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UA PARKS & RECREATION TURNS 50



As the City's Parks & Recreation Department readies to celebrate its Golden Anniversary in 2020, the department is positioned to fulfill its vision of providing meaningful experiences through quality parks, recreation facilities and programs. Thanks to the 2018 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan, the department's work is guided by a series of goals and strategies that are reflective of the community's needs. One year into implementation, and it's already making a difference. Read on for some highlights.

Parks

Capital Projects

- Completion of the Devon Bathhouse and Concession facility
- Installation of the privately funded Jack Nicklaus Tribute at Jack Nicklaus Park
- New playground and sidewalk at Westover Park
- Completion of the Wyandot Park shared-use path

Athletic Fields

- New scheduling software to enhance access

- Rental of sports fields at Columbus' Northcrest Park for more field space
- Collaborated with field sports organizations to prioritize improvements
- New approach to field resting and turf enhancement

Forestry

- Enhanced street tree guidelines to increase UA's tree canopy
- Planted 115 trees in parks
- Tree Trek identification markers for Miller and Thompson parks

Horticulture

- Dedicated Gold Star marker at Tremont Fountain Park, to recognize families that lost loved ones while serving our country
- Tremont Road hanging flower basket enhancements
- Expanded plantings at the Westover Park butterfly garden

Facilities

- Formed the Community Center Feasibility Task Force (see page 3)
- Use of Tremont Elementary for winter camp and as a summer camp location

- Installed AEDs at Northam and Northwest Kiwanis parks, and at the Senior Center, with funding from the Kiwanis Club of Northwest Columbus, Upper Arlington Youth Football, Upper Arlington Community Foundation and local student Kevin McClanahan
- New sound panels and insulated duct work installed at the Amelita Mirolo Barn
- Several aesthetic and operational improvements at the Senior Center to provide a safe and welcoming environment for members, with partial funding from the Senior Advisory Council
- Began a proactive facility inspection process, to identify off-season improvement opportunities

Programming

Cultural Arts

- Completed the Arts & Culture Master Plan (see page 4)

- Appraised the City's interior and exterior Permanent Collection of artworks

Program Development

- Established performance metrics to evaluate programs
- Added nature programs
- Conducted survey and discussions with high school students, and implemented new teen programs
- Facilitated a new Medicare supplement to support senior wellness programs

Tennis

- Conducted membership survey
- Collaborated with the Northam Park Tennis Advisory Committee to offer social programs with open play
- Enhanced promotions materials
- Membership increased for the first year since 2006

Events

- Collaborated with Police & Fire to enhance safety plans
- Improved various Labor Day Arts Festival planning and logistics processes
- Transitioned Cycle UA to an annual event

Operations

- Expanded Rec Trac registration software to include swim and tennis lessons
- Partnered with Get Fresh Markets to manage UA's farmers market
- Created a Volunteer Program Handbook
- Installed a keyless entry system for shelter rentals
- Improved recruitment and onboarding process for seasonal employees

Finance

- Restructured the "Play UA Scholarship Program," to launch in 2020
- Developed a department-wide sponsorship program

Full details of the department's 2019 accomplishments can be found at upperarlingtonoh.gov, under the **Parks & Recreation** section.

Community Center Feasibility Task Force Update

As a result of resident feedback, a key 2018 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan recommendation is for the City to revisit the issue of inadequate indoor community gathering space. In July of 2019, City Council established the Community Center Feasibility Task Force (CCFTF) to lead this process. Early on, the Task Force determined they should secure the assistance of a consultant team experienced in conducting studies of this nature.

Over the fall months, the process of identifying a consultant was led by a Selection Subcommittee of the Task Force. By mid-November, a team led by Williams Architects—with subconsultants OHM Advisors and PROS Consulting—emerged as the preferred consultant. The full Task Force agreed with the subcommittee and unanimously voted to recommend to City Council that the City enter into contract with Williams Architects to conduct the feasibility study in partnership with the CCFTF. After hearing a report from Task Force Co-Chairs Margie Pizzuti and Nick Lashutka on November 18, Council approved the recommendation on November 25.

The reasoning behind the recommendation included:

- The Williams Architects proposal detailed extensive community engagement activities throughout the study process and a clear understanding of the value placed on obtaining resident input;
- Representatives of Williams Architects and OHM Advisors are local to Central Ohio, which will be beneficial to the process;
- The team has previously conducted work in Upper Arlington and already has a good understanding of the community and its expectations—for example Williams Architects assisted PROS Consulting with the 2018



Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan, and OHM Advisors led the design process for the new Tremont Pool and Playground at Northam Park and is currently spearheading the Lane Avenue Planning Study;

- Collectively, the team has more experience conducting community center studies;
- The proposal integrated a statistically valid survey early in the process, and emphasized the importance of obtaining objective data that is reflective of the broader community;
- The proposal broke pricing down by project components and divided the work into two phases, with the findings of the first phase framed to help determine the validity of a second phase. Additionally, the proposal was the most cost effective.

A meeting with representatives from Williams Architects and the CCFTF was held mid December, to discuss the timeline for the workplan, establish meeting schedules, and to review plans for engaging with the community on this important issue.

Details of the work of the Task Force can be found at uacommunitycenter.com. We encourage you to attend Task Force meetings, and to share your thoughts and ideas with us.



Over the past year, The City's Cultural Arts Division underwent a master planning process with the goal of developing a clear vision and implementation strategies for public art and cultural programming. That process is now complete, with the resulting Arts and Culture Master Plan presented to and accepted by City Council in December.

In the fall of 2018, the City contracted with Designing Local to guide the development of the plan. The yearlong process began with a general study of the history and current state of the arts in UA, including an exploration of the characteristics that define the community. The project also included an extensive community input process that generated over 1,000 one-on-one touch points—from surveys, to focus group meetings and pop-up events. From this feedback, it was clear that the community is supportive of the programs offered by the division and for continued investment in the arts.

The Arts and Culture Master Plan establishes a series of short-, mid- and long-term implementation strategies focused on enhancing existing programming, strengthening operations, and raising awareness of the arts and culture opportunities in UA. It provides clarity on the purpose, roles and responsibilities of the Cultural Arts Commission, and sets forth an inspirational guiding framework for exploring expanded public art opportunities in the community.

Staff in Cultural Arts and members of the Cultural Arts Commission are eager to begin implementation in 2020, so watch for enhancements to upcoming gallery exhibits, the Music in the Parks summer series, and of course our community favorite—the Labor Day Arts Festival.

For more information on the process and to read the Arts and Culture Master Plan, visit upperarlingtonoh.gov.



Lane II Progress

A lot has happened at the site of the new TownePlace Suites Hotel on Lane Avenue, as can be seen by this series of images, from July (top left), to late August (bottom left), then early December (below). The tentative completion date for this phase of the project is early fall of 2020.





CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Steve Schoeny Community Relations Committee to Form in 2020

I love living in UA and feel fortunate to be raising my two boys in a supportive community that affords them many opportunities. As they grow, and then launch into their adult lives, I want them to have already gained an understanding and openness to other cultures and differing global perspectives. I want them to be kind, compassionate and respectful young men who lead by example.

