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JA BOB CRANE COMMUNITY CENTER

OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

More than 1,600 people attended the Bob Crane Community Center Grand Opening Celebration on Sunday, April 6, a testament to the community demand that has driven us to reach this milestone moment for UA. And since opening day, the facility has quickly become a regular part of many community members' daily routines.

Expanded information on the Bob Crane Community Center can be found in your copy of the *Spring/Summer Activity Guide* or scan the QR code below to view the facility website. If you have any questions, contact the department, at parks@uaoh.net.

We look forward to seeing you at the Bob Crane Community Center!



2025 Community Survey

Every few years, the City surveys its residents to gauge how we're doing in terms of the services that we provide, and to identify where improvements or adjustments might be needed to stay in tune with the needs and desires of the community. The 2025 Community Survey process is underway, led by the local market research firm, Illuminology.

In the coming days, 1,500 randomly selected households will be sent a letter from the City inviting them to participate in the survey. This letter will direct residents to an online survey and will provide a user pass code that is unique to their household. It will also ask that the adult (18 years & above) in the household with the most recent birthday complete the survey.

To accommodate any members of selected households that do not have

easy access to the Internet, a couple weeks later, a follow up hard copy version of the survey will be mailed to homes that have not yet completed it online. We are asking that all households invited to participate in the 2025 Community Survey do so by mid-June.

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

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

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

If yours is among the households selected to participate in the 2025 Community Survey, please do your part by responding and making your opinions known. Please allow approximately 10 minutes to complete the survey on behalf of your household.

For additional survey details, contact Emma Speight, Community Affairs Director, at 614-583-5045 or via email: espeight@uaoh.net.

Century Home Marker Program



If your home one of the 440+ UA century homes, you can make it a permanent celebration by ordering a personalized Century Home Marker from the Upper Arlington Historical Society. Each 11" x 7" oval plaque is custom ordered with your home's "year built" displayed under the bear.

Visit uahistory.org/chm-info for details, links to a map of current markers and the ordering form. Questions? Contact info@uahistory.org.

Northam Improvements Ribbon Cutting 4 pm, Thursday, May 1



While UA has been laser focused on the new Bob Crane Community Center, another exciting parks capital project has been completed - the renovation of the Northam Park clay tennis courts, six new pickleball courts, a new/improved service building with year-round restrooms, as well as shade structures and seating. Help the City celebrate the opening of these exciting improvements at our ribbon cutting ceremony, beginning at 4 pm on Thursday, May 1.

FROM CHAMBERS | Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

Traffic Code & Park Rules Updated

City Council recently approved a series of amendments to the City traffic code and park rules, to simplify and provide greater clarity on several items, including the appropriate use of various forms of transportation, such as e-bikes and scooters. Highlights of Ordinance 6-2025 include:

Chapter 383 Amendments (Transportation Rules)

- The amendments apply to all forms of transportation other than walking.
- All traffic laws must be followed when using any form of transportation on a public street, sidewalk, shared-use path or portion of a road set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.
- An alternate transportation device can only carry the number of people for which it was designed.
- Due care must be taken when passing others.
- Traveling recklessly on a street or sidewalk is not allowed.
- Skateboards (whether powered by the user or by motorized means), can't be used on any street with a speed limit above 25 MPH, and they can't be used on sidewalks within the City's business districts.

Chapter 543 Amendments (Parks, Playgrounds & Open Space Areas)

- The section prohibiting any interference of park fauna/flora or structures permits the use of metal detectors but prohibits any digging.
- Fires in parks are not allowed unless they are in City provided grills, fireplaces or barrels.
- The prohibition of model rockets has been added to the section on dangerous items, such as firearms,



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

bows and arrows, air guns, etc., unless permission has been granted in advance by the Parks & Recreation Director and Fire Chief.

- Model rocketry, archery and similar hobbies are prohibited without the written permission of the Parks & Recreation Director.
- The sale of goods, merchandise or the provision of instructional services on park grounds or parking lots is not allowed unless a permit has been issued by the Parks & Recreation Director. Permits will typically be granted for the following, or similar, circumstances:
 - The person/vendor is in contract with the City for services such as pool concessions or vending machines;
 - Sales are part of a City-hosted or City-permit-approved special event (but not for the sole purpose of promoting a private business);
 - Instructional services are being provided through a contract with the City, for both group lessons and individual programs.
- The section prohibiting the distribution of any advertising or promotional items has been expanded to also prohibit the placement of signs

in parks, playgrounds or other open space areas.

- Events, entertainment or exhibitions in parks or other public spaces – whether public or private – are not allowed unless approved by the Parks & Recreation Director.
- The litter prohibition has been amended to include wrappers, gum, seeds, and cigarette butts.
- All types of motor vehicles are prohibited from entering a park, playground or other open space area unless authorized by the Parks & Recreation Director (City service and emergency vehicles excepted).
- The placement of any equipment in City parks or public spaces - including stakes or inflatable apparatus - is not allowed without written permission from the Parks & Recreation Director.
- Lights for the multi-sport court at Sunny 95 Park can only be used until 9:30 pm. All other lighting for active park areas – such as ball diamonds and courts – can only be used within the designated park hours.
- The feeding of any wildlife on any public property within the City is prohibited.
- The release of any domesticated or exotic fish or animals in any park is prohibited.

2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Redding Road Resurfacing

The section of Redding Road between Fishing Road and Zollinger Road will be enhanced with new bicycle and pedestrian accommodations as part of resurfacing and lane use changes.

Street Reconstruction Program -

Sections of the following streets will undergo full pavement replacement, new curb and gutter, and driveway approaches: Bramford, Walhaven, Chardon, and Nayland roads, Carriage Hill and Churchview lanes, Overdale and Wesleyan drives.

Street Maintenance Program

Sections of 17 streets are scheduled for street maintenance work, which comprises street resurfacing and spot curb and gutter repairs: Chatfield, Chester, Colchester Haverford, Hythe, Kirkham, Suffolk, and Riverhill roads, Fairlington, Pemberton, Sedgewick, and London drives, and Hythe Court.

Pedestrian Crosswalk Enhancements

Ten crosswalks are scheduled to undergo safety enhancements, to include improved pavement striping and flashing beacons:

- Ridgeview Road at Andover Road
- McCoy Road at Mountview Road
- McCoy Road at Woodbridge Road
- Redding Road at Edington Road
- Kioka Avenue at Swansea Road
- Kioka Avenue at Wickliffe Road
- Stonehaven Road at Burbank School

- Northam Road at Coventry Road
- Coventry Road at Jones Middle School
- Stonehaven Drive at Stonehaven Place

Other Highlights

- Waterline replacements are planned for sections of Chester Road, Fairlington Drive, and Nayland Road.
- A shared-use path will be installed on the west side of Riverside Drive,

from Lane Avenue to Trabue Road. This project will tie into a shared-use path on Trabue Road, completing a connection to the Quarry Trails Metro Park.

Full project details - including an interactive GIS Story Map can be found under the **Construction Updates** page, at upperarlingtonoh.gov. As construction season gets underway, we also share project updates via social media.

Tri-Village Packers Spring Break Program



Thanks to numerous volunteers and financial donations, the Tri-Village Packers were able to provide healthy snacks, breakfast and lunch items over Spring Break for 97 children in our community who are experiencing food insecurity. Learn more about the work of this community partnership, at trivillagepackers.com.

