, clearing invasive species from UA parks and assisting with tree planting. All tools are provided, wear long pants and closed-toe shoes. Upcoming dates:

- May 18 - Smith Nature Park
- June 15 - Fancyburg Park

Pool & Tennis Info

UA Parks & Rec

parks.uaoh.net

Get a head start on the summer by purchasing your pool and tennis passes early. UA's three outdoor pools open for the season Memorial Day Weekend, and remain open through August 11, with back to school hours through Labor Day Weekend. Due to construction, Northam Tennis will be open May 4-August 4. Membership fees have been reduced by 40%. A combined pool/tennis pass will not be offered in 2024, due to the shorter tennis season.

Fire Hydrant Flushing

Continues Through May 3

FIRE DIVISION

614-583-5100

Fire hydrant flushing occurs weekdays, 8 am-5 pm and is part of an annual maintenance program that keeps hydrants in operable condition. Visit the Fire Prevention page on our website to view this year's schedule and map.

Block Party Permits

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

614-583-5040

Planning for some summer fun on your street? Be sure to allow at least one week to get your block party permit approved. There is a nonrefundable \$50 fee for block party permits. You can file your permit online at upperarlingtonoh.gov.



Keith Hall Selected as UAPD's New Police Chief

In early April, Keith Hall assumed his new role with the City as Police Chief for UAPD, following an extensive, nationwide search. Keith joined the Police Division in 2000 and has served in several roles as he worked his way up the ranks. He is a recent graduate of the FBI National Academy, a Certified Law Enforcement Executive, and a member of numerous professional organizations including the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. He holds a Bachelor of Criminal Justice from Ohio University and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Tiffin University. Please join with us in congratulating and welcoming Keith in his new role.

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Please Join Us!
Elevating Community Impact Lunch

Monday, May 13 | Noon-1:30 pm
 Registration Opens 11:45 am
 Amelita Mirolo Barn, Sunny 95 Park



City of Upper Arlington **TRIVILLAGE** CHAMBER PARTNERSHIP

RSVP LINK: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/elevatingcommunity>

The City of UA and TriVillage Chamber Partnership invite our local business community to connect with the local civic and non-profit community at our Elevating Community Impact Lunch on Monday, May 13. Together we will explore how we can collaborate to make a meaningful difference, while strengthening each other's presence in the Tri-Village Community. Lunch is on us, but advance registration is required and space is limited.

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

Century Home Marker Program

The Upper Arlington Historical Society partnered with the City's Community Development Department to create a Century Home Marker Program. After

completing an application, qualifying households can purchase a permanent metal plaque that is customized with the year their home was built. Visit uahistory.org to learn more about this program.

Summer Utility Invoice FINANCE 614-583-5291

Watch for your second semi-annual utility invoice from the City in late June. This includes fees for Solid Waste, the Stormwater Utility and, in some cases, a Neighborhood Lighting Utility fee.

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.

Grass/Weed Control Guidelines CODE COMPLIANCE 614-583-5070

The care and maintenance of property and landscaping benefits the entire community. City code specifies that grass must not exceed 10 inches in

height and should be kept free of noxious weeds. Failure to comply will result in notice from the City to rectify the situation within five days, at which time the City will make arrangements to cut the grass/weeds at the owner's expense.

Mother's Day Flower Sale 8 am-5 pm, May 9- May 11 Tremont Shopping Center upperarlingtonfire.com

The UA Fire Fighters Local 1521 hosts its annual flower sale fundraiser in the lead up to Mother's Day. All flower sale contributions help them support a variety of charities.

Lithium Battery Safety FIRE DIVISION 614-583-5100

Lithium batteries supply power to many different kinds of devices, such as cell phones, laptops, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly or if damaged, these batteries can overheat and catch fire. Some guidelines for proper use include:

- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions
- Only use the battery that is designed for a specific device
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device
- DO NOT charge a device under a pillow or on a bed or couch
- Stop charging the device as soon as it's reached a full charge
- Don't charge batteries at temperatures above 105°F or below 32°F

Stop using a battery if you notice an odor, change in color or shape, too much heat, leaking or odd noises. If it's safe to do so, move the battery/device away from anything that could catch fire, then call 9-1-1.

UA Parks & Rec Award

UA Parks & Rec recently received the first place award for capital projects under \$1M from the Ohio Parks & Recreation Association, for the 3132 Multi-Sport Court at Sunny 95 Park. This project was the result of a collaboration with the UA Lacrosse Association.

Community Relations Committee Updates



2024 got off to an exciting start for CRC programming. Top left & center: A new resident component was added to the UA Historical Society's UA Quest, with eight new resident teams registered to compete for various prizes, including tickets to UACA's Neighbors Night Out event. Top right: The Upper Arlington Schools hUAn Connection Festival was expanded to include an evening event for the community. Bottom left & center: The second annual Cherry Blossom Celebration at the Mallway brought community members together to learn about Japanese culture and celebrate the season of growth and new beginnings. Bottom right: CRC members hosted an iftar dinner in March, in celebration of Ramadan.