On joining the City, I was excited to hear about the community relations assessment process that has been underway in 2019 because it speaks to my hopes for my family and my strong belief that communities are better when they welcome and embrace everyone, regardless of their differences.

This issue was brought to the City's attention thanks to the work of Equal UA, and the community relations assessment process that followed reflects a desire of many to advance UA as a place that is welcoming, cohesive and inclusive.

The process began with two workshops and an online survey to identify areas that require our attention, and to identify steps we can take to make sure all citizens feel connected, supported and valued. In the fall, Council formed a temporary Community Relations Assessment Committee to further study the findings and recommendations that emerged from the workshops, and to develop a framework for the next steps.

I was eager to be part of this committee. I'm energized by what we accomplished and what lays ahead.

In early December, we presented a summary of the committee's work and our recommendation to City Council. We recommended that Council form a Community Relations Committee. Under the proposed framework for the committee, Council will appoint seven members who reflect a mix of representation, such as age, gender, ethnicity and tenure as a resident. Numerous entities have also been identified that will be invited to participate as affiliated groups, such as Equal UA, The Stand Project, Leadership UA, Asian American Community Services, all schools in our community, the Library, faith-based organizations, Realtors, and civic groups.

Our group developed a "UA" definition of community relations, as well as a statement of purpose, mission and vision statements for the new committee. We also developed a series of goals that fall under the categories of:

- Welcome | Connect | Belong
- Educate | Inform | Enlighten
- Gather | Share | Celebrate

Our next step is to schedule a number of gatherings early in the New Year to share the proposed framework with community members, see what we may have missed, and to seek input on what priorities the new committee should focus on once formed.

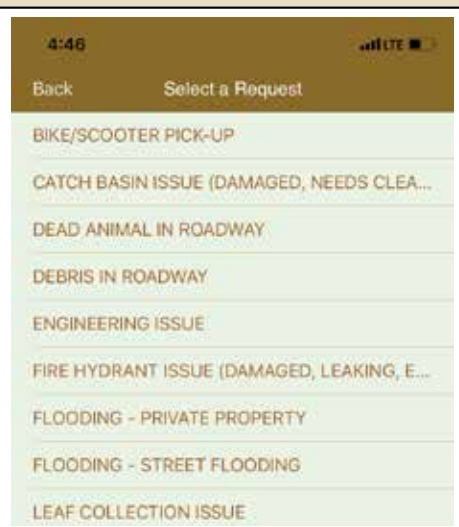
My thanks to my fellow members of the temporary committee, which included Michele Hoyle, Jim Lynch and Sue Ralph from City Council, Equal UA representatives Nic Fortkamp, Marianne Mitchell and Michelle Montgomery, Schools representative Tricia Fellingner, Library representative Jenn Faure, Police Chief Steve Farmer and Community Affairs Director Emma Speight. We had some great discussions and generated many ideas that will serve us well in the months ahead. Thanks also to Floyd Akins for his work on the spring workshops.

If you are interested in participating in one of the upcoming meetings, let us know. Likewise, if you are interested in serving on the Community Relations Committee, we want to hear from you. Contact Emma Speight in my office, at 614-583-5045 or espeight@uaoh.net.

For more on the community relations assessment process, visit upperarlingtonoh.gov.

UA Click2Fix

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



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

2020 Marks Change in Council Members

The November 5 election brought with it some changes in City Council, effective in the New Year. Three seats were on the ballot, with Sue Ralph deciding not to run for her first full term. Council incumbent and current Vice President, Brendan King, was successful in his bid for a second term. Michaela Burriss and John Kulewicz were selected by voters for their first terms. Incumbent Carolyn Casper was not reelected.

The 2020-21 City Council is scheduled to convene for the first time on Monday, January 13 at 6 pm, at which time, the three successful candidates will be sworn into office for their 2020-23 terms. Additionally, Council as a Whole will select who from its ranks will serve as President and Vice President. These two positions also serve as Mayor and Vice Mayor for ceremonial duties.

Business will also include Council Member assignments to various entities, including:

- Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
- Upper Arlington Commission on Aging
- Upper Arlington Leadership Program
- Community Improvement Corporation
- 3 appointments to City Council's Rules Review Subcommittee
- 3 appointments to City Council's Financial Policies Subcommittee

Council meetings resume their typical schedule the following week, with Council Conference Sessions on the first and third Mondays of the month, and City Council Meetings on the second and fourth Mondays. Please check the City's event calendar at upperarlingtonoh.gov in advance of meetings, in the event of any schedule adjustments or cancellations. If you have questions, contact the City Clerk's Office, at 614-583-5030.

2020 Budget

While the City adopts a two-year budget, the Administration and Council always undertake a mid-budget review to ensure that revenue and expenditure projections are on track, and to identify any new items that should be included in the second year.

The original 2020 Consolidated Fund revenue projection of \$60.7 million has been increased to a revised projection of \$61.8 million. This is primarily due to income tax continuing to exceed expectations as a result of stable general economic conditions and a proactive economic development program.

The City's Operating Budget for 2020 is \$48.7 million, a 6.4% increase from the \$45.7 million originally adopted. This is primarily due to the following factors:

- Renovation plans for the Police Division and former dispatching space, window replacements at the Municipal Services Center, and a roof replacement at the old Fire Station on Coach Road.
- Four additional full-time positions: a second planner position in Community Development, as an interim director position is made permanent; two parks maintenance specialist positions to address park and athletic field maintenance needs identified by the 2018 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan; an engineering technician/inspector position to help realize savings by performing project inspection work in-house as much as possible.

The 2020 Supplemental Budget—which was approved by Council at its December 9 meeting—can be found at upperarlingtonoh.gov, under the Finance Department section.

If you have any questions, please contact Finance Director Brent Lewis, at 614-583-5291, or blewis@uaoh.net.



Sue Ralph—pictured with Vice President Brendan King—was honored by her fellow Council members at her last meeting in December.



5-7:30 pm, Monday, January 27
Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road

Please join us for the 2020 State of the City Address, for a look at the year that's been and what lies ahead.

5 pm, Community Fair – Featuring exhibits by City departments and local service groups, the Fair provides an opportunity to meet with community leaders and staff in one convenient forum. Refreshments are served.

6:30 pm, State of the City Address – Highlights of the City's and the community's 2019 achievements, with a look at what's ahead in 2020.

2019 Community Awards

Nomination Deadline: Monday, January 6, 2020

Business – Involved in community service projects, provides financial or in-kind support for various causes, or brings other significant benefits to the community.

Community Enrichment – Individual or group involved in programs to enhance the City's quality of life, in areas that include the arts, education, recreation, cultural diversity & natural environment.

Community Safety – Individual or group involved in activities to raise awareness of or improve the community's health and safety.

Senior – Individual actively involved in the community through volunteer service, taking a leadership or participatory role in community programs.