Upper Arlington to Participate in the 2026 America 250-Ohio Celebrations

The U.S. will be celebrating its semiquincentennial (250 years) in 2026. The State of Ohio has formed an America 250-Ohio Commission, charged with leading Ohio's celebrations, and the Upper Arlington community has signed on as an official America 250-OH Community.

Representatives from the City, the UA Historical Society, UA Library, UA Schools, UA Community Foundation, UA Education Foundation, the UA

Civic Association, and Community Relations Committee have begun meeting regularly to develop plans for incorporating the theme into various programs and events throughout the year. Community members are welcome and encouraged to join our planning efforts - contact Emma Speight, at espeight@uaoh.net if you would like to get involved.

Watch for updates as plans take shape!

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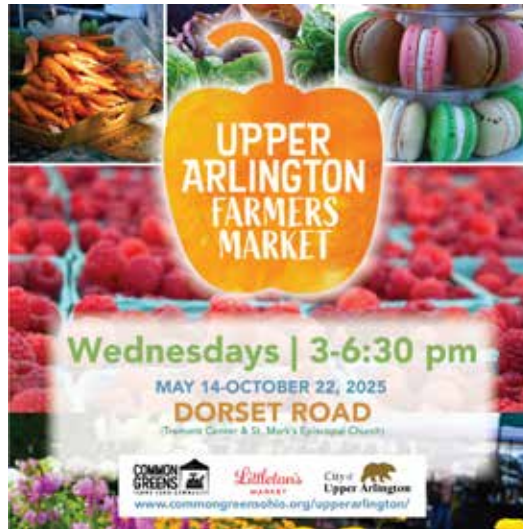
- All persons using a park must comply with Codified Ordinance 519.02, which regulates dogs or other animals at large and dogs or other animals causing physical harm.
- The City's smoking prohibition in parks, playgrounds or other open spaces has been expanded to include vaping and e-cigarettes.

2025 Upper Arlington Farmers Market

3-6:30 pm Wednesdays
May 14-October 22
Dorset Road

We are excited to welcome the Upper Arlington Farmers Market back for 2025, thanks to a partnership between the City and Common Greens – a local non-profit organization with extensive experience managing farmers markets in Central Ohio – and Littleton's Market. Each week, you will find between 30-40 market vendors along picturesque Dorset Road, between Tremont Center and St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Throughout the summer and into the fall, UA's Farmers Market will take place every Wednesday, rain or shine, from 3-6:30 pm.

The 2025 Market layout has been enhanced to make sure it's accessible to all, with the added benefit of expanding the number of vendors. Each week, we invite you to stop by the Community Booth to meet with representatives from various community organizations. And be sure to check the Market schedule for updates on weekly musical entertainment, and an exciting series of



educational programming, including chef demonstrations, making herbal teas from your garden, herb planter gardening, making healthy family snacks, and more. Thanks to the generosity of St. Mark's, shoppers can access their restrooms and take a break from the heat on hot summer days.

Opening Ceremony **3 pm, Wednesday, May 14**

To celebrate the start of the UA Farmers

Market, please join us for a brief opening ceremony. The first shoppers to arrive will receive a 2025 UA Farmers Market reusable shopping tote (while supplies last), courtesy of the City and the Upper Arlington Community Foundation.

Common Greens welcomes the following food assistance programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – SNAP customers who use their Ohio Direction card to purchase food from the market receive \$1 for every \$1 spent – up to \$25 each market day – in Produce Perks for additional fruits and vegetables.
- Produce Perks – provides a \$25 match on SNAP/EBT purchases.
- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) – provides low-income older adults with financial benefits to purchase eligible, locally-grown produce at farmers markets.
- Women, Infants & Children (WIC) participants.

For more info on the market, visit commongreensohio.org/upperarlington/.

Light Ohio Blue Cruiser Caravan Coming to UA

Evening of Wednesday, May 7

Light Ohio Blue is an annual statewide campaign designed to honor law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, as well as to show support for those who currently serve and protect our respective communities.

Each May, Ohioans are encouraged to change their home exterior lights to blue to show their support for law enforcement personnel. The 2025 Light Ohio Blue Campaign runs from May 7-17, with a cruiser caravan scheduled to travel across Ohio to honor fallen officers and their families.

This year's Caravan – which typically comprises between 150-200 vehicles – will not only include one of our cruisers, it will also be passing through a portion



of UA between 7:30-8 pm, on the evening of Wednesday, May 7, per the following route:

- Entering UA from Hilliard, heading east on Fishing Road to Five Points;

- Heading north on Tremont Road, passing the Municipal Services Center (MSC);
- Heading south on Kenny Road to Woody Hayes Drive; and
- Heading to the OSU Stadium, with cruisers surrounding the Shoe at the close of the Caravan.

The City will be lighting up the MSC with blue exterior lighting, and we encourage residents along the route to also consider switching out one or more of their exterior lights with blue bulbs as our community's show of support. And we encourage everyone to head to the route to watch this impressive Caravan as it passes through our community.



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Steve Schoeny

Housing Study Provides Invaluable Data That Will Inform the Upcoming Master Plan Update

We just completed a study of the community's housing market to better understand existing conditions and trends. Conducted by CommunityScale, an urban planning and spatial data analysis company, the study looked at existing conditions, such as the number and types of available housing, trends in property values and housing cost increases, and trends in remodeling and new construction activity over the past 10-15 years. It explored demographic changes within Upper Arlington and the region over the past 20 years, and how those trends have changed the local housing market. The study also looked at the economics of different housing to help estimate future demand and the potential for new development.

CommunityScale interviewed local Realtors, developers of single- and multi-family housing, home remodeling companies, and senior living firms. An online survey was also made available to the community, garnering more than 700 responses that provided insight on residents' perceptions of the current housing market in UA, what they would look for when considering moving to a new home, and possible steps the City could take to improve options within the community.

The draft report was shared with City Council at its April 21 Meeting. Much of the report has affirmed what we already know, for example:

- The pressures of regional growth are impacting Upper Arlington, and this will likely continue to create pressure on the UA housing market.
- High land and construction costs are compounded by limited availability and high demand for new-build

homes, which is increasingly resulting in prices that are higher than the current average price in our neighborhoods.

- Upper Arlington has seen growth in the number of youth and older adults. At the same time, we have seen declines in the number of young adults and residents in their 50s and 60s.
- With Upper Arlington's high land costs, mixed-use redevelopment projects will likely require City assistance in the form of tax increment financing or abatement.

Looking forward, the data will prove useful as the City embarks on its next Master Plan update - which is slated to begin later this year - helping to inform an exploration of strategies for meeting the community's evolving housing needs. This might include:

- Exploring whether some areas in Upper Arlington would be suitable for housing types that are appealing to empty nesters and young adults.
- Determining how best to encourage and support the development of additional senior housing opportunities.
- Reassessing the City's approach for cultivating and incentivizing prospective mixed-use redevelopment projects within

commercial districts like the Henderson Road Corridor.

The Housing Market Detailed Analysis Report can be found on the Community Development section of the City's website. If you have questions about the study, please contact the Community Development Department, at 614-583-5070.



