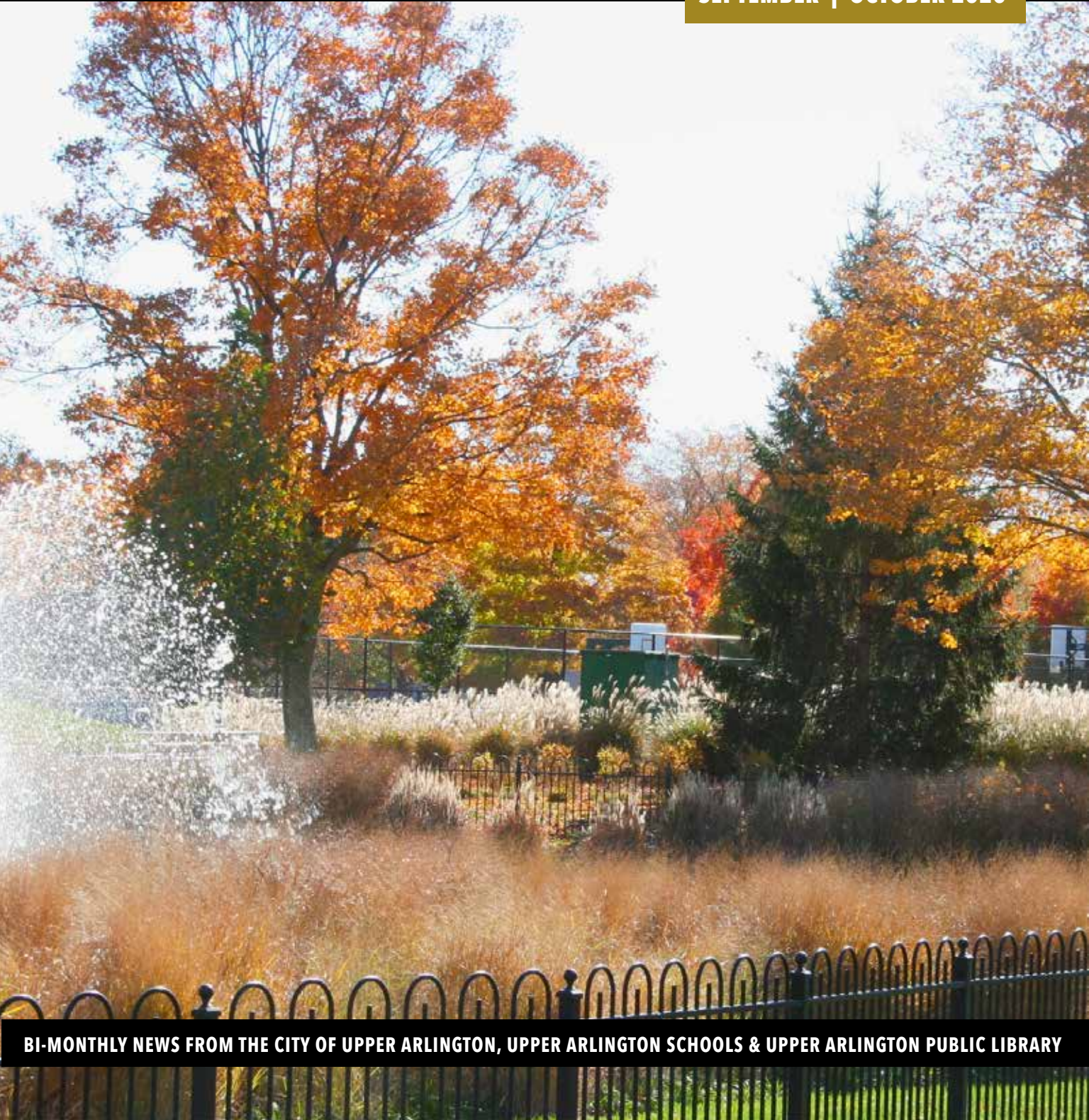


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Community Center Feasibility Task Force Transitions to Phase 2 of Study

After a 10-month study process, in late June the Community Center Feasibility Task Force (CCFTF) provided a Phase 1 update to City Council and shared that their findings indicated they should transition to Phase 2.

Early in the process, the Task Force had determined that the study should be conducted in two phases. In Phase 1, the CCFTF was seeking answers to three questions: What kind of community center makes sense for UA? Do we want a community center? Do we need a community center? If the answer to the last two questions was "YES," the study would transition to Phase 2, drilling into details such as what facilities to include, where a community center might be located, and the costs for construction, operations and ongoing maintenance.

Phase 1 Findings

In the spirit of making sure the feasibility study is resident-driven, a critical component of Phase 1 was to involve residents as much as possible through an extensive community engagement process. This included focus groups and stakeholder interviews, community pop up activities and public meetings. In March,

a statistically valid survey was fielded to provide further clarity on community sentiment about this issue.

Phase 1 also included a detailed review of existing recreation facilities and programming in the community, market trends and facilities in peer communities. This information, when combined with the feedback obtained through the community engagement activities helped the Task Force identify at a high-level what components should be included in a community center.

These include:

- Aquatics facilities with lap lanes, active play and opportunities for year-round swim lessons and exercise
- Indoor sports, such as basketball, volleyball and pickleball
- Fitness facilities, including cardio vascular equipment, weights, exercise studios and running/walking track
- Dedicated senior programming and multi-purpose facilities that can accommodate older adult activities but also be available for other uses
- General program, classroom and gathering spaces

- Youth and teen activities
- Various support facilities, including locker rooms and restrooms, lobby, child watch facilities, storage and administration needs.

Phase 2

An August 12 Task Force meeting marked the launch of Phase 2, with the following steps scheduled to occur through the close of 2020:

Community Engagement Initiatives

Similar to Phase 1, the second phase will feature extensive opportunities for community engagement, including but not limited to:

- **A second round of stakeholder focus group discussions** - Tentatively scheduled to occur late September, these discussions will include representatives from active sports groups, the senior population, recreation and lifetime education, arts and culture, as well as business and community group representatives.
- **Two community meetings** - In early October, residents will be invited to participate in a meeting that consid-

ers potential sites and what facilities and programming components are proposed. At a second community meeting toward the close of 2020, a more detailed proposal, along with anticipated construction and operations costs will be shared with the community.

- **Surveys** - A second statistically valid survey will be fielded as Phase 2 draws to a close to measure resident perceptions and support of the emerging proposal. Additional surveying activities are anticipated, including outreach to the community's youth.