The Community Relations Committee (CRC) is hitting its stride with efforts to advance UA as a welcoming community for all who live here, work here, or visit.

UA Welcome Series

The UA Welcome Series typically taps into existing community events and programming, providing opportunities for new or newer residents to connect with the CRC, community groups and their neighbors, and to learn more about their hometown of choice. Watch for CRC presence at the following events:

St. Mark's Culture & Artisans Fair

10 am-3 pm, Saturday, May 4
2151 Dorset Road

See back cover for additional event details.

UA Pride

1-5 pm, Sunday, June 9
Sunny 95 Park

The fourth annual UA Pride event, hosted by Rainbow UA, promises a mix of entertainment, family activities, community groups and food trucks.

Arts on Arlington

6-9 pm, Thursday, June 13
Mallway Park

See back cover for additional event details.

Fourth of July New Resident Float

Thursday, July 4

New community members will be invited to join with CRC and City representatives for a fun ride along on our new resident Fourth of July Float. Check the CRC website and watch our media channels for updates on how to participate.

Flag Raising Ceremonies

Municipal Services Center
3600 Tremont Rd.

Join with members of City Council, the CRC, Administration and many others, as we recognize Pride Month and Juneteenth with flag raising ceremonies:

- **Pride Month Flag Raising -**
6 pm, Monday, June 3
- **Juneteenth Flag Raising Ceremony -** 6 pm, Monday, June 17

For more information on the CRC and its programming, visit:

uacommunityrelations.com

Schools[★]INSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

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Strategic Planning Update

Since the start of the year, more than 75 volunteers have come together to work on the next strategic plan that draws from the innovative and collaborative vision of students, staff, parents/guardians and community members to define the future of education in the Upper Arlington Schools.

This spring, a panel of representatives from those volunteer teams will share an update with the community on the process so far and solicit suggestions and feedback in the next installment of the district's Listen Learn Lead community engagement series on Thursday, May 9 at 6 pm at Upper Arlington High School, 1625 Zollinger Road.

Here is an overview of the process so far, and what is coming up next.

Winter / Spring 2024: Strategic Inquiry Process

Feedback from three stakeholder engagement opportunities – Listen Learn Lead, Dr. Hunt's UAdventure series and the districtwide equity audit – has provided the foundation for the district's next strategic plan. Those primary data

points are the result of a combined 8,700 touch points that represent a wide variety of stakeholders in our community, including students in grades K-12, staff, parents/guardians and community members.

That feedback has informed the work that began in the winter of 2024, as teams made up of more than 50 students, staff, parents/guardians and community members officially kicked off the strategic planning process. The volunteers on these three Strategic Inquiry Teams have been working to identify any additional resources and research needed to inform well-supported recommendations for the three draft priority areas based on

stakeholder feedback opportunities: *Engaged Learning, Well-Being and Engagement*, and *Connection and Communication* – each strengthened by a focus on continuous improvement through *Excellence and Innovation*.

A fourth group of volunteers, the Strategic Coordination Team, made up of more than 25 parents/guardians, staff members and community members, has been meeting regularly to receive updates from each of the inquiry teams and provide feedback and direction.

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Community Engagement Session on Strategic Planning

Thursday, May 9
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Upper Arlington High School,
1625 Zollinger Road



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Robert Hunt, Ph.D.

New Educational Pathways Will Give UAHS Students a Jump-start on Their Futures

Over the past year, through the Listen Learn Lead community engagement process launched by the Board of Education and my UAdventure series in the fall, I have heard from students, staff members and families about the importance of expanding the academic and career-based learning opportunities for our students to prepare them for success in their next steps in life. With that feedback in mind, I am excited to announce two important steps toward this.

In the fall, the High School will be launching new educational pathways for students for the 2024-2025 school year that will build on the exceptional programming already offered. In addition, Upper Arlington Schools is proud to be one of just 56 school districts to be awarded a new grant from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce to support the launch of these innovative pathways.

"We are thrilled that Upper Arlington students are among the first to have access to these incredible new programs," said Upper Arlington Board

of Education President Jenny McKenna. "These funds from the state will help us enhance their learning experiences."

The first of the two new pathways is the UC Early IT Microschool, a first-of-its-kind partnership with University of Cincinnati and the Past Foundation. This program will allow students to participate in a revolutionary educational experience that blurs the line between high school, college and the workforce while gaining industry credentials for careers in information technology.

The second new program is the Semiconductor Pathway in partnership with Columbus State Community College, which enables students to earn professional credentials for in-demand careers at organizations like Intel while earning high school and college credit.

The grant is a critical piece in greatly expanding opportunities for our students next year. It will provide \$496,154 to purchase equipment and provide teacher professional development for the programs. It will also cover the costs of physical updates to the facility at 1950 North Mallway Drive, the former district office, that will

support these learning pathways and other programs.