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NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Memorial Day** - Monday, May 26. Solid Waste collection is delayed by one day for all zones.
- **Juneteenth** - Thursday, June 19. No Solid Waste delays.
- **Independence Day** - Friday, July 4. No Solid Waste delays.

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE | 614-583-5030

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

City e-News

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS | 614-583-5040

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

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

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

Won't You Be Our Neighbor Podcast

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

CityofUA YouTube Channel

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

2025 Wall of Honor

3 pm, Sunday, May 18
www.uahistory.org

The City and UA Historical Society invites the community to the 2025 Wall of Honor Ceremony on Sunday, May 18. In 2025, we will honor Dr. Martin Peter Sayers & Marjorie Sayers. Visit www.uahistory.org for more.



Friends of UA Parks

Saturdays, 9 am-Noon
friendsofuaparks.com

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

- May 17 - Miller Park
- June 14 - Smith Nature Park

American Red Cross Blood Drives at the MSC

10 am-4 pm, Friday, June 27
10 am-4 pm, Friday, August 1
3600 Tremont Road

The need for blood donations always increases in the summer. It's a time of year when fewer people register to donate, meanwhile warmer weather increases outside extracurricular activities that can often have a higher risk of injury. Do your part to help meet

Upper Arlington CHAT

The UA Community Health Action Team (CHAT) initiative is a partnership between Franklin County Public Health and community members to build a healthier community. The UA CHAT meets the second Thursday of each month from 3-4:30 pm at the Tremont Library. If you'd like to learn more or be part of the UA CHAT, contact fcphchat@franklincountyohio.gov.

New this year, UA CHAT is engaging the community through its *Did You Know?* series. Check future *UA Insight* editions, *City Insight eNews*, and local health fairs for useful information on health and wellness.

Did You Know? May is Arthritis Awareness Month

Over 25% of UA adults report having arthritis as a chronic condition.* With over 100 diagnosis types, arthritis can be painful and debilitating.

Regular exercise, like walking,



swimming or biking can help prevent and reduce symptoms of arthritis, and now's a great time to explore the many exercise options offered at the Bob Crane Community Center.

Healthy eating is another great tool to manage arthritis. The UA Farmer's Market is a perfect opportunity to get inspired with local produce. The 2025 season opens May 14.

For more information about arthritis, check out the Arthritis Foundation, at <https://www.arthritis.org/>.

*Source: PLACES: Local Data for Better Health
2020-2022

FAST CONNECTIONS: BIG IMPACT!

Join Network UA for a Business Speed Dating Bonanza

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

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 Fast Connections: Big Impact! business speed dating event, from 4:30-6 pm on Wednesday, May 21 at the Bob Crane Community Center. Together we will explore how we can collaborate to make a meaningful difference, while strengthening each other's presence in the Tri-Village Community. Tours of the Community Center will also be available before and after the main event.

the need by donating at one of our upcoming American Red Cross blood drives. Visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> and type in *CityofUA* to register.

Summer Pool & Tennis Passes

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 10, with back to school hours available at Devon Pool through Labor Day Weekend.

Safety Town Registration

June 9-13, 23-27, July 7-11, 14-18
UA POLICE | parks.uaoh.net

Safety Town is a popular summer preschool program that teaches children all aspects of safety. The cost is \$125, and children entering kindergarten and first grade are eligible, but must be five years of age prior to September 30, 2025. Register via Parks & Rec.

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

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

9 am-4:30 pm, May 9- May 10

Tremont Shopping Center
upperarlingtonfire.com

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

Planet Aid Donation Center

Shops on Lane Avenue

A national non-profit, Planet Aid, has recently opened a new donation center at the Shops on Lane Avenue, providing a convenient option for responsibly disposing of unwanted clothing, shoes, bedding and other textiles. The donations received raise funds for community development programs and are tax deductible. Visit <https://www.planetaid.org/> for additional details.

July 4th Reminders

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

Fireworks Safety

Recognizing the dangers posed by fireworks if handled improperly, the City prohibits the use of consumer grade fireworks in UA. This includes sparklers, bottle rockets, firecrackers and trick noisemakers. It is not the intent of the City to be heavy-handed in enforcement, but the City has and will enforce its laws, especially when unsafe situations are witnessed by police.

We encourage you to enjoy all that UA has to offer over the Fourth of July holiday, but be wise, and above all, be safe. Leave the fireworks to the professionals.

Block Parties

If your neighborhood is planning to host a block party over the Fourth of July Weekend, the deadline for submitting your application is Friday, June 20. The \$50 fee covers administrative costs and the delivery of barricades. Block parties are not permitted on main thoroughfares. To complete an application, visit the *Applications & Permits* section of the City Manager's Office webpage, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Golf Cart Reminders

In October 2023, City Council removed a previous Fourth of July exemption period for non-street legal golf carts, with the exception of UACA's use of golf carts for the Fourth of July Parade, or for streets that are closed for a Block Party.

If you wish to operate a USV or golf cart in UA:

- They must meet Ohio Department of Public Safety standards, including

brakes, brake lights, turn signals, lights, windshield, rear view mirror, and tires for street use.

- They must have seatbelts at each designated seating position (an additional UA requirement).
- They must be titled and registered,
- They must be inspected and approved for use on public streets by an authorized law enforcement agency.
- They can only be used on streets with speed limits of 25 mph or under.
- They are not allowed on paths in public parks or on park fields.

Chairs on the Parade Route

In the days leading up to the Parade, the route along Northwest Blvd. becomes overrun with lawn chairs and areas taped off by families staking their spectator spot. Please refrain from this practice until just a few days before the parade. Placing your property at the curb - similar to placing trash or bulk items out for collection - runs the risk of having your property taken by opportunistic passersby. In such instances, their loss is not considered theft.

Parade Updates

Parade Diversability Zone

An area in front of Holy Trinity Church toward the end of the parade route will be available for community members with mobility and sensory issues. The space will include a covered tent and access to parking for individuals with mobility issues. It will also provide a quieter version of the parade, with participants reducing their volume by at least 50% as they pass by. This Inclusive Zone is spearheaded by the Red Oak Family Foundation, a local non-profit that supports families with members on the autism spectrum.

Parade Traffic & Safety Restrictions

The Police Division will be placing non-movable barricades or City vehicles at streets intersecting Northwest Blvd. As a result, local traffic will not be able to

cross or use Northwest per the following schedule:

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

Parking Restrictions

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

Pools & Northam Tennis Holiday Hours

Thursday, July 3

- Northam Tennis & Pickleball - closes at Noon
- Tremont Pool - closes at 9 pm

Friday, July 4

- Northam Tennis & Pickleball - closed
- Tremont Pool - closed

Friday, July 5

- Northam Tennis & Pickleball - open at Noon (if fireworks cleanup is complete)
- Tremont Pool - opens at Noon (if fireworks cleanup is complete)

For expanded Fourth of July reminders, check our website for updates beginning mid-June, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

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Get Involved in Facilities Master Planning!

Approximately 1,450 stakeholders have come alongside Upper Arlington Schools in phase two of the facilities master planning process for the aging middle schools and Burbank Early Childhood School. That includes more than 1,000 community members and staff members who shared their thoughts on the initial draft options in February and March.

This spring, stakeholders will have another opportunity to provide their feedback on the revised draft options – which will include estimated costs, potential timelines for construction and ideas of where students will be located during construction, depending on the site.