Potential Partnerships

The Task Force will be guiding conversations with potential partners and creation of a Request for Proposals from entities that may have interest in financial and/or programming participation at a community center. This could include but is not limited to local and regional providers of health & wellness components, recreation & leisure programming, education and entertainment opportunities.

Potential Sites

A detailed site review process will be undertaken to identify the most feasible options, using a set of selection criteria, such as:

- **Site size and flexibility** - a preferred site would need to accommodate all the desired uses within a community center, provide adequate parking and if possible, have the ability to expand and grow.
- **Site control** - factors such as current ownership and usage, acquisition costs, zoning and neighborhood compatibility would all be important considerations for identifying one or more prospective sites.
- **Location** - feedback from Phase 1 indicated a strong desire for a community center to be centrally located and easily accessed by all members of the community, young and old alike.
- **Preservation of green space** - park land in Upper Arlington is already

limited and residents have indicated a strong desire for a community center project to not take away from existing park uses.

Building Program

The Facilities and Programming Subcommittee will take a deeper dive into the programming elements within a community center. This will include allocation of space for the various uses, and the subsequent development of building concepts as/when up to two preferred potential sites have been identified.

Business Plan

The Finance Subcommittee's work will focus on the development of a comprehensive overview of the costs associated with a community center, such as:

- Cost estimates for construction, which could include land acquisition
- Operations and ongoing maintenance cost estimates
- Revenue estimates and cost recovery models
- Funding mechanisms for both construction and ongoing operations that could include tapping into existing revenue streams, as well as exploring partnership opportunities, private donations, and economic development tools such as Tax Increment Financing.

Final Report to City Council

The Task Force hopes to bring its work to a conclusion late 2020/early 2021, with a report to City Council. If the Task Force concludes that a community center is a viable proposition for the community, and should Council be in agreement that a community center should be pursued, the issue would likely go before Upper Arlington voters in May of 2021.

About the CCFTF

City Council formed the 16-member Task Force in the summer of 2019, in response to a key recommendation within the 2018 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan for the City to revisit the issue of inadequate indoor community gathering space. This recommendation evolved as a direct result of survey findings showing strong support for investigating the potential for a community center.

Early in the process, the Task Force decided their work would benefit greatly from the assistance of a consultant team experienced in conducting studies of this nature. This team is led by Williams Architects, with sub-consultants OHM Advisors and PROS Consulting.

Full details of the work of the Task Force is available at uacommunitycenter.com.



MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER FEASIBILITY TASK FORCE

Front Row (from left): Chuck Manofsky, Matt Rule, Bill Westbrook, Greg Comfort, Nick Lashutka

Back Row: Todd Walter, Kelly Boggs-Lape, Supen Bowe, Margie Pizzuti, Linda Mauger, Merry Hamilton, Linda Moulakis, Wendy Gomez, Brian Perera

Not Pictured: Dianne Albrecht, Yanitza Brongers-Marrero



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Steve Schoeny

Transparency in Policing

We recently completed and shared on our website several important documents relative to policing in Upper Arlington. The first is the 2019 Police Division Annual Report. This document provides an overview of all of our crime and policing statistics and the various activities of the division. This is a report that the division has produced and released in essentially the same format for many years.

The second is our 2019 Bias-Based Policing Patterns Review. We have produced this document in years past, but the latest version is more robust. Chief Farmer and his team had been working on this report prior to George Floyd's murder and the national conversation on race and policing that it inspired. However, it would be disingenuous to pretend that it has not taken on a greater significance since these events have transpired.

The third area pertains to a Use of Force Analysis for years 2017-2019 and the Police Division's Use of Force Policy. We have always had this information available on request. The intensified national and local focus on police tactics led us to look even more closely at this important area and take the extra step of sharing it with the community.

As I reviewed these documents, here are some of my key takeaways.

- We are a safe community, but we are not problem free. Property crimes, drugs and domestic violence harm our families every day, and we must work to prevent those crimes.
- Our use of force policies are built on best practices that focus on a graduated set of responses. We meet all the standards of Ohio's Collaborative Community-Police Advisory board and the

Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. We also believe that we meet the standards of other initiatives like 8 Can't Wait that attempt to reduce deaths at the hands of police.

- The data bear out that our policies of graduated response limit our need to use force. We have a small number of use of force incidents, no complaints filed, and the vast majority of those incidents involve someone who was chemically impaired or experiencing a mental health episode.
- Our race-based data show that traffic stops and other police interactions reflect the population we serve. We serve everyone who enters UA, not just our residents. Our resident population may not reflect the diversity of Franklin County, but the population on our roads and in our businesses is much closer to that diversity.

I am proud of the work of our Police Division and the leadership shown by Chief Farmer, but we will not rest on past successes. We are providing additional resources and training to our internal training team on de-escalation and other pertinent areas, so that they can deepen these skills throughout the division. When allegations of bias occur, the Chief and I will personally review each case. We are working to find new ways to teach the community about how and why we do what we do. We have put in place new policies to guide our police force and the community as people look for ways to exercise their free speech rights on City property and in the community.

The national discussion on policing is largely about race. On this subject, I want to reiterate and expand on what Chief Farmer and I shared after George Floyd's murder. Racism and bias are so fully integrated into the fabric of our

society that it is sometimes hard to see. While I may have the same hopes as a Black man or woman in Upper Arlington, I know that I don't have the same fears. Although our officers had nothing to do with creating those fears, we are responsible for helping to overcome them. And we must recognize that, even if our intentions are positive, our actions may have the impact of creating, perpetuating or worsening those fears.

None of this is fair – not to our officers, not to people of color and not to our community as a whole. At the same time, none of it is inevitable if we are open to recognizing the problems and commit to working to solve them.

So, my commitments to the City of Upper Arlington, our residents and our visitors as City Manager and chief law enforcement officer of the City are these:

- Our policing will be as transparent and unbiased as possible (because of our investigations, we will never be totally transparent, and no one can be completely unbiased).
- If you have a question or concern about how our Police Division does its work, we will give you a direct and honest answer.
- We will consistently look for effective ways to reduce both real and perceived bias.

To meet these commitments, here is what UAPD and I need from you. We need feedback. While general feedback is welcome, specific feedback about individual incidents allows for action. We cannot change what we don't know is wrong. If you see or experience something that didn't meet your expectations for our policing, let us know. We cannot build on what we don't know is going well. We need you to engage with us. That doesn't just mean giving us your thoughts, but when we follow-up, listen to our explanation and help us find better ways to communicate.