In addition to the UC Early IT Microschool and the Semiconductor Pathway, the High School will be launching two additional new programs: College Jumpstart, which will allow students to earn up to 24 college credits over two years while staying within the school district, and the Teaching Professions Pathway, which will allow students to gain experience to pursue a career in education.

Our students are among the very first to have access to these new opportunities – which will allow them to have the Upper Arlington High School experience while gaining college credit, real-world experience or professional credentials tuition-free. We are proud and excited to provide them with even more opportunities to set themselves up for success now and in their futures.

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](https://twitter.com/Hunt_EdLeader).

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Spring 2024: Stakeholder Feedback Opportunities

During the spring of 2024, there will be multiple opportunities for stakeholders to learn about the current status of the strategic planning process and provide feedback. This began with two Coffee & Conversation events that Superintendent Robert Hunt, Ph.D., held in March and continued in April with a meeting of the Teaching and Learning Team, made up of educators from across the district. Coming up in May, the district will

host a Listen Learn Lead community engagement session on Thursday, May 9 at 6 pm at Upper Arlington High School. A panel of representatives from the Strategic Inquiry Teams will share an update with the community on their work and findings to date. There will also be an opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback to the inquiry teams on their work.

Summer/Fall 2024: Development of an Implementation Plan

Based on feedback gathered during the spring of 2024, the Strategic Coordination Team and Inquiry Teams will finalize recommendations for each priority area to present to the Board of Education. Once the recommendations are finalized, district staff, including the Teaching and Learning Team, will work to develop an implementation plan beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. Additional feedback will be gathered on the draft implementation plan in the fall of 2024.

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

This spring, Upper Arlington Schools published the 2023-2024 Financial Update, a key part of our commitment



to providing clear and transparent communication about the state of the finances of the Upper Arlington Schools. This document provides our community with a concise look at the financial state of the district and the factors that will impact our financial situation in future years.

On our website at www.uaschools.org/treasurer, you can find the Financial Update and the following resources on district finances:

- **Annual Audits:** In addition to the internal Financial Update, Upper Arlington Schools also relies on external, third-party reviews of the district's finances. Each year, the state auditor's office sends a team to audit the Upper Arlington school district, delving into financial records and reviewing the district's practices. Upper Arlington Schools is proud to consistently earn a clean audit opinion and the Auditor of State Award, most recently for the

2022-2023 school year, recognizing our commitment to effective and accountable financial practices for the community.

- **Five Year Forecast:** The five year forecast is a legally required document that is completed twice a year, in November and May, and submitted to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) following approval by the Board of Education. The document, which covers three years of actual data and five years of anticipated revenues and expenditures, provides an important check-in point for our district, so that we can keep a clear view on what future impacts and needs are.
- **Monthly Financial Reports:** The monthly financial reports offer an in-depth look at revenue collections, expenditures and the district's cash balance as it stands for the month and over the course of the fiscal year.

Thanks to a strong bond-investment strategy, higher interest rates, and the completion of construction on time and on budget with fewer change orders than expected, the district will also be able to address a significant facilities need eliminated in the first phase of the master plan. By utilizing remaining bond interest funds, we will move forward with window replacement in the older areas of Barrington Elementary School this summer, just as we did at Tremont Elementary School last year.

The summer projects also include renovation work, funded by a state grant, at the former district office at 1950 North Mallway Drive. This building will become the home of new educational pathways available to Upper Arlington High School students beginning this fall.

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

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 at three buildings, roof repairs at Hastings Middle School, and track repairs and maintenance at the middle schools and high school.

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Winter 2024/2025: Strategic Plan Launch

Based on all of the feedback gathered from stakeholders during the summer and fall of 2024, the district will finalize an implementation plan to present to the Board of Education for approval in January 2025.

For updates on the strategic planning process, please visit www.uaschools.org/strategicplan.

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2023-2024 SCHOOL DATES

Last Day for Students; Early Dismissal Thursday, May 23

Dismissal at 1 p.m. for elementary schools;
1:30 p.m. for middle schools and high school

Staff Report Per Schedule Friday, May 24

UAHS Commencement Sunday, May 26

9:30 am, the Jerome Schottenstein Center

Summer Academy Monday, June 3 - Friday, June 28

No classes on Wednesday, June 19

For the full 2023-2024 school year calendar and the upcoming 2024-2025 school year calendar, please visit our website at www.uaschools.org/calendars.aspx. To view a calendar of community events in our schools, please visit www.uaschools.org/communitycalendar.aspx.