“The feedback our community shared on the initial draft options provided us with invaluable insights that we were able to take back to our building teams

and our team of professional architects,” said Superintendent Robert Hunt, Ph.D. “The revised options you’ll see at our next round of community meetings in May and in an online survey will reflect the themes we saw in the feedback and will also answer a lot of the questions stakeholders had – especially as it relates to the impact on both homeowners and students.”

Stakeholders can join the district for the fourth round of community engagement sessions on May 12 and 13 to hear the full presentation on the revised options and provide feedback.

- **Monday, May 12 from 6:30-8 pm** at Upper Arlington High School, 1625 Zollinger Road
- **Tuesday, May 13 from 9-10:30 am** at the Graf Center, 2020 Builders Place

In the days following the meetings,

an online community survey will be available at www.uascshools.org/facilities and will remain open through Sunday, June 15. The meeting presentation, a video recording and additional resources will also be available on the facilities webpage to assist with completing the survey.

“Now, it’s even more important that you take the time to learn more about these options and share your thoughts,” Hunt said. “This is a pivotal point in the process. No decisions have been made, and your feedback will help shape the decisions that will impact our students, families and community for years to come.”

Upper Arlington Schools remains committed to a transparent master planning process for the community. All meeting presentations and feedback are available at www.uaschools.org/facilities.



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Robert Hunt, Ph.D.

Quality Profile Provides Window into the Work for New Excellence & Innovation 2030 Strategic Plan

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).

With the launch of our new Excellence & Innovation 2030 Strategic Plan at the start of the year, the exciting work of implementing this collective vision for our schools is beginning to unfold. You can get a glimpse of steps that are already being taken and what is ahead of us in our **2025 Quality Profile**, which arrived in mailboxes earlier this spring.

2024-2025 SCHOOL DATES

Election Day

Tuesday, May 6

No School for Students; Staff Report Per Schedule

UAHS Commencement

Sunday, May 25

9:30 am, the Jerome Schottenstein Center

Memorial Day

Monday, May 26

No School for Students and Staff

Last Day for Students; Early Dismissal (K-12)

Thursday, May 29

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

Teacher Work Day

Friday, May 30

Staff Report Per Schedule

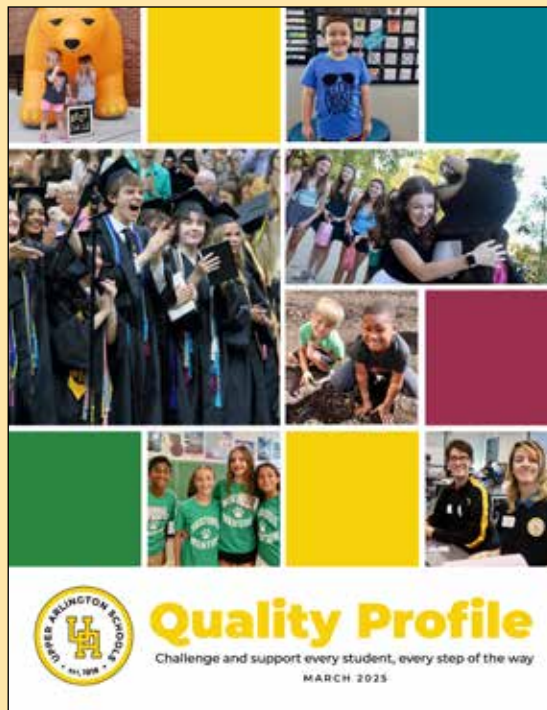
For the upcoming 2025-2026 school year calendar, please visit our website at www.uaschools.org/calendars. To view a calendar of community events in our schools, please visit www.uaschools.org/communitycalendar.

Shaped by more than 9,000 touchpoints with stakeholders and developed with extensive collaboration with staff, students and community members, the **Excellence & Innovation 2030 Strategic Plan** is a forward-thinking roadmap for our district, designed to further our commitment to challenge and support every student, every step of the way. It reaffirms our district's dedication to providing an exceptional education for every student while positioning us to embrace new challenges and opportunities with confidence and purpose.

I encourage you to spend some time with the **Quality Profile** to see how we are bringing this vision to life in our schools. You can find a digital copy of the **Quality Profile** on our website at www.uaschools.org/qualityprofile, or you can pick up a printed copy at any of our schools or the Mincy Center at 1619 Zollinger Road.

Coffee & Conversation Series

Our commitment to engagement and transparency is also reflected in our expanded Coffee & Conversation series, which launched in the fall of 2024 to meet our community's desire for more opportunities to connect with our schools. These gatherings have provided a welcoming space for families, staff and community members to engage in meaningful discussions, ask questions and share their perspectives on the issues that matter most to them.



This direct engagement reflects the Connections priority in our **Excellence & Innovation 2030 Strategic Plan** – building strong relationships with our community to support and enhance the educational experience for all students.

In April, we wrapped up our final Coffee & Conversation events for the school year, and I want to thank everyone who took the time to join us throughout the year. We look forward to continuing these important discussions in the year ahead and will be sharing details this fall about our Coffee & Conversation opportunities for the 2025-2026 school year. I encourage you to get involved and be a part of the conversation.

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

Each spring, the district releases the Financial Update, providing a clear and concise overview of our financial position and the key factors shaping our budget in the years ahead. This annual report is an important tool in our ongoing efforts to maintain fiscal responsibility while continuing to provide an exceptional educational experience for our students.



In the 2024-2025 Financial Update, you will see that one of the most significant influences on our financial planning is the district's new Excellence & Innovation 2030 Strategic Plan. This

plan reaffirms our commitment to educational excellence while ensuring we remain fiscally responsible in every decision we make. As we look ahead, we will continue to support excellence and innovation for our students while also carefully managing resources for our community.

Transparency is a top priority in our financial operations. In addition to this report, I encourage you to explore the many financial documents available on our website at www.uaschools.org/treasurer. These resources provide a comprehensive view of how we allocate funds to support students, staff and the overall success of our district.

Future Facilities Planning

In February, the Board of Education approved a contract to purchase the

property at 2134 Coventry Road, which is adjacent to the Jones Middle School property. This purchase, secured below the appraised value, offers potential flexibility for the space constraints on the Jones site. The acquisition will be funded through the permanent improvement fund, with the possibility of reimbursement through the general fund or a future bond issue. This strategic investment reflects our commitment to thoughtful financial stewardship while positioning the district to meet future facility needs.

State's Biennium Budget Process

Earlier this year, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine released his proposed biennium budget, which outlines state funding for public school districts for the next two years. While state funding represents a very small portion of our overall district budget, changes in consideration as of April could have a significant impact on local funding as well. As the budget moves through the House and Senate, we will continue to monitor its progress and assess any potential impacts on our district's financial outlook.

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

2025 UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

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



Thanks to a partnership with the City of Upper Arlington, Board of Education meetings take place in the Council Chamber of the City's Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road. In general, the meetings begin at 6 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Some exceptions apply, and last-minute scheduling changes are possible. Please refer to www.uaschools.org for the most up-to-date information.