Finally, I want to thank the men and women that serve us in the Upper Arlington Police Division. I am honored to serve with them, and I am inspired by their dedication.

Fall Activity Guide

Online at parks.uaoh.net

While UA homes won't be receiving a hard copy of the Fall edition of UA Parks & Recreation's *Activity Guide*, full details of the season's programming and events can be found via a "flipbook" version of the guide, available at parks.uaoh.net. For additional information, contact the Parks & Recreation Department, at 614-583-5300.



End of Pool Season

Register for sessions at parks.uaoh.net



UA's outdoor pool season may have been abridged, but it has also been a successful summertime recreational outlet for residents to enjoy during challenging times.

The last day to enjoy Tremont Pool is Monday, September 7, with the following schedule in effect

Weekdays

- **Early Bird Swim** – 6:30-11 am
- **Open Swim** – 11:30 am-1:30 pm; 4-6 pm

Saturdays

- **Early Bird Swim** – 8-11 am
- **Open Swim** – 11:30 am-1:30 pm; 2-4 pm; 4:30-6:30 pm

Sundays

- **Open Swim** – 11:30 am-1:30 pm; 2-4 pm; 4:30-6:30 pm

CITY SERVICES

Leaf Collection

Public Works Division614-583-5350

The City is providing leaf collection services late October through early December, weather permitting. The actual dates will be announced in September.

The program is typically comprised of five pass throughs (rounds) of the City by collection crews. Residents are advised to refrain from placing leaves at the curb until approximately one week before the start of the program AND to stop raking leaves to the curb at least one week before the program ends.

The timeframe for collection each year does not change since the Public Works Division must fit this service in with other seasonal services, such as summer road maintenance and preparing for and performing winter snow removal.

Each collection season differs, due to varying weather conditions. We appreciate your patience throughout the program, especially during periods of heavy rain and an early snowfall. A Leaf Collection Tracking Map is available at upperarlingtonoh.gov, providing residents a means to follow the progress of collection crews in their area and anticipate when they are likely to be on their street.

Please follow these guidelines:

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

The City's solid waste contract also offers year-round yard waste collection. At any time throughout the program, you have the option to put your leaves in approved biodegradable bags or containers marked for yard waste, and place them at the curb for collection on your regular Solid Waste collection day. "Yard Waste" decals for containers are available at the Municipal Services Center and UA libraries, or by calling the Public Service Department, at 614-583-5350.



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New City Attorney Selected

At a July 28 Special City Council Meeting, Council formally concluded its search for the new Upper Arlington City Attorney, appointing and entering into an employment agreement with Darren M. Shulman. Mr. Shulman assumes his role at the City on September 1, 2020.

"We felt strongly that conducting an extensive and methodical search process was the right course of action for this critical role at the City," said Council President Kip Greenhill. "Mr. Shulman quickly rose to the top among an impressive field, standing out as a proven city attorney with strong leadership and team building skills. The fact that he is already a Central Ohio resident and very familiar with our community is an added bonus."

Mr. Shulman previously served as City Attorney for the City of Delaware, a position he held since June of 2011. In this role, he served as legal advisor to both City Council and Staff, supervised the City Prosecutor's Office, prepared draft legislations, engaged in labor contract negotiations, managed the City's public records program, served as Chief Ethics Officer, and managed the use of outside counsel for special projects.

Previously, Mr. Shulman served as Associate Legal Counsel for the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney



2020 CITY COUNCIL
(from left): Vice President Brendan King, John Kulewicz, President Kip Greenhill, Michele Hoyle, Michaela Burriss, Jim Lynch, Brian Close

for Montgomery County, and as an Associate for Crowell & Moring, LLP in Washington, D.C. He received his Political Science Bachelor's degree from Northwestern University, his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School, and his Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School.

"I couldn't be more excited to join the Upper Arlington team," said Mr. Shulman. "I have always considered Upper Arlington to be an A+ city with excellent staff and impressive community engagement, and that perception was confirmed during my interview process."

"I would be remiss if I didn't also note that Jeanine Hummer and the City Attorney's Office have an excellent reputation in the Columbus legal community, so it is an honor to be chosen by City Council to join the team as her replacement," continued Shulman. "It is impossible to fill Jeanine's shoes, but I'm going to do the best job I can to help the City achieve its goals. I thrive on collaboration and team problem solving, so I'm particularly looking forward to meeting my new coworkers and digging into projects with them."

"This Council has undertaken two critical search processes to fill the primary leadership roles within the City Administration," said Council Vice President Brendan King. "In both instances, we have been able to secure visionary professionals of the highest caliber—first with City Manager Schoeny, and now

with Mr. Shulman. It speaks to Upper Arlington's place as a premier community within the region, and it positions us for continued success."

Lane Avenue Planning Study Update

As anticipated, Council will be revisiting the Lane Avenue Planning Study this fall, to consider adoption of the Study and provide direction on specific implementation steps, per the following schedule:

- **September 8 Council Conference Session** – review and discussion of report
- **September 14 City Council Meeting** – vote to adopt the Lane Avenue Study Report
- **October 5 Board of Zoning and Planning (BZAP) Work Session** – consideration of amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)
- **October 19 BZAP Meeting** – BZAP recommendation on proposed UDO amendments
- **November/December** – Council consideration and action on the proposed UDO amendments (meeting dates are yet to be finalized)

Details about the Lane Avenue Planning Study, including the draft report, can be found under the **Community Development | Community Projects** section of the City's website.



A Passion for her Community and Public Service

After a 31-year career with the City, including 18 years as head of the office that guides our organization through the legal aspects of countless special projects, issues and accomplishments, Jeanine Hummer is hanging up her City Attorney hat and preparing to focus her energies on new and exciting endeavors.

"As Jeanine readies for her retirement, she should be very proud of her many contributions to the City and to our community," said Council President Kip Greenhill. "As a premier community, Upper Arlington is in the enviable position of attracting and retaining public servants of the highest caliber, and Jeanine is no exception."

"I can't emphasize enough how much Jeanine has contributed to the community as our City Attorney," said Vice President of Council Brendan King. "She managed a difficult and time consuming role for many years, always acting in the best interests of the City."