BITES From the Apple



SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Art Students Win State, Regional Awards



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

Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Competition

– Six Upper Arlington High School seniors received a combined 12 awards in the 2024 Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Competition, the country's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens. Maddy Richard received a Gold Key in drawing, and Corina Villena-Aldama received a Gold Key in photography – automatically qualifying them both to move on to the national Scholastic competition. Receiving Silver Key awards were Maddy Richard, two in drawing and one in portfolio; Maggie Novak, portfolio; and Jillian Studley, drawing. Receiving honorable mention awards were Corina Villena-Aldama, photography; Keira Bain, painting, ceramics and portfolio; and Caroline Kegg, portfolio.

Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition State Winners

– Five UAHS students were honored as state winners, placing among the top 300 submissions in the state: Keira Bain (fibers); Noe Beaudoin (painting); Cooper McGinty (fibers); Maggie Novak (painting); and Scarlet Poor (mixed media). Their works were selected to be on display at the Rhodes State Office Tower.

Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition Regional Winners

– Seventeen UAHS students were honored as regional winners. Congratulations to: Kennedy Bates, Noe Beaudoin, Tallulah Blower, Mallory Huber, Avery Johnson, Caroline Kegg, Jackson Lloyd, Cooper McGinty, Annabelle Montgomery, Maggie Novak, Mason Pailer, Scarlet Poor, Maddy Richard, Jillian Studley, Jillian Vagnier, Corina Villena-Aldama, and Jaida Wang.

UAHS Girls Swimming Wins 13th State Title

The UA High School girls swimming and diving returned to the top of the podium at the 2024 state championships in Canton on February 25, winning their first team title since 2017.

The girls team completed a championship sweep in three relays: the 200 medley (McCall Freiburger, Maren

Berg, Riley Hollingsworth, and Abigail Oliphant); the 200 free (Lizzie Oliphant, Ashton Mumaw, Riley Hollingsworth and Hayden Hollingsworth); and the 400 free relay (McCall Freiburger, Lizzie Oliphant, Blaine Huddleston and Riley Hollingsworth). Senior Hayden Hollingsworth also brought home an individual championship, winning the 50 free. In addition, Madi Vermillion placed fifth in the state in the diving championships.

The boys team finished their season state runners-up, with three third-place relay finishes in the 200 free, 400 free and 200 medley and a second place finish in the 500-yard freestyle by senior Reid Caswell.

This is the 13th state championship overall for the girls swimming and diving program.

UA Schools Staff Receive Golden Apple Awards

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 2024 Golden Apple Award winners from UA Schools!





- Barrington Elementary School: **Mary Weasel**, paraprofessional
- Greensview Elementary School: **Ron Hanninen**, bus driver
- Tremont Elementary School: **Kathy Rekstis**, fourth grade teacher
- Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School: **Kathie Zelnik**, music teacher
- Windermere Elementary School: **Lauren Grozenski**, kindergarten teacher
- Hastings Middle School: **Joe Slover Jr.**, head custodian
- Jones Middle School: **Officer Travis Goodman**, school resource officer
- Upper Arlington High School: **Mikayla McVey**, social studies teacher
- District: **Steve Gdovin**, Elementary Explorations teacher

Castle Playground Farewell Set for May

This spring, the new Wickliffe playground began taking shape, with the installation of new swings and spinners, thanks to initial fundraising efforts by a team of school and community volunteers. Following the end of the school year, the wooden castle structure, which has reached the end of its useful lifespan

after being installed more than 30 years ago, will be removed.

The Wickliffe school community welcomes residents to be part of their farewell event for the castle playground on May 20 at 8:30 a.m. on the blacktop near the playground. This event will celebrate the castle playground's place in the history of Wickliffe and the Upper Arlington community.

This summer, a new play structure will be installed, thanks to funding from Upper Arlington Schools. The team of volunteers are continuing to fundraise – including a recent gift-matching campaign with Northwest Kiwanis that raised \$40,000 – for the final phase of the project, which will include Earthscape play structures and help bring the unique personality of the Wickliffe community to the playground. To learn or to make a financial contribution, visit www.wickliffeplayground.com.

UAHS Orchestra Director Honored by Yamaha

Chris Lape, an orchestra director at Upper Arlington High School, has been honored as one of the top music educators in the country with the 2024 Yamaha "40 Under 40" Music Education

Excellence recognition for educators at the K-12, collegiate and professional levels across the country.

Lape was honored for growing the music program by adapting the curriculum from every-other-day to everyday instruction



at the middle school level while serving as the orchestra teacher at Jones Middle School, prior to moving to the high school. With this change, he was able to bring innovative and engaging activities into the classroom – including a rock band project that allows students to work together to create their own arrangements and a "spooky" string sound FX story tied to Halloween.

Alumni Association Updates

- **Celebrate a senior!** Join the UA Alumni Association and UA Education Foundation as they celebrate this year's 483 graduating seniors! Each \$10 tax-deductible donation will celebrate a member of the Class of 2024 by welcoming them to the Alumni Association. The student will receive an alumni t-shirt during graduation rehearsal. To donate, please visit www.bearalums.com.
- **Mark your calendars!** Join the UA Alumni Association at the High School Open House on Friday, July 5 from 12:30-3 pm. Prior to the open house, Jones Middle School will host its own open house from 9-11 am. This will be an opportunity for alumni, as well as community members and current students and families, to walk through the building and view historical displays and student work to commemorate its 100th birthday.