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, May 13, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, June 10, 6 pm – Council Chamber

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

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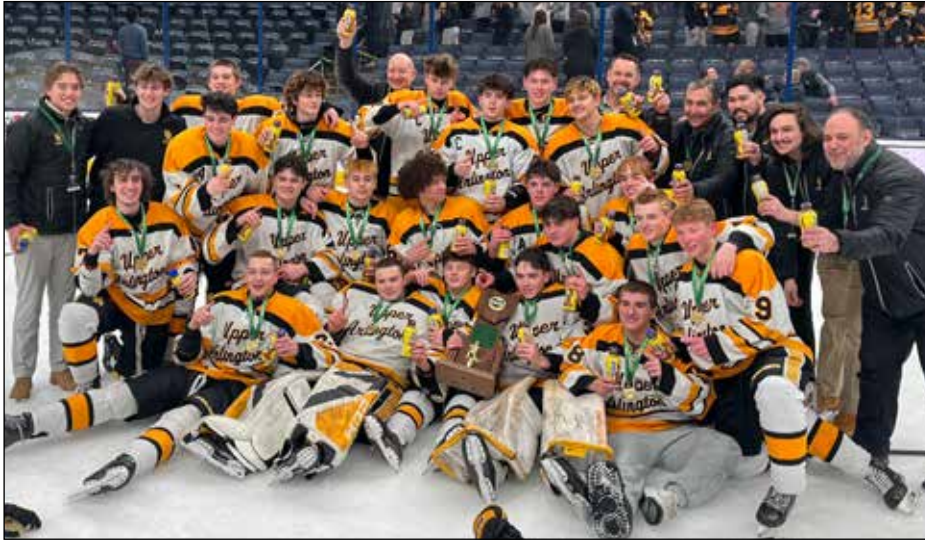
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BITES From the Apple



SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



Golden Moments for Ice Hockey, Girls Swimming

The Golden Bears brought home two state championships this winter, with the ice hockey team making history and the girls swimming and diving team adding to their legacy of excellence.

For the first time in program history, the Upper Arlington High School ice hockey team captured a state championship, defeating Cleveland St. Ignatius 5-2 on March 9 at Nationwide Arena. The Golden Bears, who had never before reached the state finals, dominated in the third period, scoring four unanswered goals to secure the title. Sophomore Ben Spence and senior Jason Davis each netted two goals, while junior Connor Hagkull added one. Junior goalie Mason Herndon stood tall in the net with 34 saves, helping the Bears cap off their historic season.

On February 22, Upper Arlington girls swimming and diving won their second consecutive state championship – and 14th all-time – in Canton. Senior Hayden Hollingsworth led the charge, winning the 50-yard freestyle and contributing to first-place finishes in the 200-yard medley relay with junior Abby Oliphant, junior Elise Schantz

and sophomore Maren Berg; and 200-yard freestyle relay with junior Ashton Mumaw, sophomore Riley Hollingsworth and freshman Kiera Powers. Junior Madison Vermilion's fifth-place finish in diving on February 19 gave the Bears an early boost on their way to the title.

UAHS Students Honored for Excellence in the Arts

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

– Five Upper Arlington High School students received a combined six awards in the 2025 Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Competition,

the country's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens.

Senior Jaida Wang received a Silver Key and an honorable mention in drawing. Junior Lucy Hitt also received a Silver Key in drawing. Receiving honorable mentions were junior Ken Bates in mixed media, freshman Aseel Farag in drawing, and senior Gage Gallicchio in drawing.

In addition, Upper Arlington High School Class of 2024 graduate Maddy Richard continues to receive accolades for her drawing *Silenced*, for which she received a Gold Key as a senior in the 2024 Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Competition. She was later selected as one of 2,000 applicants among 340,000 submissions to receive a Gold Medal in the National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Her drawing has been on display for the past few months at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition State Winners – Three UAHS



students were honored as state winners, placing among the top 300 submissions in the state: Kennedy Bates, mixed media drawing; Daniel Chrisman, two ceramics pieces; and Annabelle Montgomery, colored pencil drawing.

Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition Regional Winners

– Fourteen UAHS students were honored as regional winners.

Congratulations to: Margo Bache, Addy Brownfield, Oliver Crooks, Gage Gallicchio, Joe Lehner, Hadley Martin, Quinn Martini, Kate McKelvey, Izzy Midlam-Mohler, Sophie Miller, Anna Mowry, Jordin Reyes, Liliana Sidari and Corrine Stevens.



Uniquely Accomplished

- In March, a group of students who are part of the new Teaching Professions pathway at Upper Arlington High School attended a two-day, statewide Educators Rising Conference, where they explored their passion for teaching through breakout sessions, keynote speeches and networking opportunities with educators from across the state. Junior Anton Karachunski earned a top-10 placement in the "Lesson Plan: STEM" category for his lesson on karyotype genetic testing – qualifying him for the National Educators Rising Conference in Orlando this summer. Students were able to attend the statewide conference thanks to grant funding from the UAHS PTO and the Upper Arlington Education Foundation.
- The Upper Arlington High School Symphonic Choir, the UAHS Orchestras and eighth grade middle school orchestras all received the highest accolades at adjudicated events in February and March. The Symphonic Choir earned all Superior ratings at the OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event in March, and the orchestras also all earned

Superior ratings at the Central Ohio String Festival in February. Both events were hosted by Upper Arlington High School.

- In February, nearly 80 students in all grade levels were inducted into the inaugural class of Upper Arlington High School's chapter of Tri-M Music Honor Society. The UAHS Tri-M chapter, which is affiliated with the National Association for Music Education, includes students from band, choir, orchestra and non-performance music classes. The inductees have demonstrated excellence in musicianship, academics, leadership and service, and will continue to grow in these areas in order to maintain membership in the organization.

Alumni Association Updates

- Celebrate a senior! Join the Upper Arlington Alumni Association and Upper Arlington Education Foundation as they celebrate this year's graduating seniors! Your tax-deductible donations will help provide an Upper Arlington Alumni Association t-shirt to every senior, making their final year even more memorable. You can donate to this UAAA and UA+Ed fundraiser for the senior class at givebutter.com/senior25.
- Mark your calendars! Join the Upper

Arlington Alumni Association at the Upper Arlington High School Open House on Thursday, July 3 from 12:30-3 pm. More information can be found at www.bearalums.com.

- Check out our blog! UA+Ed Stories: The Impact You Make Possible. The Upper Arlington Education Foundation supports the school district in its mission to challenge and support every student, every step of the way – funding innovative programs, essential resources and meaningful experiences that go beyond the district's budget. Your generosity fuels this impact – whether through giving, volunteering or spreading the word, you help shape the future for UA students. To learn more about the impact you make possible, visit www.uaeducationfoundation.com/.



SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Third-grade students at Tremont Elementary School have launched a schoolwide composting project, thanks to a grant from the Upper Arlington Education Foundation and support from the Tremont PTO.



Over the past two months, Jones Middle School students have had the opportunity to explore 17 different career fields with insights from 17 speakers through a new Career Speaker Series. That's more than 12 hours of real-world career exploration – all during their flex (study hall) time!



Human Connections Festival at UAHS

In February, Upper Arlington High School hosted its third annual Human Connections Festival, an event created by students to support a sense of belonging and celebrate cultures and traditions within and beyond the Upper Arlington community. A committee of 22 students met over 12 weeks to design and coordinate all aspects of the festival, giving them opportunities to practice the skills and characteristics identified in the district's Profile of an Engaged Learner. The festival featured both school-day and evening sessions, allowing it to be open to both UAHS students and staff as well as the community. The daytime session featured 17 interactive student-designed exhibits with food, performing and visual arts, history and cultural treasures, and the evening session expanded to include exhibits from the elementary and middle level.

SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



In March, Burbank Early Childhood School students learned lifelong lessons about how to fuel their bodies with colorful foods as part of a WellKids wellness break.



In March, students from Wickliffe Progressive Elementary and Hastings Middle School came together to present their research on rare diseases at a town meeting at Wickliffe. They created informational flyers, stickers and presentations to educate the community as part of Rare Disease Month.



"Creepy Carrots" author Aaron Reynolds brought big laughs and lots of fun to all five elementary schools in February, thanks to the Upper Arlington Education Foundation and the school PTOs.



"Wild Robot" author-illustrator Peter Brown inspired elementary students in February. Many thanks to the Upper Arlington Public Library and the Upper Arlington Community Foundation for making this incredible experience possible!



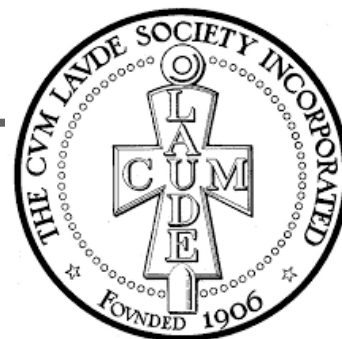
In February, all Upper Arlington High School sophomores stepped out of the classroom and into the professional world for career shadowing day. Nearly 20 students spent the day at Korda Engineering, diving into the world of surveying, engineering and structural design.



In March, 45 UA High School students and nearly 90 Columbus Alternative High School students came together for a two-day Erase the Space exchange program. Hosted at both schools, this powerful experience allowed students to explore and discuss themes of community, connections and culture, gaining new perspectives and building meaningful relationships along the way.

2025 Cum Laude Awards

Membership in the Cum Laude Society is the highest academic recognition a high school student can achieve on a national level. The society was established in 1906 to recognize academic excellence, justice and honor. It was modeled after Phi Beta Kappa. The Upper Arlington chapter of the Cum Laude Society is supported by the Dr. Charles Wade Moulton Fund of the Upper Arlington Education Foundation. Congratulations to our 2025 scholars!



Current Members

Caroline Abel
Bishishta Acharya
Abree Aschliman
Margo Bachey
Rohan Baste-Bania
Henry Baumann
Austin Beal
Vivian Bennett
Caden Blamer
John Colombo
Bennett Dial
Noah Dombrowski
Jenna Ezzie
Liam Hall
Maxwell Hanks
Katherine Hauswirth
Emerson Houser
Joonhyun Kang
Rae Liu
Grayson Lorenz
Lauren Love
Logan Magliery
Lucy Martin
Quinn Martini
Dean Mason
Meredith McCormick
Margaret Miao
Jason Milo
Marley Nemeth
Julia Oakley
Sam Old
Ashton Orr
Piper Pitt
Charles Poling
William Poth
Isabella Probst
Claire Raetzke
Madeline Reisz
Jordin Reyes
Harry Sisson
Benjamin Stamm

Kyle Stephan
Selis Tufekci
Nicholas Ubert
Brooke Vaughan
Gabrielle Vonder Embse
James Wilcox
Brogan Wiles
Yuhan Zhong
Lola Zimpfer

Senior Inductees

Daniel Ben-Artzi
Isabella Berry
Campbell Billman
Tallulah Blower
Nora Boyer
Natalie Bruck
Grayson Campbell
William Carlisle
Ryan Cho
Caroline Cloyd
Brycen Colombo
Marina Conie
Lauren Creedon
Maren Degenhart
Audrey Dingus
Cecilia Donohue
Noah Dunlap
Dalton Edman
Lucas Friedman
Maxwell Friedman
Alice Hawley
Ava Kang
Genevieve Keefer
Trevor Lane
Jessica Larry
Jackson Lloyd
Elise Love
Alberto Manganelli
Kiran Marwaha
Madelyn McGeorge
Gretchen Miller

Grant Mitchell
Nora Nawrocki
Natalie Ness
Sophia Norton
Josephine Petersen
Sophie Port
Celia Probst
Casey Reitz
Addison Rosenbusch
Paige Schneider
Eva Schoedinger
Jennifer Sethi
Kassra Shavezipur
Joseph Shepherd
Sarah Snider
Corinne Stevens
Julia Tobin
Alma Weisberg
Bryan Smith

Junior Inductees

Nicholas Ardelea
Luke Backes
Ola Brown
Asha Chaudhari
Charles Cheng
Khloe Dewald
Willow Dudley
Andrew Fahrback
Connor Ferguson
William Fitkin
Keshav Goyal
Helen Griffith
Reed Hastings
Leah Hoffman
Elizabeth Hunt
Hannah Hunt
Cindy Ju
Colin Kennedy
Mia Kourlas
Esther Lam
Evelyn Leader

Elijah Liu
Evelyn Logsdon
Ava Manning
Kathleen McKelvey
Natalie Meyer
Isabel Midlam-Mohler
Meera Norton
Abigail Oliphant
Miles Ostarchvic
Adrian Pecourt
Andrew Petzinger
Thomas Prescott
Elise Schantz
Matthew Schmersal
Kathryn Sexton
Lila Susi
Ayla Sutherland
Masao Tamiya
Junaina Tarannum
Rajan Singh Thakur
Mazen Thompson
Alexander Vacchiano
Jillian Vagnier
Sydney Vermilion
Mani Vutha
Kiersten Watts
Claire Wessells
Elena Zhu



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BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Assistant Director Kate Porter Retires

After serving the Upper Arlington community for over 26 years, Assistant Director Kate Porter has retired from the UAPL.

Kate joined the Library in 1998 as Head of Circulation, and became Head of Media Services in 2003. In 2006, she was named Assistant Director with responsibility for all public service areas.

In her long tenure, Kate played a key role in many significant developments, including our membership in the Central Library Consortium and several building renovations and reconfigurations.

It was Kate who led the effort for the UAPL to become a Passport Acceptance Facility, thus

providing a valuable service for the community and creating an additional revenue stream for the Library. This hard work was recognized in 2019 when the U.S. Department of State named the UAPL its Passport Acceptance Facility of the Year.

She also served as liaison between the UAPL and the Friends of the Library, and was the official UAPL van driver in the annual 4th of July Parade.

The Library's Board of Trustees, administration, and staff thank Kate for her tireless service, and wish her a happy and healthy retirement!

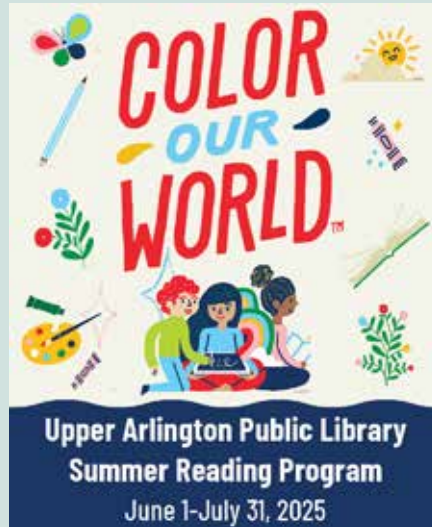


Summer Reading Program Begins June 1

The UAPL is about to get colorful thanks to the "Color Our World" Summer Reading Program! The program runs from June 1-July 31 at all UAPL branches. Readers of all ages can earn prizes and entries into grand prize drawings.