Youth – Youth individual or group involved in volunteer service or community programs to benefit others and setting a positive example to fellow UA youth.

www.upperarlingtonoh.gov

Ready for a Change?



The City is committed to taking a proactive approach in its efforts to communicate with residents on important issues and to seek your feedback. But we also recognize that our newsletters and emails can get lost among the many communications materials vying for your attention. So, starting in the New Year, we are trying something a little different. And a little more obvious!

"Ready for a Change?" signs will be appearing at specific sites as certain proposed development projects, park improvements or significant road construction projects are up for a review. Typically, these signs will be placed in the public right-of-way or in our parks two weeks in advance of a scheduled public meeting or hearing, or as a heads up to residents that a study process is in its beginning stages. Examples of projects that would trigger the placement of a **Ready for a Change?** sign are:

- **Community Development** – Development Plans, Plat Amendments, Major Subdivision proposals, Major Site Plans, Appeals (commercial), Rezoning, Variances (commercial)
- **Engineering** – Design of major CIP projects, traffic studies
- **Parks & Recreation** – Playground replacements, shelter replacements, changes in park configurations, new park facilities

What Happens When a **Ready for a Change?** Sign Appears?

If you see a **Ready for a Change?** sign and you want to know more, sign inserts above and below the main sign will let you know if a public meeting has been scheduled. You will also find a website address—upperarlingtonoh.gov/change—where you will find a brief overview and/or a link to another webpage created specifically for the proposed project.

If you have any questions about this new approach or would like details on what's being considered when a sign appears, please contact the City Manager's Office, at 614-583-5040.

CITY STREETS *Updates on Road Improvement Projects*

Plans are taking shape for the 2020 construction season. Read on for a summary of what to expect.

2020 Street Reconstruction Program

These projects are comprised of complete road reconstruction, new curb and gutter, driveway apron replacement and storm sewer repairs on sections of the following streets:

- **Ardleigh Road** (Somerford Rd to Birchcrest Rd)
- **Cranford Road** (Sunset Dr to Kioka Ave)
- **Haviland Road** (Woodbridge Rd to Fenwick Rd)
- **N Devon Road** (Stanford Rd to Waltham Rd)
- **Northwest Boulevard** (Barrington Rd to Wilshire Dr)

2020 Street Maintenance Program

Routine road surfacing repairs designed to prolong the useful life of a street, scheduled for sections of the following streets: Ainwick, Andover, Coventry, Northam Oakmont, Roxbury and Yorkshire roads; Ivanhoe and Old Ravine Court; Oxford Alley; Reedbury Lane.

Mountview Road Sidewalks

Road, water and storm improvements, in addition to the new sidewalk, between Zollinger Road and Fishinger Road.

Lane II City Improvements

- **Chester Road** - partial curb and road replacement, new water main and resurfacing
- **Westmont Boulevard** - curb and sidewalk replacement, new water main, and road resurfacing

2020 Sustainable Sewer Solutions

Sanitary sewer improvements for:

- **Buckeye Place**
- **Kioka Avenue**
- **Norbrook Drive**
- **Overdale Drive**

Northwest Boulevard Storm Sewer Improvements

Between Barrington Road and Suffolk Road.

Full project details can be found at upperarlingtonoh.gov. As construction season gets underway, we also share project updates via our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Lane Avenue Planning Study



As the City's most rapidly evolving commercial district, the Lane Avenue Planning Study will help the City better understand the impacts of future growth and create a framework to guide this growth in a way that best benefits the community. The study process began in August 2019 and is expected to conclude in 2020. It has been expanded to include three phases of citizen engagement, providing opportunities for residents to learn about the significance of the business district for Upper Arlington's future and provide input on what they believe should be priority considerations.

The first round of community outreach and information gathering for the study was completed in the fall. It included an open house, two pop-up meetings and an online survey. In December, residents were invited to a public meeting for an update on the findings to date and how they will be used to shape a vision for the corridor's streetscape and appearance, as well as insight on the next steps in the study process.

Full details of the Lane Avenue Planning Study can be found at upperarlingtonoh.gov, under the **Community Projects** section. We encourage residents to become involved in this important review process to help develop a roadmap that will further the corridor's appeal as a major hub for community activity, while preserving the peaceful nature of surrounding neighborhoods.



EXPO

**NEW DATE
AND
TIME!**

10 am-1 pm, Saturday, February 8, 2020

UA Library, Main Branch, 2800 Tremont Road

Looking to give back to your community but not sure where to start? The Volunteer UA Expo brings in over 25 area non-profits, so you're bound to find something that inspires you and fits your schedule. The Volunteer UA Expo is a great resource for students looking to fulfill school service requirements. For updates and more information, visit the City of Upper Arlington's website, at:

upperarlingtonoh.gov/event/volunteer-ua-expo



Parks & Recreation Sponsorship Opportunities

Each year, the City's Parks & Recreation Department hosts a series of popular, family-friendly special events that attract thousands of attendees and support UA's strong sense of community. For 2020, the department invites area businesses and service organizations to elevate your presence in Upper Arlington by becoming a community event sponsor.

A range of sponsorship levels are available that provide extensive exposure, not just on the day of the event being sponsored, but in the weeks and months leading up to event day.

Sponsorship opportunities for 2020 include the Labor Day Arts Festival, the department's four seasonal events (Spring Fling, Summer Celebration, Fall Fest, Winter Festival), and the Music in the Parks concert series.

New for 2020, sponsors can also support the department's Play UA Scholarship Fund, which covers 50% of the costs for programs, Senior Center fitness passes, and seasonal aquatics and tennis passes for Upper Arlington families who are financially challenged and might not otherwise be able to participate. The City will match dollar for dollar all funds donated to the Play UA Scholarship Fund, and your business will be recognized as a supporter of this important program.

Build your brand as a proactive supporter of community programming by becoming a community event sponsor. For information, call Jodi Osborne, at 614-583-5312 or josborne@uaoh.net.



MUSIC IN THE PARKS



LABOR DAY ARTS FESTIVAL

CITY SERVICES First 2020 Utility Invoice

The first of two semi-annual utility invoices from the City for 2020 will be mailed to UA households by the end of January. These invoices include the Solid Waste fee, the Stormwater Utility fee, and in some cases a Neighborhood Lighting Utility fee. For details, visit upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Christmas Tree Collection

Solid Waste

614-583-5370

The City's Solid Waste provider, Local Waste, will collect live Christmas trees on your regular collection day in the month of January. Remove all decorations and place trees (do not place in bags) at the curb by 7 am. If the tree is eight feet or taller, please cut it in half.

Snow Removal

Public Works

614-583-5350

The City provides exceptional snow removal services, with the aim of returning normal driving conditions to all City streets within 24 hours of the end of a snowstorm. Priority is placed in the following order:

- **Arterial** - the City's main roads receive priority treatment during a storm.
- **Collector** - the next level of streets that carry a lot of traffic to main streets - these streets are plowed and salted once arterial streets are complete.
- **Residential** - all remaining streets. Plowing takes place when snowfall exceeds three inches.

To assist our crews, please do not park on the street.