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Second-annual hUmAn Connection Festival

The 2024 hUmAn Connection Festival on March 6 and 7 was a huge success! Started last year at Upper Arlington High School, the hUmAn Connection Festival celebrates culture, inclusion and understanding, and supports new connections within and beyond the UA community. This year, the festival expanded to include an evening community event in addition to the school day activities for high school students and staff. This year's hUmAn Connection Festival was offered with support from the Upper Arlington Education Foundation and the Upper Arlington Community Relations Innovations Small Grant Program.



Students learned about the science of flight in Elementary Explorations, building prototypes out of simple materials and then testing and troubleshooting until their creations soared gracefully in a wind tunnel.



Fourth-grade students at Barrington Elementary School culminated their study of Ohio history and "Wagon Train" simulation with a "Pioneer Day" of authentic, hands-on learning – including games like jacks.



Greensview Elementary School third-grade students went on a journey of discovery about the world beneath our feet, learning about rocks and soil with a lot of hands-on experiences.

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Upper Arlington High School's production of "Mean Girls: High School Version" in March – with about 120 students involved – was "so fetch!"



More than 140 students transformed Hastings Middle School into East High School as they presented Disney's "High School Musical Jr." in March.



Twelve Upper Arlington High School students completed the requirements to earn Entrepreneurship and Small Business certification, giving them a strong foundation for a future in the business field.



In March, Upper Arlington High School celebrated 136 new student inductees into the National Honor Society, in recognition of their exceptional scholarship, service, leadership and character. They join 98 other current UAHS students who were inducted last year.



Jones Middle School's 100th birthday

This spring, Jones Middle School turned 100! On March 17, 1924, the building now known as Jones Middle School opened its doors as the first permanent school facility in Upper Arlington, serving students in grades 1-6. To celebrate this milestone birthday, students and staff curated a time capsule to be found by future generations, with Jones memorabilia, a 3-D printed fidget, a list of favorite songs and other items that reflect education and life in the year 2024. The Jones PTO also donated a new boulder with the name of the school, just like the boulders outside many other Upper Arlington schools. This summer, Jones Middle School will host a community open house to mark this milestone, coinciding with the Upper Arlington Alumni Association's UAHS Open House event. Jones will be open to visitors from 9-11 am on July 5.

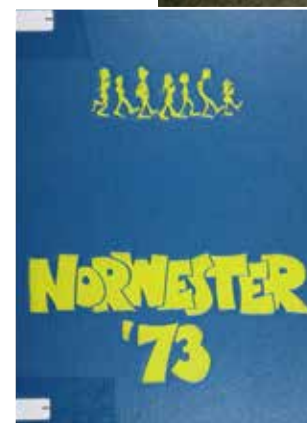
'Norwester' Turns the Page With Its 100th Volume

This spring, as Upper Arlington High School prepares to celebrate its 100th graduating class, it will also publish the 100th volume of what is now known as the *Norwester*.

While the school "annual," as it was known at the time, was first published in 1923, the 1925 edition is officially labeled as volume one – coinciding with the opening of Upper Arlington's first school building, now known as Jones Middle School, and Upper Arlington's first graduating class.

Two years later, in 1927, the yearbook officially became known as the *Norwester*, likely in a nod to the name of the community's first magazine, The *Norwester* Magazine, published from November 1917 to March 1922.

In the thousands of pages published since volume one, the *Norwester* has chronicled the experience within and history of Upper Arlington's schools – including the origin of the Golden Bear mascot, which first appeared in the 1928 edition, and the change in school colors from orange and black to gold and black in the 1941 edition. It has also



2024 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, May 15, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, June 11, 6 pm – Council Chamber

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

documented the opening of new school buildings – from the Jones building in 1924 to the Ridgeview Road high school in 1957 to the current building in 2021.

Norwester readership has ebbed and flowed with the changes in the schools, too. It initially served as a yearbook for students in grades 1 through 12, but that changed in 1939, when Barrington Elementary School opened its doors for students in grades 1-6. And, from 1956 to 1984, you'll find only grades 10-12 in the *Norwester*, because only those grades attended the Upper Arlington High School building on Ridgeview Road at that time.

You can explore the history of the *Norwester*, and find friends and family, at www.uaarchives.org.

Library MAY | JUNE 2024 iNSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Small Business Fair is May 4

Calling all aspiring and current small business owners! Join us at the Tremont Road Branch on Saturday, May 4 from 10 am-2 pm for a Small Business Fair. Connect with mentors, consult with experts, network with other local entrepreneurs and business people, explore essential tools and resources, and learn what you need to succeed.