"The list of notable accomplishments for the City that relied heavily on the expert legal guidance of Jeanine and her team is extensive," said Assistant City Manager Dan Ralley. "A few that immediately spring to mind: the Tree of Life outcome after many years of litigation; numerous economic-development agreements that have strengthened our



business base and boosted income-tax revenues for the City; shared-use agreements with our community partners that have enhanced services and realized cost savings; and the launch of several, forward-thinking diversion programs that have become a model for other communities, including the first suburban drug court in the region.

"She has been a tireless advocate for the City and the kind of lawyer that you were always glad was on your side of the table when it came to difficult negotiations or situations" Ralley continued.

"Business-wise, the City has made great progress over the past 15 years, both on the Lane Avenue corridor and

at Kingsdale," Jeanine reflected. "I am proud of the work our office did to assist in those efforts."

"Winning the 6th Circuit case regarding zoning at the former AOL (Tree of Life) site near Henderson Road, preserving future economic interests for the City was significant," she continued.

"Equally important but less visible were our day-by-day efforts to address whatever issues arose between, among, or involving UA residents. I can say our office treated with proper respect every issue that crossed our desks."

Juggling a demanding career while successfully raising four children with her husband, Mark, speak to Jeanine's talents and drive, but she is quick to credit her Upper Arlington "family" for their support over the years.

"What a great community this has been for my family and me," said Jeanine. "My four children all had great experiences in the school system and my work with the City Attorney's Office has always been stimulating and very fulfilling."

When asked what she was planning to do with her Monday nights moving forward, she replied: "Let's hope there will be Monday night football to watch! Seriously, I will always be a cheerleader for our community, that will never end."

UA Click2Fix

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



Election Reminders

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought with it a unique twist to the presidential election cycle. In the countdown to November 3, here are some useful reminders for making sure you are registered to vote, and that you have choices in how participate in our most important right as U.S. citizens.

Voter Registration voteohio.gov

- The deadline to register to vote or to update your voter registration information in time for the November 3 election is October 5. This can be completed online at the above link.
- You can also check your voter registration is correct and find your polling location at the above website.

Voting Options vote.franklincountyohio.gov

As an alternative to in-person voting on Election Day, the following options are available:

- Early In-Person Voting:** Beginning October 6, all registered voters may request and vote an absentee ballot in person at the Franklin County

Board of Elections office, located at 1700 Morse Road, Columbus, 43229, per the dates provided in the accompanying graphic.

- Absentee Voting by Mail:** All Ohio voters whose registration information is current can request an absentee ballot. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is three days before the election. If you mail your absentee ballot, make sure it is postmarked by the day before the election in order to be counted. You may also return your absentee ballot in-person to the Franklin County Board of Elections by 7:30 pm on Election Day.

Call for Poll Workers vote.franklincountyohio.gov/ Poll-Worker

The Franklin County Board of Elections hires approximately 5,500 community-minded individuals to help operate polling locations each election day. Training and compensation is provided. You must be a registered voter in Franklin County and available to work on election day. Efforts are made to place poll workers at convenient locations, which include public schools, township halls, libraries and churches.

Political Signs

Here's an overview of the guidelines we like to share with residents each election season:

- The City is non-partisan. Though Council may choose to support specific ballot issues, City Council does not endorse political candidates.
- The City cannot and does not regulate language on political signs. Call the Ohio Elections Commission (614-466-3205) to register a concern.
- A maximum of five signs are permitted per property. Each sign should not exceed eight square feet in size.

- The City can only request that a sign be removed from private property if it is deteriorating or in the public right-of-way. In either event, call Code Compliance (614-583-5073) or use our **Click2Fix** app to report an issue.
- Political signs on private property are themselves private property. Theft charges will be filed against anyone found to be taking such signs.
- The Police Division recommends that you place your name on your political signs for tracking purposes so they can be returned to you if stolen and later recovered.

The public right-of-way includes the tree lawns next to sidewalks that are immediately adjacent to the street, in both residential neighborhoods and commercial areas. In instances where there is no sidewalk, signs placed within six to eight feet of the street may still be in the public right-of-way.

If our Code Compliance Officers come across signs placed in our parks or in traffic medians, they will remove them. Any signs that are collected will be kept at the Municipal Services Center until the week following the election. To check that we have your sign and reclaim it, please call 614-583-5070.

EARLY VOTING HOURS 1700 Morse Road, Columbus OH 43229	
OCT 6-16 Weekdays Only, Monday-Friday 8AM - 5PM	OCT 19-23 Weekdays Only, Monday-Friday 8AM - 6PM
OCT 24 Saturday 8AM - 4PM	OCT 25 Sunday 1PM - 5PM
OCT 26-30 Weekdays Only, Monday-Friday 8AM - 7PM	OCT 31 Saturday 8AM - 4PM
NOV 1 Sunday 1PM - 5PM	NOV 2 Monday 8AM - 2PM

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Northam Park Athletic Fields & Tennis Study

The 2018 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan was developed to serve as a guiding document for future decision-making on how to get the most value from the City's limited parks and facilities, while fulfilling the recreational wants and needs of residents. The plan made several recommendations for potential improvements at Northam Park not included in previous projects, such as the new Tremont Pool, the playground, Centennial Plaza and parking lot improvements.

In response, the Parks & Recreation Department initiated a project for the schematic design of infrastructure improvements to the athletic fields and tennis court complex, and commissioned MSA Sport to lead this process. Given the well-established nature of Northam Park, the intent is not to reprogram the park but to study and develop a long-term plan for enhancements to existing athletic and civic facilities that are in need of renovation or replacement.

Early in the process, MSA Sport held a series of focus group meetings with members of the community that make frequent use of existing park facilities, including representatives of field sports, Northam Tennis, community event planners and park neighbors. This was followed by a detailed review of existing conditions before proceeding to preliminary design concepts.

In late July/early August, residents were invited to participate in a video-conferenced community meeting at which time MSA shared its conceptual design options and sought some high-level feedback from meeting attendees. Following the meeting, an online survey was fielded for two weeks to seek additional resident feedback on the options. More than 70 residents participated in the community meeting or watched the presentation live on Facebook, and 462 residents completed the survey.

MSA is now reviewing this feedback and making adjustments to the



concepts, with plans to share an update on the emerging recommendations to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Shortly thereafter, MSA and Staff will present a Northam Park Vision Package to City Council that is based on input received throughout the process. This will include renderings and schematic drawings. It will also include phasing information and cost estimates, to assist the Parks & Recreation Department as it schedules improvements within the

Parks Capital Improvement Program. Dates are pending for both presentations, so please watch for updates.