Kids and teens will track the days they read on a weekly paint palette log, and after seven days of reading, return the log to any UAPL branch to choose a weekly prize. When your log is full, pick up a new one at the Library or download one from the Summer Reading Program website at ualibrary.org/summer-reading. You can also enter our grand prize drawing online after seven days of reading, up to a maximum of eight entries.

The program for adults ages 18+ is slightly different. Use a paintbox log to track up to 28 library-related activities, including reading, streaming, attending a program, using a research tool, and more. After every seven activities, you'll earn a prize and/or two grand prize drawing entries. Hang on to your log...



unlike the kids, you only need one to last you all of June and July. After completing the program with 28 activities, you'll win a notebook/pen combo.

Prizes available to all ages include a coupon pack for local businesses after seven days of reading or seven

activities, and a free book after seven activities for adults or 14 days of reading for kids and teens.

We'll kick off Summer Reading on Saturday, May 31 from 10 am-4:30 pm with different art activities at our Tremont Road and Miller Park branches. Stop by to pick up a log, grab some books, and get creative!

Many thanks to the Friends of the UAPL for their continued sponsorship of our Summer Reading Program. Thank you also to the following for their donations: 61 Face, Bleu & Fig Party, the City of Upper Arlington, Clothes Mentor, the Columbus Crew, Cover to Cover, Crimson Cup, Cub Shrub, El Vaquero, Houlihan's, Kings Island, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Renaissance Festival, the Ohio State Fair, Once Upon a Child, Orange Leaf Otherworld, The Original Goodie Shop, Raising Cane's, Shadowbox Live, Storyline Bookshop, Studio 35, and Sweet Baby Octane.



A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Beth Hatch

The Library Offers a Palette of Opportunities

This summer, we invite you to pick up your brush and join us for our Summer Reading Club, where stories become the colors that brighten your world. The theme, Color Our World, celebrates the power of books to spark creativity, fuel imagination, and bring people together. Whether you dive into the deep blues of mystery, the warm golds of history, or the electric neons of fantasy, there's a story

waiting to add its hue to your journey. Imagine your life as a blank canvas, full of possibilities. Each day, you have the chance to add color through experiences, rich stories, and vibrant connections. Some days may be soft pastels of quiet reflection, while others burst with bold strokes of adventure and discovery. No matter what colors fill your world, the UAPL is here to offer endless shades of inspiration.

The Library isn't just a place to find books – it's a space to connect, to dream, and to create. It's where young readers take their first strokes of curiosity, lifelong learners layer on new

shades of knowledge, and communities blend together in shared experiences. No matter who you are or where you come from, you are always welcome here.

So, as you step into this summer, think of your world as a masterpiece in progress. Let stories inspire you, let experiences shape you, and let the connections you make fill your canvas with color. We can't wait to see what you create.

See you at the library!

Program Highlights

May 4th Voices: Speaking Through the Wound of the Kent State Shootings

David Hessler of the Wick Poetry Center at Kent State University visits our Tremont Road Branch on Wednesday, May 14 at 6:30 pm to remember May 4, 1970. Hear the voices of those who were there, and learn how the arts can help communities heal from violence. Please register using our events calendar at ualibrary.org.

Power Outage Tips and Consumer Rights

If a power outage occurred today, would your household be ready? Kathryn Metz of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel will provide information about your rights, responsibilities, and tips to stay safe during an outage. Join us at our Tremont Road Branch on Wednesday, May 21 at 1 pm. Registration is required.

Pup Up Library

Bring your favorite puppy pal to our Tremont Road Branch on Wednesday, June 4 between 4-7 pm. Staff will be outside to meet and greet your furry BFFs with treats, giveaways, and books to check out. Meet near the Reading Garden on the east side of the building. It's going to be PAWsome! Rain date is June 11.

Wet Felting with Ohio Craft Museum

Create your very own felted bird using dyed wool and soapy water. Add eyes, a beak, and feathers and attach it to its very own perch so it can hangout anywhere. Kids ages 6-12 are invited to join us on Saturday, June 7 from 2-4 pm at the Tremont Road Branch. No registration required.

Bugging with Bugman

Come to the Tremont Road Branch on Tuesday, June 10 at 3 pm to explore the big, beautiful world of bugs! Join Mark "The Bugman" Berman and his

crew of crawly critters for an interactive and entertaining presentation – complete with bug observation tables! Registration is required.

The Alans Outdoor Magic Show

Get ready for a high-energy magic show that will have kids laughing, cheering and gasping in amazement! The Alans return to the Miller Park Branch on Friday, June 13 at 10:30 am with their mind-blowing magic, fun props and nonstop audience participation. No registration required.

Fluffy Slime

With just a few simple ingredients, science, and your own two hands, you can make fluffy slime that can be enjoyed for days! Kids ages 6-12 can join us on Tuesday, June 17 at 2 pm at the Tremont Road Branch.

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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

New UAPL App

Our all-new app is now available in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. The app has improved performance and reliability, and a modernized design. Among the new features: you can add multiple library cards...perfect for those picking up items for children or partners!

Downtime for OhioLINK and SearchOhio

OhioLINK and SearchOhio are statewide borrowing systems that some patrons use to receive items not owned by the Upper Arlington Public Library or other members of the Central Library Consortium. These services will soon undergo a software upgrade and will not be available for several months. OhioLINK will be down from May 23-October 27. SearchOhio will be down from August 1-October 27. No requests, checkouts or renewals can be made during these times. Items may still be returned.

Lane Road Improvement Project

We're entering the final phase of the Lane Road Branch Improvement Project, and we expect to reopen in early summer. The Branch will have two new meeting rooms, new lighting and sound baffling, new furniture, additional power outlets, and better climate control thanks to a new HVAC system. We also continue to raise funds for the enhancement of the children's department. We appreciate donations of any size at <https://uapl.me/GiveForLane50>.

Spring Community Events

Look for us at several community events this spring. On Saturday, May 3 we'll be at the COSI Big Science Celebration at COSI from 11 am-5 pm, as well as the Ohioana Book Festival at the State Library of Ohio from 10 am-5 pm. On Saturday, May 10 from 11 am-2 pm,

we'll be at the UA Spring Fling at Sunny 95 Park. And on Wednesday, May 28 from 3:30-6:30 pm, stop by our table at the UA Farmers Market on Dorset Road. We'll also partner with OSU's James Care for Life for their Summer Family Fun Day for cancer survivors and caregivers on June 29 from 2-4 pm at the Bob Crane Community Center.

Red Cross Blood Drives

The American Red Cross will hold blood drives at the Tremont Road Branch on Friday, May 30 and Friday, June 13 from 11 am-4 pm. Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org using sponsor code UAPL.

Holiday Closings

UA libraries will be closed on Sunday, May 25 and Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. We'll also be closed on Thursday, June 19 for Juneteenth.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, March 18
- Tuesday, April 15

2025 Board of Trustees

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

MAKING MEMORIES...building connections



Dancers from BalletMet demonstrated ballet positions for young visitors.