Participating organizations include ECDI, Robles Designs, SCORE, Ohio Secretary of State's office, Small Business Administration, Small Business Development Center, TriVillage Chamber Partnership, Upper Arlington Community Foundation, Columbus Urban League Minority Business Assistance Center, and the Women's Business Center.

Visit our atrium any time from 10 am-2 pm to chat with representatives from nonprofit and government agencies.

Engage in some casual networking from 10:15-11 am, then take advantage of speed mentoring from SCORE volunteers, from Noon-2 pm.

Yasmine Robles will speak at 11 am on "Brand Building 101: Creating a Memorable Identity for Your Business." At 1 pm, a representative from the Ohio Secretary of State Office will present on "Registering and Maintaining a Business in Ohio." Registration is encouraged for these two presentations and is available at ualibrary.org.

From Noon-1 pm, our librarians will lead 20-minute tours of the library and



share ways we can help your business.

Get full details on the day's schedule at uapl.me/SBF24. Questions? Email sross@ualibrary.org or call 614-486-3342.

Summer Reading Program Begins June 1

Adventure awaits readers of all ages as we kick off our annual Summer Reading Program on Saturday, June 1. The program runs through July 31.

Our theme this year is "Adventure Begins at Your Library." Readers young and old can participate by tracking the days they read or their personal reading goals. Visit any UAPL branch to pick up a reading log, or download one at ualibrary.org/summer-reading. After reading seven days or completing seven goals, come back to the library with your log to get a prize.

All reading counts! Activities like attending storytimes, reading aloud together, and listening to audiobooks can all be recorded on your log.

Your first completed sheet will earn you a coupon packet, a prize basket selection, and an entry in our online



grand prize drawing. With your second sheet, you'll earn a book, a prize basket selection, and another grand prize drawing entry. Turn in a third sheet, and

you'll get a prize basket selection and a drawing entry.

There's something for everyone in our grand prize drawings. You could win a restaurant or cinema gift card, a moose Pillow Pet, a 2025 UA Family Pool Pass, tickets to Kings Island, or another great prize.

Thank you to the Friends of the UAPL for their continued sponsorship of our Summer Reading Program. Thanks also to BIBIBOP, Cover to Cover, Crimson Cup, Cub Shrub, J-Pops, Littleton's Market, Local Cantina, Ohio State Fair, City of UA, Ohio Parks, Ohio Renaissance Festival, Piada, Roosters and Studio 35/Grandview Theater for their sponsorships.

Details will be available beginning June 1 at ualibrary.org/summer-reading.



A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Beth Hatch

Our dedicated programmers excel at conceptualizing, planning, and executing these programs. While you may catch glimpses of them leading a craft session, storytime, or class, countless hours are devoted behind the scenes to meticulous preparation.

Following each program we are heartened by many positive comments and smiling faces. However, we're committed to delving deeper into the impact of our events. That's why we'll soon begin to collect some information from those who attend programs. In May, you'll start to see check-in stations at many of our events. Simply take a few seconds to scan your library card at the

station, whether it's your physical card or the digital one available in our app.

Don't have your card or know your number? You can enter your email address. And if you don't have a UAPL card yet, it's the perfect time to get one.

This data will empower us to make informed decisions regarding program offerings, optimize our use of space, compile accurate reports, solicit feedback, and inform you about additional programs tailored to your family's interests.

Be assured that, as with all Library transactions, information collected is strictly for Library use only. We will never compromise your trust by selling your information.

If you're a regular – or even an occasional – visitor to our buildings, you've undoubtedly noticed that our programs and events are popular with patrons of all ages. In fact, 2023 marked our most successful year to date for programs. We hosted over 1,200 sessions, attracting more than 55,000 attendees!

Program Highlights

Secrets of the Garden Center

The plants in your yard may have travelled over 2,000 miles. Learn about industrial horticulture, the history of "hobby" gardening, and how you can use this information on your next plant purchase. Tisa Watts of the Columbus Garden School presents on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 pm at our Tremont Road Branch.

Top Scams Targeting Seniors

Help protect yourself and loved ones by learning how to spot a scam with a presentation by Jessica Hamlin from the BBB of Central Ohio. Join us on Wednesday, May 15 at 2 pm at our Tremont Road Branch. Learn how to identify red flags and some of the tactics that con artists use against older adults.

End of School Beach Bash

Splash into summer and wave goodbye to school with an ocean-themed party at our Miller Park Branch on Thursday, May 23 from 11 am-3 pm. We'll have seafaring games, crafts and more for children of all ages.

Magic with the Alans

Join husband and wife duo Jason and Stacy Alan for a highly interactive themed magic show full of imaginative props, humor, and, of course, amazing magic! All ages will love this performance at our Lane Road Branch on Monday, June 3 at 1:30 pm.

Chalk Art

Join local artist Cecilia Martyna for a master class in chalk art! All ages are invited to collaborate and learn to create large-scale sidewalk chalk art. No prior art skills are needed. Meet outside the Tremont Road Branch on Tuesday, June 4 at 2 pm.