If you wish to learn more about the study and would like to participate or obtain updates, please visit the Northam Study project page, where you can view the community meeting presentation and view the survey results. If you have questions, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department, at 614-583-5300 or parks@uaoh.net.

Fifth to Griggs Biking and Walking Study

Feedback Deadline: September 4

The City of Columbus is exploring options for improving walking and biking in the area to the immediate west of Upper Arlington, including the future Quarry Trails Metro Park and connecting to Griggs Reservoir Park.

This study is being conducted in consultation with surrounding communities, such as UA, and ties into the City's exploration of options for improving pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to the Scioto River and Quarry Trails Metro Park.

An online open house runs through September 4 to gather input from area residents on the options under consideration.

To learn more about the study and provide your feedback by the September 4 deadline, visit <https://fifth-to-griggs-biking-and-walking-study-burgessniple.hub.arcgis.com/>.



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CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holiday:

- **Monday, September 7** – Labor Day. Solid Waste collection is delayed by one day for all collection zones.

City e-News

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

- **City Insight** - weekly e-news on City services, special projects, 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.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery*

Sunday, November 1

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

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 thereaf-

ter are subject to a \$50 fine to offset the costs for emergency response.

Upper Arlington Bridges

www.neighborhoodbridges.org

If you like the idea of directly helping your fellow community members when a need arises, be sure to register for updates from Upper Arlington Bridges. Visit www.neighborhoodbridges.org to register for email updates for the Upper Arlington program, or follow @uabridges on Facebook.

Block Party Permits

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 614-583-5040

Please be advised that in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and for health and safety reasons, the City is not issuing Block Party Permits at this time. We appreciate your understanding and encourage all our residents to follow appropriate social distancing practices.

Peddling/Solicitation Permits

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 614-583-5040

A temporary hold on the issuance of peddler and solicitor permits has been lifted. As these activities resume, and in an effort to protect the health and safety of residents and the representatives going door-to-door, all entities that seek a Solicitation Permit from the City are being notified that their representatives must wear face masks and follow appropriate social distancing measures, in addition to meeting the City's regular set of guidelines and requirements.

Residents can ask to see a copy of the Peddling/Solicitation Permit from the City. The City also maintains a list of current permit holders on the City Manager's Office page of its website. If proof cannot be provided and you don't see them on the list, contact the Police Division, at 614-459-2800.

Tree Damage

PARKS & FORESTRY

614-583-5340

If a damaged tree is a threat to public safety, or obstructing the street or sidewalk, call Parks & Forestry at the above number during office hours. After hours situations can be reported to 614-459-2800. For immediate emergencies call 9-1-1.

Following severe weather, the City is responsible for clearing debris from street trees in the public right-of-way. Debris from private trees is the responsibility of the property owner. However, the City may clear private debris from streets or sidewalks when expedient, or take action to abate immediate hazards even if privately owned trees are involved. Emergency and storm cleanup is prioritized using several criteria, and your patience is appreciated.

Residents can dispose of tree debris through the yard waste collection component of our Solid Waste Program or by taking items to the Regional Composting facility on Roberts Road. Visit the **Solid Waste** section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Do not approach downed or damaged power lines. Call your utility company or the Fire Division non-emergency line, at 614-583-5124, for assistance.

SCRAM! Wildlife Control

www.SCRAM!Wildlife.org

The City contracts with SCRAM! Wildlife Control, a division of the Ohio Wildlife Center, to provide wildlife management services to residents and businesses at a discounted rate. Full details can be found at www.SCRAMwildlife.org. The City has an **Animal Control** guidelines page under the **Resources** section of its website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Prescription Drug Collection Unit

POLICE

614-583-5150

The Police Division hosts a prescription drug collection unit, available during regular office hours at the Police Desk in the Municipal Services Center. Any pills

that have been prescribed are accepted. Liquids and over-the-counter medicines are not accepted. Visit the Police Support Services section of the City's website for additional details.

U.S. Flag Collection Box

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

Building Permit Reminder

DEVELOPMENT 614-583-5070

If you've decided this is the year to remodel part of your home, the City's Community Development Department can help you with an important first step: checking to see if your project requires a permit. The permitting and inspection process allows our staff to ensure that new and remodeled buildings are constructed in compliance with State and City minimum building codes and standards. They also make sure that your project meets zoning requirements primarily in terms of use and location. This not only ensures that your project is safe but starting a project without a permit could result in a "stop work" order, additional fees and in some cases a need to remove the work already completed and start from scratch.

Here are a few examples of projects that require a permit:

- To construct a deck
- To finish a basement or alter an existing 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
- To add a porch or covered entry
- To build a fence or replace 25% or more of 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

Virtual Programming for the 50+ Crowd

SENIOR CENTER 614-583-5320

The staff at the UA Senior Center has been providing opportunities for members to participate in a variety of virtual classes. Some classes are better viewed on a computer, tablet or smartphone, but some lecture classes or discussion groups can be joined by phone. Register in advance at parks.uaoh.net and then a Zoom link will be emailed to you. To view the schedule of available activities, look for the **Virtual Recreation** icon under the **Trending** section of the City's homepage, at upperarlingtonoh.gov. If you require assistance, contact the Senior Center, at 614-583-5320.

2019 Popular Annual Financial Report

FINANCE 614-583-5291

The 2019 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), was mailed to UA homes in August. This report provides a reader-friendly summary of the City's financial activities from the previous year. You can view an online version of the PAFR under the **Finance** section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 614-583-5030

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

Fire Prevention Week

October 4-10, 2020 is Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is **Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen**.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), "kitchen fires are the leading cause of home fires, with nearly half of all home fires involving cooking equipment and unattended cooking." Fire Prevention week is here to teach you safe measures you can follow to prevent kitchen fires in your home. Sparky has provided some key rules to follow when cooking in your kitchen:

- Keep an eye on what you are cooking and NEVER leave anything unattended.
- Keep anything that can easily catch on fire away from cooktops, ovens, and microwaves. These items can include oven mitts, wood utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains.



Keep items like these at least three feet from a stove or cooking area.

- If you are tired or not feeling your best, it is safer to avoid using any kitchen appliance that uses excessive heat. If you are not able to fully pay attention, save cooking for another time.