2020 Solid Waste Holiday Collection Schedule

Public Works Division

614-583-5350

Since Local Waste collection crews follow some, but not all City holiday observances, here's a rundown of collection delays for 2020:

New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Wednesday & Thursday zones delayed by one day

Memorial Day: Monday, May 25

All zones have a one day delay

Independence Day: Saturday, July 4

No delays

Labor Day: Monday, September 7

All zones have a one day delay

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 26

Thursday zone collected on Friday

Christmas Day: Friday, December 25

No delays

New Year's Day: Friday, January 1, 2021

No delays

NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Wednesday, January 1, 2020** – New Year's Day. Solid Waste service is delayed by one day for the Wednesday & Thursday zones.
- **Monday, January 20** – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Solid Waste collection is not affected.
- **Monday, February 17** – Presidents' Day. Solid Waste collection is not affected.

City e-News

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 614-583-5040

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

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

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

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 614-583-5030

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

Book the Barn for Your Event

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

The Amelita Mirolo Barn at Sunny 95 Park is a popular venue for weddings and other memorable events, such as

birthday parties, retirements, baby and wedding showers, and corporate events. Book the Barn at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Sunday Swim at UA High School

1-3 pm, Sundays, Starting October 6
PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

Sunday Swim provides a weekly opportunity for families to enjoy the High School's indoor aquatics facility, held most Sundays starting October 6 and running through May 3, 2020, from 1-3 pm. The cost per visit is \$3 for a resident or \$20 for a season pass (\$40 for a resident household).

Snow Angels

FIRE 614-583-5123

Each winter, the City's CARES Program and UA Commission on Aging partner on the Snow Angels, matching volunteers to elderly neighbors who need help with snow shoveling. We encourage individuals, families and/or groups of neighbors to "adopt" a senior during the season and help them with this winter chore.

2020 Wall of Honor

Call For Nominations

www.uahistory.org

Nominations are being accepted for the 2020 Wall of Honor, a partnership of the UA Historical Society and the City. Nomination forms are at www.uahistory.org. The deadline is Friday, January 10, 2020. The 2020 induction ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 17.

Winter Activity Guide

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

The Winter Activity Guide is your guide to the many events, programs and recreational opportunities offered by the Parks & Recreation Department. An online version of the guide and



program registration can be found at parks.uaoh.net.

Home Security Alarm Permits

POLICE 614-583-5100

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

UA Labor Day Arts Festival

Coordinating Committee

CULTURAL ARTS 614-583-5312

It takes a great team to plan and coordinate one of the City's largest events. Join the Coordinating Committee and be part of bringing art, music, food and activities to UA. Committee opportunities include artist management, performances, refreshments, logistics, art activities, and volunteers. We are looking for people that work well with a team, have creative ideas, and will be dedicated to making the Festival great. For details, contact Jodi Osborne at 614-583-5312 or josborne@uaoh.net. Meetings begin in February.

Seasonal Positions with UA



It's never too early to think about your plans for the summer. Consider becoming a member of the Parks & Recreation team by applying for lifeguard or other seasonal positions with the City. Visit www.governmentjobs.com/careers/uaoh to see what's available and apply today!

Watch Out for Joggers

POLICE DIVISION 614-583-5100

The City periodically hears from resident joggers about unsafe driving practices by motorists, such as failing to come to a complete stop at stop signs, or pulling out when a pedestrian is in an intersection. We urge motorists to drive safely at all times—put away the cell phones or other distractions and follow the rules of the road. During the winter months, joggers often have no choice but to be

out during dusk or dark, so please be extra cautious. We also urge joggers to be mindful of their appearance—wear something reflective and consider wearing a headlamp. Run against traffic so that you can see vehicles as they approach. If you are listening to music, only wear one headphone so that you can hear what's going on around you.

Help Keep Sidewalks Clear This Winter

Navigating the community on foot can be hazardous in the winter, especially for the elderly or those with disabilities. Help keep sidewalks in front of your property or business clear of snow and ice. If you have elderly neighbors, take a few extra moments to help clear their sidewalks too.

Fire Hydrants in Winter

FIRE DIVISION 614-583-5100

If you find yourself clearing snow and ice from your driveway and sidewalk this winter and you have a fire hydrant in front of your property, please take a little extra time to keep hydrants free of snow and ice.

OPRA Award of Excellence

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

The Parks & Recreation Department received third place in the Management Innovation category from the 2019 Ohio Parks and Recreation Awards of Excellence Program, for implementing Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) in our parks. The City plans to install more units in the coming months.

2020 Community Calendar

upperarlingtonoh.gov

As a service to the community, the City provides an online Community Calendar of special events on its website. These event listings are oftentimes promoted by the City via other means, as space and scheduling permits. Now is the time to send us details of qualifying community events. Visit the **Events** section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov, where you will find submission details.

2019 Income Tax Filings

Deadline: Wednesday, April 15

www.ritaohio.com

All residents aged 18 years and over must file an annual income tax return with the City, regardless of whether any tax is due. The City uses the services of the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) for the processing of UA income taxes. As an extra service for RITA taxpayers, RITA provides onsite municipal income tax return assistance each spring free of charge at its various locations. Agents can answer questions, take payments and assist with RITA municipal income tax preparation.

Music in the Parks Call for Performers

Deadline: January 31

upperarlingtonoh.viewpointcloud.com

CULTURAL ARTS 614-583-5312

Summer will be here before we know it, and the call is out for performers interested in participating in the 2020 Music in Park outdoor concert series. Visit the above listed link for information and to apply by the January 31 deadline.

Census 2020 Job Opportunities

2020census.gov/jobs



The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting in our area for people to work on the 2020 Census. Many full and part-time positions are available, with flexible hours, great pay and paid training. Visit the link above to learn how you could be part of this important process.

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BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

NOVEMBER | DECEMBER 2019



Fifth Annual

State of the Schools



Hundreds of families and community members gathered to celebrate what it means to be a Golden Bear during the district's fifth annual State of the Schools in November.

Along with several impressive student performances, Superintendent Paul Imhoff provided the audience with updates on the district's new strategic plan, the progress of the current construction projects, continued enrollment growth and future financial planning.

Imhoff shared videos highlighting the work behind the strategic plan's two goal areas - whole learning and student and staff well-being. The whole learning goal integrates rigorous academic content with the deeper learning skills students need to succeed in life – communication, critical thinking, creativity and collaboration. The student and staff well-being goal defines belonging and balance as elements that are critical to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment where students and staff can thrive.

"In UA, all means all," said Imhoff. "I'm incredibly proud to serve in a district where we are being intentional about the well-being of our students and staff, and a key part of that is focusing on diversity, equity and inclusion in our schools."

Imhoff shared updates on the ongoing school construction projects, which are all on budget and on schedule. He also provided an update on the district's enrollment. After 10 years of rapid growth, student numbers are expected to grow at an even faster rate during the next 10 years.

Growing enrollment and state funding that has stayed relatively flat for decades both contribute to the need for a new operating levy request in November 2020, Imhoff explained.