Blindfold Art Challenge

Kids can test their creativity, teamwork, and quick-thinking skills as they have fun with silly art prompts while blindfolded! Don't miss this crazy program on Wednesday, June 12 at 3 pm at our Lane Road Branch.

School Supply Drive

Donate new school supplies at our Miller Park Branch from June 1-July 12 to benefit local nonprofits. Needed items include #2 pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, markers, kid scissors, calculators, highlighters, colored pencils, glue sticks and index cards.

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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Discovery Passes

Our new Discovery Passes let you experience cultural and recreational activities from local organizations including the Columbus Museum of Art, National Veterans Memorial and Museum, ProMusica, Columbus Gay Men's Chorus, and the Columbus Clippers. Terms vary by organization, so stop by the checkout desk at our Tremont Road Branch and ask a staff member which passes are currently available and how they work. Supplies are limited. Passes are first-come, first-served and are not able to be reserved. A UAPL library card is required.

Friends Book Sale

Visit our Tremont Road Branch between May 5-19 to shop the Friends of the UA Library Sale. Friends members can shop the members-only presale on May 5 from 11 am-1 pm. The sale opens to the public that day at 1 pm. It's then open during regular library hours, shutting down 15 minutes before the library closes each day. A members-only bag sale will be held on the final day, Sunday, May 19 from 11 am-1 pm.

Members can fill one of our shopping bags with books for just \$5. The fill-a-bag sale will be open to the public from 1-3 pm that day at a cost of \$10 per bag.

New UAPL Website

Our new website launched on March 26. Check out ualibrary.org to search the catalog, review your account, book a meeting room, explore our collections, and much more.

Look for the UAPL at These Community Events

We'll be out and about this spring meeting people at local community events. See us at the COSI Big Science Celebration on Saturday, May 4 from 11 am-5 pm at COSI, 333 W. Broad St. Then we'll be at the City of UA's Spring Fling on Saturday, May 11 from 11 am-2 pm at Sunny 95 Park. Seniors can see us at the City of UA's Sandwich Stroll on Tuesday, May 21 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm in Sunny 95 Park. We'll also be at the UA Farmers' Market

on May 22 and June 26 on Dorset Road between St. Mark's Church and the Tremont Center parking lot. Stop by and say hello!

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Tremont Road Branch on Friday, May 31 from 11 am-4 pm. Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org using sponsor code UAPL.

Holiday Closings

All three UA libraries will be closed on Sunday, May 26 and Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day. We'll also be closed on Wednesday, June 19 for Juneteenth.

Facilities Update



Here are the latest developments under our Master Facilities Plan.

- Staff from our Technical Services and Facilities Departments have temporarily relocated to the former Media area as their own workspace undergoes renovations.
- We signed a contract with Triad Architects for HVAC, ceiling, and lighting repair and replacement at the Lane Road Branch.
- A new exterior sign has been installed at the Miller Park Branch, and new signs are coming soon to the Tremont Road and Lane Road Branches.
- Director Beth Hatch is visiting several local groups to do presentations on the Master Facilities Plan and what it means for the community.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2024 Board of Trustees

From Left: Stephen Flynn, Sue Ralph, William Shkurti, John Yesso, Vice President Kevin Fix, Kate Hare, President Peter Hahn



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, May 21 | Tuesday, June 18

MAKING MEMORIES...building connections

Angela Perley rocked the house at Live in the Library on Leap Day.



We gave out 2,800 pairs of eclipse glasses in preparation for the historical April 8 event.



Our leftover boxes and supplies made great building materials at our Spring Clean Out program.



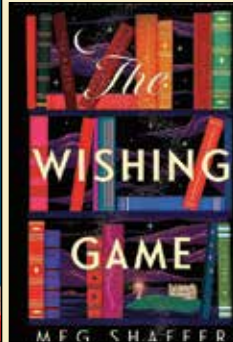
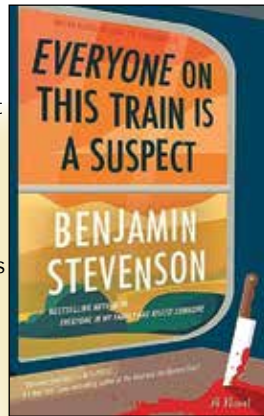
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

The Wishing Game

By Meg Shaffer

This is a heartwarming and heart wrenching story of the magical impact books have on children and adults alike. The *Clock Island* series of children's books allowed Lucy Hart and other kids the chance to survive broken childhoods. The story comes full circle when the author decides decades later to hold a contest for some of those same children to see who can make their wish come true. Will it be Lucy? And what is her wish? But even as an adult it will take courage and patience. It's a must read for every book lover and anyone who has ever made a wish.