In addition, the Fire Division will be conducting unannounced fire drills during Fire Prevention Week at all local schools. The purpose of these drills is to make sure students and staff are quickly and safely exiting the building in emergency situations. Our goal is to make sure everyone is prepared in case of a fire and everyone knows the plan to GET OUT!

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BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

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UA Schools Responsible Restart Plan Outlines Learning Models for 2020-2021

Throughout the summer, the Upper Arlington Schools team has worked to consider several different scenarios for how students and teachers would begin the school year and the different learning models that may be needed as long as COVID-19 remains a concern. Families, students and staff members shared their thoughts through multiple surveys and focus groups – totaling more than 12,000 touchpoints in all. Their feedback informed the planning for the 2020-2021 school year and any future distance learning needs.

The result of all of this feedback and work is the Upper Arlington Schools Responsible Restart Plan, which was approved by the Board of Education on July 31, 2020.

"The goal of our Responsible Restart Plan is to get students back in our schools and resume in-person teaching and learning, with additional health and safety protocols in place, as soon as

Two Pathways for 2020-2021

FAMILY CHOICE

UA Online Academy

100% digital instruction program that allows families to opt into an online curriculum designed specifically for remote learning



CHALLENGE AND SUPPORT
EVERY STUDENT,
EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

public health officials recommend that it is safe to do so," said Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

"The health, safety and well-being of our students, our staff and our families is our top priority – and that goes hand-in-hand with our commitment to providing a high quality education to our students."

School Based

Includes the flexible options below to meet safety guidance and recommendations from state and county health officials

HYBRID

Approximately 50% of students attend school in person in their scheduled group

ENHANCED DISTANCE LEARNING

All students in an enhanced distance learning program designed with student, staff and family feedback

With the goal of returning to ...

ALL STUDENTS, EVERY DAY
with increased health and safety precautions when public health officials advise it is safe to do so

This plan details two pathways for students for the 2020-2021 school year and numerous health and safety measures that will be implemented to deliver in-person learning.

School-based Instruction Pathway

The school-based instruction pathway offers two models that may be implemented at any time depending on the current situation with COVID-19: the Hybrid model and the Enhanced Distance Learning model.

The Hybrid learning model is a blend of in-person and remote learning for students. This model allows for a reduced number of students (approximately 50%) in the buildings at any time and six feet of physical distancing as recommended by public health officials.

A student would have three in-person days of instruction and two remote learning days one week, and two in-person days and three remote

Health, Safety and Well-Being Are Top Priorities for School Year

Throughout the summer, the Upper Arlington Schools staff has been working to provide essential services to families in our community and prepare for the start of the school year.

Here's a look at our preparations amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Health and Safety Protocols

During the summer, the district implemented numerous health and safety protocols to provide safer learning environments for students when they

are in school. These protocols include: implementing new sanitizing and disinfecting routines; updating HVAC systems to improve air flow; developing new health and safety plans for buses; and securing additional protective gear such as extra masks and desk shields for staff members and students.

The district also took a closer look at learning environments to determine the best possible space and furniture use for physical distancing.

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learning days the next – or vice versa. On in-person learning days, students engage in teacher-led learning experiences based on academic standards. On remote learning days, students independently complete assignments.

The Enhanced Distance Learning model is a more robust version of the distance learning that families experienced in the spring – informed by the feedback gathered from families, students and staff members. Students learn virtually with a predictable schedule and multiple opportunities each week via video-conferencing with their teachers and peers.

Based on guidance from public health officials, Upper Arlington Schools began the school year on August 19 in Enhanced Distance Learning for students in the school-based pathway. It appears likely that, given improving health data in Franklin County, students will begin the in-person Hybrid learning model on September 21.

The district's Hybrid Transition Plan calls for one in-person transition day each for students in elementary school, sixth grade and ninth grade in the buildings during the week of September 14 to get used to new facilities and practice safety protocols. Students with special needs who would qualify for five-day instruction during the hybrid model would begin a transition to in-person learning on August 31.

UA Online Academy Pathway

An alternative to the school-based learning pathway, the UA Online Academy is the district's K-12 fully online learning option during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Online Academy gives parents an option for their students to learn at home with a curriculum specifically created for online education and fully guided, monitored and supported by Upper Arlington teachers.

For more details about the Upper Arlington Schools Responsible Restart Plan and updates on the 2020-2021 school year, visit www.uaschools.org.



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

A Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the School District

This summer, at the direction of the Board of Education, our school district took crucial and concrete steps to move forward in our work on all aspects of diversity, equity and inclusion.

This is a journey – there is a tremendous amount of work that we must do to eliminate racism, prejudice and intolerance, and ensure that every student feels welcomed, respected, supported and celebrated in our schools.

Under the leadership of the Board of Education, the district has begun the process of putting in place expert guidance and experience to move forward in this work.

In June, the Board of Education approved the creation of an Equity Advisory Board that will bring together the voices of students, staff, parents/guardians and professionals with DEI experience. The advisory board will play a supportive role in driving the diversity, equity and inclusion priorities for the district, and will work in collaboration with existing DEI teams at the building and district level.

During the month of July, we requested applications from individuals interested in serving on this advisory board, and the response from our students and our community was amazing.

We are working on first putting in place two co-chairs and then, with their assistance, reviewing all applications that we received to put together this volunteer group of approximately 12 to 15 individuals.

We are also moving forward with the process of creating a new district-level leadership position for diversity, equity and inclusion.

During the month of July, we had an incredible response from students, staff members, parents/guardians and community members interested in participating in focus groups to inform the priorities and hiring process for the new executive director of diversity, equity and inclusion. Over just two weeks, we conducted five virtual focus groups, and the feedback was extremely valuable.

We now expect to recommend a candidate to the Board of Education this fall, and we will share updates on our website, www.uaschools.org. I also invite you to visit our new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion page on our website to learn more about our commitment.

Finally, I want to acknowledge a new Instagram account that shares stories from our students and alumni who have experienced acts of racism, prejudice and intolerance. While we don't know who created the account, we do know that these are extremely important stories for our school staff and entire community to know. These stories are heartbreaking and unacceptable and re-emphasize what we already knew - that we have a lot of work to do to eliminate the acts of racism, prejudice, bias and bigotry that occur within our schools. We are committed to eliminating these experiences for students, families and staff. We are glad our students are courageously speaking up, and we are listening.

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D., is superintendent of Upper Arlington Schools. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact him at superintendent@uaschools.org. You can follow him on Twitter at [@imhoffpaul](https://twitter.com/imhoffpaul).