"School districts like us have to come back to the ballot every few years for a brand new, continuing operating levy," said Imhoff. "There is no other way for a district to deal with inflation because all of school levies bring in a fixed amount of money. So as property

values go up, tax rates go down, and schools get the same amount of money."

Imhoff concluded his remarks with the presentation of the third annual Dr. Robert Arkin Service and Leadership Award in honor of Robin Comfort and Joanie Dugger, who both passed away in 2019.

Dugger was a longtime school volunteer and executive director of the Upper Arlington Education Foundation and the Upper Arlington Alumni Association.

"Joanie was a key force in so many amazing programs and events in our community," said Imhoff, "but wasn't one to take credit for any of these things – she always enjoyed stepping out of the spotlight and letting others have a moment to shine."

Comfort was also a longtime school volunteer who served for 12 years on the Board of Education.

"Robin was a driving force behind the district's diversity, equity and inclusion work. She was also key in the facilities master planning process, providing the leadership along with her Board of Education colleagues that brought thousands of community voices into the process," recounted Imhoff.

Learn more about the State of the Schools and watch a video of the presentation at www.uaschools.org/StateoftheSchools.aspx.



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

Service-Learning Projects Make Many Hearts Sing

Learning new skills and meeting community needs through service-learning is a year-long commitment for our students and our staff—a tradition that stretches back decades in our school district.

Service learning is an important part of whole learning, a priority in the new strategic plan for Upper Arlington Schools. It is intentionally the first action word in our vision—uniquely accomplished students prepared to serve, lead and succeed. It also speaks to all of our values: start with heart, strength in team and contagious drive.

Service learning gives students an opportunity to meet a real community need that connects back to what they're learning in the classroom. They gain an understanding about things that are bigger than themselves and are able

to take away a lifelong lesson of the importance of serving others.

We have so many incredible service-learning projects unfolding in our schools all the time. I'll share an example that recently brought together students from across many grade levels.

The story begins last school year at Tremont Elementary School, when first-grade teacher Pam Bergen's students did an in-depth service-learning project with the Alzheimer's Association and a local memory care center. Her students gained understanding of memory loss and empathy for individuals experiencing it. The students sent the senior citizens living at the memory care center crafts and artwork last school year.

Fast forward to this fall, when Pam reunited her class from last year to go to meet the senior citizens that they had been providing "whooshes of joy." Upper Arlington High School teacher Amanda Fountain and some of her broadcast students came along to create

a video documenting the trip but also ended up connecting with the younger students and learning from everyone involved.

The Tremont students had a great visit with their senior citizen friends. They shared jokes and delivered fidget blankets. The blankets brought students from two more schools—Hastings and Jones middle schools—into the project.

It was an incredible experience for everyone involved. Amanda summed it by saying: "Pam Bergen is AMAZING! The depth of learning, compassion, and contributions that her students made through their exploration of Alzheimer's is life changing. When (students') hearts and minds are aligned through quality service learning, my heart sings."

We have many, many more incredible examples of service-learning projects like this happening in our schools. It truly does make our hearts sing to see our students of all ages learning to care for and about others.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction is progressing very quickly on the five projects underway in the first phase of the facilities master plan. The aerial photo, taken in late November, shows progress on the new Upper Arlington High School. All of the projects remain on schedule and on budget. For more information about the progress of the projects and a timeline, please visit our website, www.uaschools.org/facilities.

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SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Kindergarten Registration for 2020-2021 Begins in February



The Upper Arlington Schools staff is excited to welcome the Golden Bears Class of 2033! Children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2020, are eligible for kindergarten during the 2020-2021 school year.

All five elementary schools will offer information nights for families interested in enrolling their child or children for kindergarten for the upcoming school year.

- Barrington, 6:30 pm, January 23
- Greensview, 6:30 pm, January 30
- Tremont, 6:30 pm, January 30
- Wickliffe, 6:30 pm, February 6
- Windermere, 6:30 pm, February 4

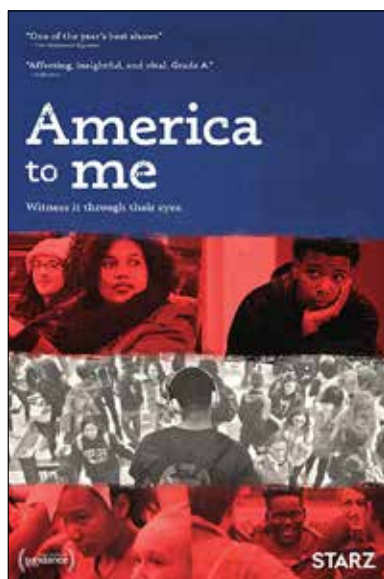
Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School is a school of choice and does not have an attendance boundary, as it offers the Informal Program to students living in the Greensview, Tremont and Windermere attendance areas.

For the 2020-2021 school year, Wickliffe and Windermere elementary schools will be sharing the Wickliffe campus due to construction. The school day for Wickliffe students will run from 9:10 am until 3:50 pm. The school day for Barrington, Greensview, Tremont and Windermere students will run from 8:10 am to 2:50 pm.

Families interested in enrolling their child or children may do so beginning Monday, February 10 through an online

registration form that will be available via www.uaschools.org. For more information on kindergarten registration and a map of the elementary attendance areas, please visit our website.

'America to Me' Screenings and Discussions Resume in January



Thank you to the many residents who have taken part in the community screenings and discussions of the "America to Me" documentary series, hosted by Upper Arlington Schools in partnership with the Upper Arlington Education Foundation.

This 10-part documentary series offers an in-depth look at the effects of race, equity, culture and privilege on educational opportunities at Oak Park and River Forest High School in suburban Chicago.

The community screening and discussion events will continue with the final five episodes beginning Monday, January 13 at 6:30 pm in the Hastings Middle School auditorium, 1850 Hastings Lane. Joining us for the February 3 event will be two special

guests from Oak Park and River Forest High School: Dr. Jackie Moore, president of the Board of Education, and Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, superintendent.

These events are free and open to everyone in the community. Due to mature themes in the documentary series, the events are recommended for high school age or older. For a full schedule, please visit our website.

BECS Registration Now Open – and Space Is Limited!



Burbank Early Childhood School is accepting registrations for summer 2020 as well as the 2020-2021 school year.

The tuition-funded program serves about 270 families each year for part-day and full-day preschool for children 2-½ to 5 years old as well as extended-day kindergarten. For more information, please visit www.uaschools.org/burbank. To schedule a tour, call 614-487-5155.

Congratulations To ...

- The Hastings Middle School House 7 Black team – teachers **Mark Rice, Kelly Repicky, Kelly Tederous, Carrie Stieg, Karin Engel** and **Jason Axelband** – on being recognized as the Ohio Middle Level Association's 2019 Team of the Year.
- Jones Middle School Fall Production team – **Laurie Sutherin, Sarah Santilli, Alice Aichele, Patricia Gray Mendoza, Chris Lape, Gretchen Zunic, Ed Zunic** and **Katie Widing** – on being recognized with an

OMLA Regional Award for their contributions to 44 years and running of Fall Pro.