– Donna Casteel, Lane Road



If You See Them:

Young, Unhoused, and Alone in America

By Vicki Sokolik

Sokolik shares the story of how she came to know so many unhoused and alone youth in Hillsborough County, Florida, where she resides, and all over the United States. What started with her family providing holiday meals to in-need families to her son bringing home a homeless classmate, Sokolik begins her journey of meeting and helping youth that the system forgot. Many of the kids escaped abusive households or were kicked out of their homes and survive on school meals, locker room showers, and any work they can find. These youth were forgotten by the system, without a grown-up to guide them or access to needed records such as social security numbers or birth certificates. Telling their own stories within this book, these youth then rely on us to continue to tell their story so that they are never forgotten.

– Anastasia Peratopoulos, Miller Park

Assistant to the Villain

By Hannah Nicole Maehr

Evie Sage is desperately in need of a job when she sees the most unusual help wanted ad ever:

ASSISTANT WANTED: Notorious, high-ranking villain seeks loyal, levelheaded assistant for unspecified office duties, supporting staff for random mayhem and terror, and other *Dark Things in General*. Discretion a must. Excellent benefits.

How bad can it be? Even villains need office workers.

– Laura Griffin, Technical Services

Wildful

By Kengo Kurimoto

This graphic novel will invoke *The Secret Garden* into the next generation. Poppy has had a rough year with her Gran passing and her mum trying to handle her depression. Luckily, Pepper, Poppy's dog, is keeping her busy with outdoor adventures. While on a walk, Poppy and Pepper meet Rob, a nature enthusiast. As Poppy starts to heal and see the



beauty around her, she aims to support her mother and guide her out of grief.

– Brittany Harrison, Youth Department

Then She Was Gone

By Lisa Jewell

Ellie is a young woman of 15 when she mysteriously disappears. After 10 years, her mother Laurel, still struggling to put her life back together, is caught by surprise when she meets a charming man. As their relationship matures, Laurel meets her

new boyfriend's children.

In a frightful twist to a possible new beginning, Laurel meets Poppy, the youngest daughter, who is the spitting image of her lost Ellie.

– Vita Marinello, Adult Department

Everyone on This Train Is a Suspect

By Benjamin Stevenson

Ernest Cunningham has found himself back in the center of a classic whodunit murder mystery of the same flavor as Agatha Christie or Arthur Conan Doyle. He is a charming narrator that every reader can rely upon for accurate information – including how many times he mentions the murderer's name in the book. The reader gets a cast of characters who embark on a murder mystery writing festival aboard a train. This time everyone on the train has studied how to not only commit murder but also to get away with it. Between the isolation of the train, patchy cell service, and tangled character backstories, it makes for an exciting read and satisfying conclusion.

– Raechel Morrow, Adult Department



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

St. Mark's Culture & Artisans Fair

10 am-3 pm, Saturday, May 4
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
2151 Dorset Road

Features artisans selling handmade items from all over the world, along with food and music and an opportunity to interact with the artisans and hear their stories.

Concourse Gallery

M-F, 8 am-5 pm, 3600 Tremont Road
Cultural Arts Division | 614-583-5310
Ohio Art League Juried Exhibition
May 8-July 12

Spring Fling

11 am-2 pm, Saturday, May 11
Sunny 95 Park
UA PARKS & REC | 614-583-5300
Activities for all ages, including inflatables, a fishing derby, Touch-A-Truck, arts & crafts, and live music. Free event.

UA Farmers Market

3:30-6:30 pm, Wednesdays
May 15-September 25
Tremont Center
commongreensohio.org/upper-arlington

Wall of Honor Ceremony

3 pm, Sunday, May 19
3600 Tremont Road
City of UA & UA Historical Society
www.uahistory.org

Heart of UA Sunday, May 19

Scioto Country Club
UA Community Foundation
www.uacommunityfoundation.com

Sandwich Stroll

10:30 am-Noon, Tuesday, May 21
Sunny 95 Park
UA Parks & Rec | parks.uaoh.net
Pre-registration required.

UACA Memorial Day Run

Begins 9 am, Monday, May 27
Reed Road Park Shelter
UACA | www.uaca.org
Pre-registration required.

Pride Month Flag Raising Ceremony

6 pm, Monday, June 3
3600 Tremont Road

Movies in the Parks

Wonka (PG-13)
7 pm, Friday, June 14
Thompson Park
UA Parks & Rec | parks.uaoh.net

Upper Arlington Pride

1-5 pm, Sunday, June 9
Sunny 95 Park
Rainbow UA | rainbowua.org

Arts on Arlington

6-9 pm, Thursday, June 13
Mallway Park, Arlington Avenue
Don't miss UA Parks & Rec's award-winning community event, which brings local artists, live music, the Mallway businesses, community groups and food trucks together for a memorable evening.

Juneteenth Flag Raising Ceremony

6 pm, Monday, June 17
3600 Tremont Road

UACA's Fourth of July Celebrations

Thursday, July 4
9 am Parade
5 pm Party in the Park
10 pm Fireworks
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