BITES From the Apple



SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



Top from left: Allison Tomlin, Carrie Williams, Kari Watts, Pam Kasai, Denise Pontious,
Bottom: Paul Massey, Ron Selzer, Tom Faist, Mike Abbott and Irene Hunt

Staff Members Honored for Excellence, Service

Congratulations to the staff members who were honored at a virtual staff ceremony in August!

Receiving district-level employee of the year awards were:

- **District Teachers of the Year:** Allison Tomlin, health/physical education, Hastings Middle School, and Carrie Williams, literacy specialist, Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School
- **Classified Employees of the Year:** Kari Watts, Nutritional Services; media clerk Pam Kasai and attendance secretary Denise Pontious, Secretarial/Bookkeeping; Paul Massey, Transportation; Ron Selzer, Operations
- **Support Staff Employee of the Year:** Tom Faist, Technology
- **Administrators of the Year:** Mike Abbott, executive director of operations, and Irene Hunt, director of nutritional services

Receiving building-level teacher of the year awards were:

- **Elizabeth "Buffy" Bolen**, preschool, Burbank Early Childhood School
- **Josh Clemmons**, science, Jones Middle School
- **Steve Colahan**, intervention specialist, Upper Arlington High School
- **Eliza Kroger**, physical education, Tremont Elementary School
- **Blythe Lamont**, second grade, Greensview Elementary School
- **Kathy Seibert**, intervention specialist, Barrington Elementary School
- **Megan Taylor**, art, Windermere Elementary School

Also honored with a **Nancy Losekamp Career Development Leadership Award** for their work to engage students in service learning were: **Janie Nocera**, Wickliffe; **Elizabeth Blank**, Hastings; **Jeff Schuster**, UAHS.

Additionally, 15 staff members were recognized for 20 years of service to Upper Arlington Schools.

Annual UA+Ed Fundraiser Shifts to Online Giving



The Upper Arlington Education Foundation's annual FUNdraiser, the Golden Bear BASH, has been held on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend since it began in 2007. Unfortunately, this year, with the safety of our community at the

forefront, there will not be an in-person Golden Bear Bash.

The mission of the UA+Ed is to provide private funding to support programs, materials, and opportunities that maintain, strengthen or enrich the students' environment and educational experiences that exceed the budget of the Upper Arlington Schools. The UA+Ed is relying on donors, now more than ever, to support the most urgent needs of Upper Arlington Schools:

- The health and wellness of every student and staff member
- Effective and flexible instructional supports to assist with any changes in teaching and learning due to the pandemic
- Initiatives that assist our district's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion

To learn more and give a gift to Enhance What Matters Most, please visit UAEducationFoundation.com.

UA Alumni Association Honors Exceptional Alumni

Each year, the Upper Arlington Alumni Association (UAAA) honors exceptional Upper Arlington Schools alumni with Outstanding and Distinguished Alumni Awards. The UAAA is proud to announce the 2020 honorees!

Alumni Association Outstanding Alumnus Award

Aimee White, Class of 1993

This award recognizes someone who has generously donated his or her time to the Alumni Association and its mission – and Aimee has done that. In 2018, Aimee stepped up as the volunteer chair of the Upper Arlington Schools Legacy Campaign. Thanks to Aimee's tireless work, the Legacy Campaign is nearing its \$7.5 million goal in private donations to support and enhance the six construction school projects in the first phase of the facilities master plan. She has a history of giving back to our community and schools through fundraising work for Riverside Methodist

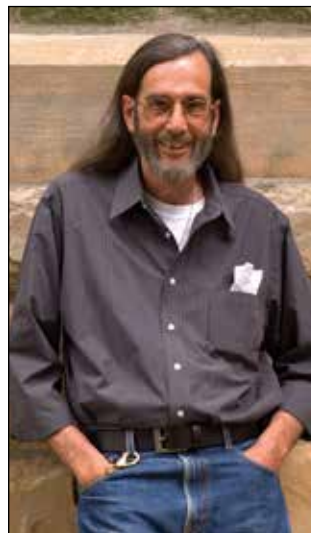


Hospital and the accessible playground at Barrington Elementary School.

Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Awards

Kent R. Beittel, Class of 1965

Kent Beittel was the first and only



director of The Open Shelter Inc., an Ohio nonprofit organization that serves the homeless in Columbus. For nearly 36 years, under Beittel's leadership, the shelter has provided shelter, meals, medical services, clothing and other services to hundreds of thousands of persons in need.

UA alumni essential workers

Essential workers are the people that are risking

their lives so we can stay safe, fed and operating as close to "normal" as possible during the pandemic. Many of our UA alumni are on the front line and should be recognized for their leadership, innovation, service and professionalism as they battle COVID-19.

UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION



2020 Upper Arlington Board of Education

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

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 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Some exceptions apply, and last-minute scheduling changes are possible. In the event that the COVID-19 pandemic necessitates the Board of Education conducting a regular meeting via video-conferencing, a live feed of the regular meeting will be available on the Upper Arlington Schools YouTube account. Please refer to www.uaschools.org for the most up-to-date information.

Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, September 15, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, October 13, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, November 17, 6 pm – Council Chamber

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12**Health and Safety Top Priority for Return to School for Students**

"We have stored excess furniture and arranged every space our students will use so that it adheres to the six-foot physical distancing," said Chris Potts, chief operating officer.

In addition to guidance from local public health officials, the district has leaned on a resource familiar to families – the school nurses. They have been a key part of planning for COVID-19 protocols in the schools and establishing isolation areas for anyone in our schools who is showing any symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day.

"Putting all of the new health and safety protocols in place to do that has been an enormous effort – and is a wonderful example of our value of Strength in Team," said Kathy Jenney, Ed.D., associate superintendent of human resources and operations. "Our school nurses, our custodians and operations team, our principals and countless others have come together to implement all of these new protocols quickly and efficiently for the safety of our students and staff."

Professional Learning

Upper Arlington Schools teachers have spent the days leading up to the start of the school year engaging in professional learning geared toward the unique circumstances of meeting their students and beginning the year in a remote environment.

"Because we are starting the school year remotely, our teachers have to connect with their students in a different way than they have in other years," said Keith Pomeroy, Chief Academic Officer. "With our professional learning, we're really narrowing in on how to build meaningful relationships and establish our classroom community remotely."

With more than 150 sessions that teachers could choose from, the professional learning also focused on two other areas – assessing students to

understand where they are with their learning at any point this year and curating resources for teachers to support one another through the different learning models in the Upper Arlington Schools Responsible Restart Plan.