- Hastings Middle School teacher **Jeff Elliott** on receiving an OMLA Component Award for the eighth-grade Veterans Day service-learning project.
- Upper Arlington High School teacher **Stephen Stern** on being recognized as the Outstanding High School Chemistry Teacher of the Year by the Columbus Section of the American Chemical Society. He is the seventh teacher from Upper Arlington Schools to receive this award since it was started in 1965.

Athletic Hall of Fame Reminder

Please join Upper Arlington Schools for a reception on January 3 recognizing the 10 new inductees into the Upper Arlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame, as well as the state championship teams from 1980 through 1989.

The reception will begin at 5:30 pm in the learning center at the high school. The inductees are: retired coaches **Jim Hamilton**, **Dave Shelby** and **Lee Spitzer**; former student-athletes **Jeff Backes**, **Gus Crim**, **Kirsten Flower**, **Blake Haxton**, **Tim McClellan** and **Audrey Plant**; and the first Friend of the Program honoree, **Bill Ruoff**.

The inductees will also be introduced at approximately 7 pm on January 3 before the varsity basketball game against Marysville.

Alumni Spotlight

Henry Wu, Upper Arlington High School Class of 2006 and 2020 Rhodes Scholar

Upper Arlington High School graduate Henry Wu was recently named a 2020 Rhodes Scholar. He currently is a senior at The Ohio State University, where he is an honors student pursuing a double major in philosophy and political science. Only thirty-two Rhodes scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding seniors and recent graduates across the United States.



Notable achievements at UA High School

In my junior year at Upper Arlington, I won an award at The Ohio Academy of Science State Science Fair with my friend Nikolas Grotewold (Class of 2016), whom I have known since seventh grade. Our project focused on identifying a particular gene that helps protect Arabidopsis plants from pathogens.

College / career experiences

I joined the Upper Arlington Speech and Debate team in high school. I loved the process of engaging with arguments, and I began my time at Ohio State as a philosophy major.

But my experiences at Ohio State have also taught me the importance of community service. I co-founded an organization called Enlighten that works to address the issue of human trafficking in central Ohio. In these past few years, Enlighten has reached approximately 2,000 individuals through our outreach and awareness events, receiving Ohio State's award for Excellence in Community Service Programming.

My academic research seeks to clarify our theoretical concepts of freedom. Next fall, I'll be pursuing a master's degree at Oxford University. After that, I intend to attend law school to pursue a career focusing on international law and human rights.

How did UA Schools prepare you for success?

Although my current research interests have nothing to do with plant genetics, I am grateful for the opportunities at Upper Arlington that have allowed me to broaden my understanding of the world – and to think critically and creatively.

Legacy Campaign Seeks \$1 Million To Reach Goal

The Upper Arlington Board of Education and Legacy Steering Committee would like to thank the many generous individuals, families and businesses that have supported the Legacy Campaign! This private fundraising effort seeks to raise \$7.5 million to complete and enhance the scope of the Upper Arlington Schools facilities master plan. We are excited to share that these projects remain on budget and on schedule!

Since January 2019, the Legacy Campaign has raised \$6.5 million in donations ranging from \$20 to \$1 million. We truly believe Every Donor, Every Dollar Contributes to Success! Legacy is seeking to raise \$1 million to reach the \$7.5 million goal by early spring 2020 - it's not too late to donate. Please consider joining Legacy donors by contributing and making a mark - leave your legacy upon our new foundations for the next century!

In an effort to capture this historic moment, the Legacy Campaign will print an "Upper Arlington Schools Legacy Memoir" book to commemorate Upper Arlington's largest philanthropic endeavor and to thank all those who made it happen!

We hope you will consider joining the Legacy family! To donate or for more information, please visit www.uaschools.org/legacycampaign.

SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Guests of all ages signed a construction beam for the new high school.



Adviser Gordon Gavin and students in the Jones Middle School Taekwondo Club showed their skills.



A Tremont Elementary School table featured a synchronized robot dance.

State of the Schools

The fifth-annual State of the Schools featured several student performances and dozens of displays highlighting what's happening in all of our schools. The displays in the Learning Fair offered a closer look at the commitments in the district's new strategic plan - the two goal areas of whole learning and student and staff well-being, with the foundation of continuous improvement. Thank you to all the students, staff and community members who participated and attended this event! For a video of highlights from the Learning Fair, please visit our website, www.uaschools.org/StateoftheSchools.aspx.



Students from the Community School at Upper Arlington High School shared their work.



The Hastings Middle School 8th Grade Choir performed during the Learning Fair.



High School students and teachers shared more about the third annual UA Idea Day and Ambassadors of Change.

SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Upper Arlington High School Spanish students visited Windermere Elementary School to read books in Spanish to the younger students for their Global Read Aloud project.



Barrington Elementary School welcomed Ryan and Christina Day in support of the Nationwide Children's Hospital On Our Sleeves campaign and Project SNAP for children's mental health.



Honoring Veterans

Students of all ages took time during the month of November to honor veterans in their families and our community. Students at Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School completed a service-learning project by hosting a schoolwide town hall meeting honoring veterans including Bill Waldron, whom Wickliffe sponsored to travel on the 100th Honor Flight of the Columbus chapter. Eighth grade students at Hastings and Jones middle schools also spent time with veterans for their long-standing Veterans Day celebrations.



The Upper Arlington High School girls water polo team brought home its 17th state championship after defeating the Cincinnati Mavericks in the state final in October.



Approximately 70 Upper Arlington High School computer science students spent time with elementary and middle school students for the second annual districtwide Hour of Code on December 5.

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

In November, I presented to the Board of Education a five-year financial forecast for the district covering three years of actual data and five years of anticipated revenues and expenditures. This is a legally required document that is presented to the board for approval and then filed with the state of Ohio.

The new five-year forecast reflects a major financial impact that we've



been talking about for the past several years. Districtwide, enrollment has been steadily increasing for a decade, and projections indicate that even more significant growth is ahead of us over the next 10 years.

Even though our enrollment has been growing, our state funding has remained relatively flat for more than 20 years. And, even as property values increase in Upper Arlington, our school property tax rates decrease to ensure the district is getting the same flat amount. That is due to a state law known as House Bill 920 that essentially forces districts like ours to return to the voters every three to four years to keep up with inflation. There are some exceptions that allow for a small amount of revenue

growth, but overall, districts must ask for an additional tax levy just to keep up with inflation.

The new financial forecast provides a clear view of the anticipated impact of those factors combined with our growing student population. As we have been saying since 2015, we will be returning to voters with an operating levy in November of 2020. In the meantime, we will continue to seek out efficiencies to keep our costs as low as possible while maintaining our high level of educational programming.

I invite you to review the new five-year forecast at www.uaschools.org/treasurer.aspx. If you have any questions, please contact me at treasurer@uaschools.org.