Adult crafters blended colored paper and water to make pulp for new handmade paper.



Families enjoy activities at our monthly Parent Playdate.



Kids made tissue paper flowers just in time for spring.

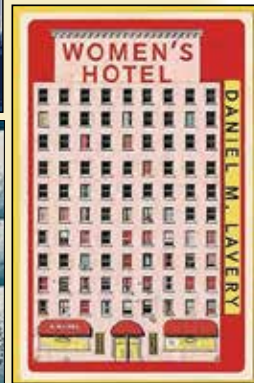
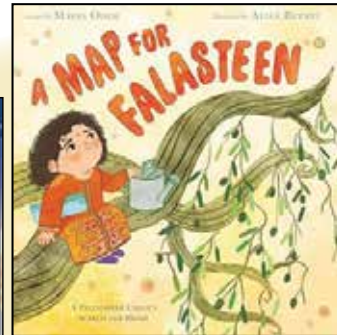
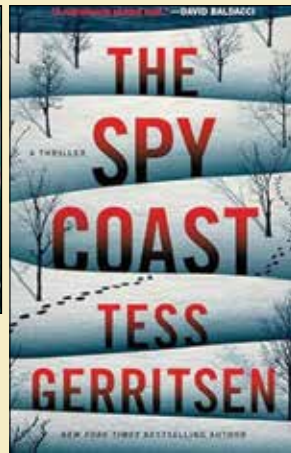
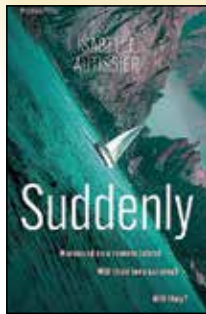
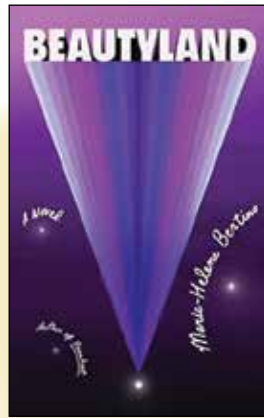
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

Beautyland

By Marie-Helene Bertino

Adina is born at the exact moment the space probe Voyager 1 is launched. From a very young age, she senses she is different. When her mother discovers a fax machine the neighbors have thrown away and sets it up in Adina's bedroom, it provides a portal for her to communicate with her superiors. Told in a narrative interlaced with interesting facts about space, astute reports about life on earth, and acute responses from extraterrestrials, this gem of a novel is a bittersweet bildungsroman for anyone who has experienced the heartbreak and alienation that is being human.

— Jen, Community Relations



Women's Hotel

By Daniel M. Lavery

Life can be exciting for young women in NYC in the 1960s - that is if they could make ends meet as residents of the faltering "not-the-Barbizon" Hotel for women. At the Biedermeier Hotel, rent is up, occupancy is down, and breakfast and lunch are off the menu. As each quirky female does or does not seek steady reliable income, antics and allegiances become unpredictable. Will one find a husband? Does one become a magazine writer? How can one come back from giving a bad haircut? Who is stashing the teacups? The characterizations are rich, including Katherine who hails from Westerville, Ohio! The reader might want to create a crib sheet of the players.

— Pat, Miller Park

The Spy Coast

By Tess Gerritsen

Rizzoli and Isles author Tess Gerritsen has a new series, *The Martini Club*. *Spy*

Coast is the first in the series featuring Maggie Bird, a retired CIA agent. One day someone knocks on Maggie's door inquiring about an old acquaintance. This visitor is then found tortured and left dead in her driveway. She knows this is a message sent from an old operation, but which one and why? If she doesn't figure it out, she'll most likely be the next one dead. She enlists four of her retired friends who also happen to be ex-CIA. This band of 60- and 70-year-old spies dust off their skills and keep you captivated as their adventures take you from Maine to Bangkok and back in an attempt to find out who, why and how to stop them.

— Donna, Adult Department

Suddenly

By Isabelle Autissier

A couple's dream journey to sail around Cape Horn swiftly turns into a nightmare

as the pair is stranded on a desolate island in the Antarctic Ocean. They navigate the harsh terrain and each other as they figure out whether they'd rather save their

lives or their relationship. Autissier, the first woman to sail around the world solo in competition, explores who people become when faced with the uncertainty of their own survival even at the expense of another.

— Meg, Adult Department

A Map for Falasteen: A Palestinian Child's Search for Home

By Maysa Odeh

A classroom study of family history leaves a child confused and alone about where she is from. After speaking with her family, she learns more about her history and the celebration of her people. This book touches on heavy topics while sharing the world through a child's eyes.

— Brittany, Youth Department

Sipsworth

By Simon Van Booy

At 83, Helen Cartwright finds herself alone after losing her husband and son. Her days have become monotonous, devoid of meaningful connections and hope. However, a chance encounter with an abandoned pet mouse changes everything. The creature's life depends on Helen, and through caring for it, her world begins to expand in ways she never thought possible. This charming, uplifting and humorous story explores themes of friendship, community, and unexpected second chances.

— Jennie, Adult Department



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Willilam Kolok:
Sculpting Timeless Forms
May 7-July 3
William Kolok shares his exquisite, timeless sculptures - experience the beauty of wood and stone, each piece thoughtfully and intentionally crafted.

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

Marcia Armstrong
Through May 9
Enjoy an early look at Marcia Armstrong's artistic approach ahead of the upcoming temporary art installation at NW Kiwanis Park.

Soundwaves at the Center
6-8 pm, Thursday, May 1
Bob Crane Community Center
UA Parks & Rec | 614-583-5300
Enjoy a blend of performing and visual arts to help celebrate the opening of the Bob Crane Community Center. Free event, open to all.

UA Culture & Artisans Fair
10 am-3 pm, Saturday, May 3

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
2151 Dorset Road
Artisans from across the globe showcase and sell their handmade items.

Northam Tennis Open House
1-5 pm, Saturday, May 3
Northam Park

Spring Fling
11 am-2 pm, Saturday, May 10
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
3-6:30 pm, Wednesdays
May 14-October 22
Dorset Road at Tremont Center
commongreensohio.org/upper-arlington

Wall of Honor Ceremony
3 pm, Sunday, May 18
3600 Tremont Road
City of UA & UA Historical Society
www.uahistory.org

UACA Memorial Day Run
Begins 9 am, Monday, May 26
Reed Road Park Shelter
UACA | www.uaca.org
Pre-registration required.

Pride Month Flag Raising Ceremony
6 pm, Monday, June 2
3600 Tremont Road

Upper Arlington Pride
1-5 pm, Sunday, June 8
Amelita Mirolo Barn
Rainbow UA | www.rainbowua.org
Free event, pre-registration required.

Arts on Arlington
6-9 pm, Thursday, June 12
Mallway Park, Arlington Avenue
Enjoy local artists, live music, community groups and food trucks.

Movies in the Parks
Freaky Friday (PG-13)
7 pm, Friday, June 13
Thompson Park
UA Parks & Rec | parks.uaoh.net

Juneteenth Flag Raising Ceremony
6 pm, Monday, June 16
3600 Tremont Road

UACA's Fourth of July Celebrations
Friday, July 4
9 am Parade | 5 pm Party in the Park
10 pm Fireworks
UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org