2019-20 SCHOOL DATES

Winter Break

Monday, December 23-Friday, January 3

Martin Luther King Day: No School for Students and Staff

Monday, January 20

Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, January 29

Grades 1-5: dismissal at 11:05 a.m.; no kindergarten classes all day

Presidents Day: No School for Students and Staff

Monday, February 17

End of Second Trimester (Kindergarten-Grade 5) and Third Quarter (Grades 6-12)

Thursday, March 12

No School for Students and Certified Staff

Friday, March 13

Spring Break

Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 20

No School for Students

Monday, March 23

UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION



2019 Upper Arlington Board of Education

From Left: Scott McKenzie, President Stacey Royer, Vice President Nancy Drees, Marjory Pizzuti, Carol Mohr

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.

Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, January 7, 6 pm – Council Chamber

The schedule of meetings for the 2020 calendar year will be set by the board at the January 7 meeting. At this meeting, Nancy Drees will be sworn in for her third term on the Board of Education, and Jenny McKenna and Lori Trent will be sworn in for their first terms.

At the December 10 regular meeting, outgoing President Stacey Royer and member Margie Pizzuti were recognized for their service, and the Board of Education also honored the late Robin Comfort for her service.

Visit www.uaschools.org/board to view the schedule for the 2020 calendar year following the January meeting. For additional information on the members of the Board of Education and its policies, please visit the website listed above.

Library JANUARY | FEBRUARY 2020 iNSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Main Library Hosts Picture Book Exhibit

In January and February, the UA Main Library will host a traveling exhibit of 12 panels devoted to the art of African-American children's picture books. The exhibit, *Telling a People's Story*, emphasizes the strength of illustrations as a visual narrative of the African-American experience.

Organized by Miami University Art Museum through a grant from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, the exhibit is a view into the cultural, historical and social makeup of the African-American cultural identity, and brings African-American picture book authors and illustrators into the spotlight.

The themes and time periods referenced in the exhibit include African origins, middle passage, slavery, emancipation, reconstruction, Harlem Renaissance, segregation and the civil rights movement. Additionally, it highlights historical figures in politics, music, sports, art and entertainment.

The exhibit will be on display in the atrium.



Author Visit—Oge Mora

As a complement to the exhibit, the Main Library welcomes children's author and illustrator Oge Mora, on February 15. She'll give a presentation and Q&A session at 1

pm, and lead a collage workshop for grades K-5 at 3 pm. Registration opens February 1.

Oge is a Columbus native whose first book *Thank You, Omu!* received accolades including a Caldecott honor and the Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Award. It was named a *New York Times* Notable Book.



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Explore...GATHER...*grow!!*



Lane Road Library hosted a Dance Party for preschoolers on November 21. Dancing with bubbles, scarves and shakers are all great for the development of gross motor skills, balance and body awareness.



New Library Director Beth Hatch met patrons at an Open House on November 20.

Families enjoyed a day of merriment at our 48th annual Holiday Happiness event on December 7. Santa and Mrs. Claus, Jones Middle School Honors Choir, and reindeer headbands were all on the agenda.



Program Highlights

Block Party

Who doesn't love to play with blocks? The National Association for the Education of Young Children stresses that block play builds skills in problem solving, math, science, creativity and more. Lane Road Library will host block parties on Thursday, January 9 at 10 am and 3:30 pm, and Thursday, February 13 at 10 am and 3:30 pm. We'll have large cardboard blocks for younger kids and LEGOs® for older ones. We provide the blocks, you provide the skill and imagination.

Meditation in Motion with Yoga Nidra

Scientific studies show that the practices of yoga and meditation offer physical and mental health benefits. Come to experience a taste of meditation in motion before trying a guided yoga nidra practice, or "yogic sleep." Licensed

counselor and wellness instructor Brianna Schiavoni leads two programs at the Lane Road Library on Thursday, January 9 and Thursday, January 23 at 7 pm. Bring a yoga mat, blanket, pillow and/or bolster if you have them. Registration is now open.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Have you ever wondered what goes on in the library after everyone leaves at night? Your stuffed friend has the chance to find out, plus have some fun adventures of their own, at our Stuffed Animal Sleepover on Saturday, January 18, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Main Library. We'll read a story, kiss them goodbye, and wish them sweet adventures. Don't forget to pick up your friend the next day, and be on the lookout for pictures of their big night. We recommend you bring your second or third favorite stuffed animal.

Frozen Crafts

It's early dismissal for UA elementary schools on Wednesday, January 29, so stop by the Miller Park Library between 2-4 pm to make crafts inspired by Disney's *Frozen* movies.

Talking Oscars® with MaddWolf

Hope Madden and George Wolf, film critics for *MaddWolf.com* and *Columbus Underground*, will give their predictions for awards season at the Main Library on Thursday, February 6 at 7 pm. Vote for your choice for this year's winners. Ballots will be available at the program or you can pick one up at the Media Services desk from Feb. 1-8. Four people will win \$25 AMC Theaters gift cards!

Teen Service Club

Teens in grades 6-12 can earn an hour of service credit by helping Miller Park staff with projects on Saturday, February 15 at 10:30 am. Registration is required and snacks will be provided.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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



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

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, January 21 at 5 pm
- Tuesday, February 18 at 5 pm

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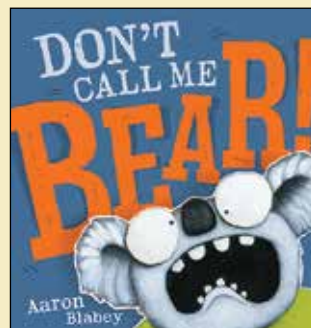
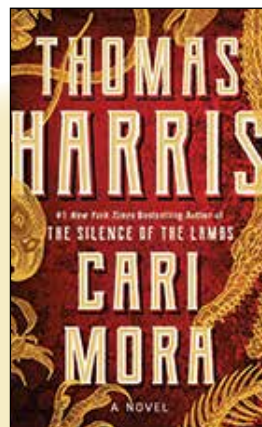
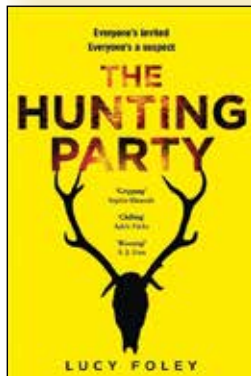
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

Fifty Things That Aren't My Fault

By Cathy Guisewite

Fans of the *Cathy* comic strip will be delighted to know that Cathy's singular voice is back. Cathy has expanded on her love of shoes, M&Ms and her dog with essays about her life as a single parent of a college-aged daughter, as well as making frequent trips to Florida to check on her elderly parents. She writes with humor and heart about the difficulties of being in the sandwich generation and prefers the term "panini generation," as she feels pressed on both sides. Fortunately, this pressure never diminishes her optimistic attitude and should appeal to anyone else who is doing the same balancing act of caretaking and letting go.

— Kris Stahler, Miller Park



Don't Call Me Bear

By Aaron Blabey

Warren the koala is frustrated that all the other animals insist on calling him a bear. Throughout the book he provides funny, interesting facts about his species as he tries to set the record straight to no avail. While the other animals might not get it, this lighthearted picture book brings the point home to the pre-K crowd in an engaging way. Perfect for little ones who like animal facts with a dash of fun.

— Tracie Steele, Youth Services

Tuesday Mooney Talks to Ghosts

By Kate Racculia

Tuesday is perfectly fine with her introverted lifestyle. She has a decent job working in fundraising for a big hospital, a friend she can meet out at the local dive bar for drinks, and an angsty teen neighbor she tutors once a week. When eccentric billionaire Vincent Pryce drops dead at one of her hospital fundraisers, he leaves behind a city-wide treasure



hunt inspired by Edgar Allan Poe. Tuesday takes the bait and finds herself in the midst of an adventure filled with romance, murder, handsome strangers, secret codes and, of course, an abundance of pop culture references. Set in Boston, this humorous novel is suited for fans of *The Westing Game* and *Ready Player One*.

— Jen Downing, Adult Services

The Hunting Party

By Lucy Foley

A group of friends from Oxford, now in their thirties, gather every year to celebrate the New Year together. They've chosen an isolated estate in the Scottish Highlands, which seems like the perfect getaway until a blizzard hits and one of them is found dead. The remaining friends are left stranded with the knowledge that the killer must be one of them.

— Dana Grimes, Adult Services

Cari Mora

By Thomas Harris

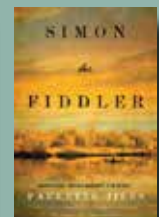
In Thomas Harris' sixth novel, the author departs from the Hannibal Lecter genre. With his usual cast of interesting characters, Harris creates an action-packed novel. In a Miami Beach house once owned by drug kingpin Pablo Escobar, two criminal organizations are finding ingenious ways to acquire gold that Escobar has buried under the house. At the same time avoiding the steadfast ICE and FBI agents who are in constant pursuit. A quick and exciting read!

— Scott Potter, Adult Services

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Volunteer UA Returns February 8

Looking for a new volunteer opportunity? Trying to figure out which organization is the best match for you? Don't miss the Volunteer UA Expo on Saturday, February 8 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Main Library's atrium.

Volunteer UA has been held annually since 2008.

Representatives from more than two dozen area non-profits are expected to be on hand to meet potential volunteers and discuss their organizations' missions. Visitors can pick up a directory of participating organizations during the event. Interested in helping the Library or the Friends of the UA Library? Stop by our table to learn about our volunteer opportunities.

The Expo is a partnership of the City of Upper Arlington, the Upper Arlington Public Library, the Upper Arlington Commission on Aging, Tri-Village Lions, Leadership UA, and Syntero.



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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Passport Fair

Need a passport for spring travel? Check out our passport fair in the Main Library's atrium on Saturday, January 4 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. We'll have several stations available for new passport processing and passport photos with no appointment required. For more information, including a list of items you'll need to get a passport, please visit <http://passportservices.ualibrary.org>.

Device Orientation

Did you receive a new smartphone or tablet for the holidays? Discover some of the advanced features of your device from the staff of the Media Services Department! Schedule a one-on-one training session with a staff member for orientation with your Apple or Android device. Each appointment lasts up to an hour. Make an appointment online, by visiting <http://techhelp.ualibrary.org>, or call (614) 486-9621 ext. 226. Appointments are available Monday through Friday. We'll also have programs on the basics of certain devices: Intro to Your Android on Tuesday, January 7 at 12 p.m., and Intro to Your iPhone/iPad on Tuesday, February 4 at 12

p.m. Registration is now open at www.ualibrary.org.

Winter Reading Club

Our annual Winter Reading Club runs through January 31 at all three UA Libraries. Pick up a coloring sheet at any UA Library and color a section for each day you read. Once you've completed the sheet, cut off the entry slip on the bottom and return it the library any time on or before January 31. Enter your slip into the grand prize drawings of your choice. We'll notify winners by phone on February 1. All ages welcome!

Winter Book Sale

The Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library will hold its Winter Book Sale from February 16-March 1 in the atrium of the Main Library. You'll find a large selection of used books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl records, magazines and more. Most books are priced from 25¢ to \$3. A special presale just for those with current, paid memberships will be held on the first day of the sale, Sunday, February 16 from 12-1 p.m. On the final day of the sale, Sunday, March 1, Friends members can fill a paper grocery bag

with books for just \$5. The non-member price is \$10 per bag. Thanks to quarterly book sales, permanent in-library book stores and memberships, the Friends generously provide thousands of dollars of support to the Library each year.

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Our Reference Department has recently added NuWav Legal Documents to our list of high-quality, subscription-only resources. You can create personalized legal forms on a variety of topics, including wills, powers of attorney, real estate forms, and much more. The database will walk you through all the information you need to include, and then produce a PDF or Word document of the completed form. You can also download blank forms. Visit <http://databases.ualibrary.org> to access this and 169 other online resources.

Holiday Hours

All Upper Arlington Libraries will be closed on New Year's Day. We will be open on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 20, and on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 17.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Concourse Gallery

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

Muse Gallery: David Senecal
Thru January 30

Elementary Schools
February 4-28

State of the City Address

5-7:30 p.m., Monday, January 27
3600 Tremont Road
City Manager's Office | 614-583-5040

The City's annual progress report,
Community Fair, and announcements of
the 2019 Community Awards.

Volunteer UA

10 am-1 pm, Saturday, February 8
Tremont Library

Visit with area non-profits and civic
groups to find a volunteer match that's
right for you.

UA Stage - "Cinderella"

5 pm, Wednesday, February 19
UA High School Auditorium

UA Civic Association | uastage@uaca.org

Sixth annual senior event, offered in
conjunction with the High School's Vocal
Music Program, First Community, and
UA Parks & Recreation. It includes dinner
and an advance preview of "Cinderella."
Reservations required.

"Cinderella"

7:30 pm, Thursday-Friday,
February 20-21

2:30 pm, Saturday-Sunday,
February 22-23

Upper Arlington High School Auditorium
614-487-5200 | www.uaschools.org

HistorySpeaks: An Evening with Author Richard Rothstein

7 pm, Wednesday, March 4

Jones Middle School

UA Historical Society, www.uahistory.org

The UA Historical Society presents
author Richard Rothstein discussing
themes from his 2017 book, *The
Color of Law: A Forgotten History of
How Our Government Segregated
America*. Tickets go on sale January
10: \$15 General Admission; \$50 Event
Admission + 6 pm Pre-ception with Mr.
Rothstein, including reserved event
seating and a signed copy of the book.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

- One Day Juried
Fine Art & Fine
Craft Festival
- Over 20,000 Visitors
- Continental Breakfast,
Boxed Lunches,
Tent Rentals and
Booth Sitters

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DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 15, 2020

**labor day
ARTS
FESTIVAL**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020 | 10 AM-4 PM
Northam Park | 2070 Northam Road

City of

Upper Arlington

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
 @UALaborDayArtsFestival | upperarlingtonoh.gov