"These sessions are led by our teachers to share their skills and knowledge with other UA teachers," Pomeroy said. "And we are going to continue to collaborate and support one another so we can provide the highest quality learning experiences for our students."

Grab-and-go Meals

The Upper Arlington Schools Nutritional Services department will be offering meal pickup for students while they are learning at home at any point during this school year.

As the school year begins in Enhanced Distance Learning, any student will be able to pick up free lunch and the option of a free breakfast for the next day at any elementary school. When the schools transition to Hybrid learning, students will be able to preorder meals for pickup for their scheduled days for remote learning at home. Additionally, any UA Online Academy student would be able to pre-order meals for pickup when the schools are in the Hybrid model, too.

Please visit www.uaschools.org/NutritionalServices.aspx for current pickup schedules and more information about pre-ordering meals for your student.

**Technology**

In preparation for the first day of the school year on Wednesday, August 19, the UA Schools Technology Department has been distributing district-issued devices so that every UA Schools student, K-12, has access to a district-issued device to support their learning.

To ensure equity of access to learning resources, the school district will also be working with families who need WiFi access to support student learning at home. The Technology Department also will continue to provide support to any student and staff member in need of device repair and technology help.

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Archaeological Crew Continuing District's Research into History of UAHS Site

As construction crews continue work on the new Upper Arlington High School, an archaeological crew will help the school district continue its research into the history of the school site.

In late July, the crew pulled back the asphalt and top layers of soil in an area of the parking lot adjacent to the existing building in order to learn more about a cemetery that once served as a final resting place for the family and friends of Pleasant Litchford.

Mr. Litchford was a master blacksmith who had been enslaved in Virginia. After buying his own freedom and settling in the area that is now Upper Arlington, he built a successful business and purchased the land that is now home to the high school as well as Northam Park and Tremont Elementary School. Among his many contributions to the area were establishing a school for African American children and being a founding member of the historic Second Baptist Church, which provided an important voice in the anti-slavery movement.

When the current high school was developed in the 1950s, about 30 bodies were exhumed from the Litchford Cemetery and moved to other cemeteries. The district's goal is to identify if any graves still remain and if any artifacts from this important time in our history can be found.

The work in late July was meant to determine the extent to which the ground has been disturbed over the years, allowing the team to look for and document any grave-like soil anomalies. While the team did find some anomalies, none appear to be linked to the area's time as a cemetery. In late August or early September the team will return to the site to excavate an adjacent area. If soil anomalies are found, they will be recorded for the next stage of the project, which could include feature excavation, exhumation, and relocation.



"This is an important learning opportunity for our entire community," said Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D. "It will also offer us an opportunity to create a memorial recognizing the importance

of the site and the contributions made by Mr. Litchford and his contemporaries."

An update on initial findings will be posted at www.uaschools.org when those findings become available.

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

Upper Arlington Schools is committed to being a good steward of our community's investment in our schools, and we take this commitment very seriously.



Last November, the district announced that it would return to voters in the fall of 2020 with an operating levy. As you know, much has changed in our schools over the past few months, and people here and across the country are facing financial challenges.

Over the past few months, we have been working with the Board of Education to develop a sensible and sound financial plan that works for our community members and for the future of our schools. After thoughtful consideration, the Board

of Education made the decision to postpone our plans for an operating levy until November of 2021. With this postponement of the levy, we are taking several necessary and difficult steps to be responsible stewards of our residents' investment in our schools.

In order to maintain district operations over the next year and continue providing a high-quality education to the students of Upper Arlington, we will decrease forecasted expenditures and dip into the district's budget reserve fund. This will enable us to cover for one year the revenue gap that was created by the decrease in state funds and the lack of a 2020 ballot issue.

We will move forward with a keen eye for savings that preserve the overall student experience, but there will likely be impacts on our classrooms and our academic programs. We will have to be extremely careful so that these measures can carry us through 2021. While we face many uncertainties, we truly believe we can pull through this challenging time together as a community.

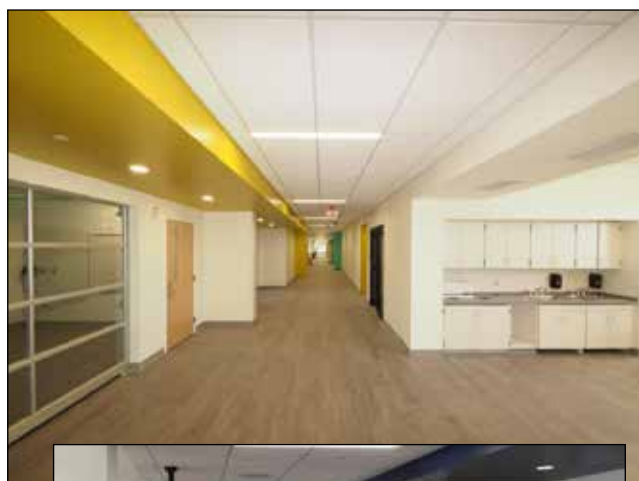
Building Our Future Construction Update

The end of the summer of 2020 marks a significant milestone in the Upper Arlington Schools facilities master plan – the completion of the new Greensview Elementary School, the Tremont Elementary School renovation and the new Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School. These are the first projects to be completed in the first phase of the facilities master plan for our schools. Please watch our district social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter and visit www.uaschools.org/facilities for special video tours of the new spaces in September. We look forward to marking this milestone with dedication ceremonies and community open houses in the future.

Greensview Elementary



The first phase of the master plan remains on budget and on schedule as work continues on the new Upper Arlington High School, the Barrington Elementary School renovation project and the new Windermere Elementary School. Please visit our website for construction updates and more information about these projects.



Tremont Elementary



Wickliffe Elementary



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Our Electronic Media at a Glance

Still spending a lot of your time at home? Just enjoy the convenience of electronic media? We offer several ways to access resources like eBooks and movies whatever your reason. Media guides with specific instructions for the following services are found at www.ualibrary.org/mediaservices. A library card is required for each service with the exception of Listen Columbus. No card? Call 614-486-9621 and ask for a circulation supervisor.

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Hoopla is a free audio, video, eBook and comic book on-demand streaming service. Through Hoopla, patrons have access to thousands of titles in video, music, and audiobook formats for streaming or temporary download. Enjoy the content on smartphones, tablets or computers.

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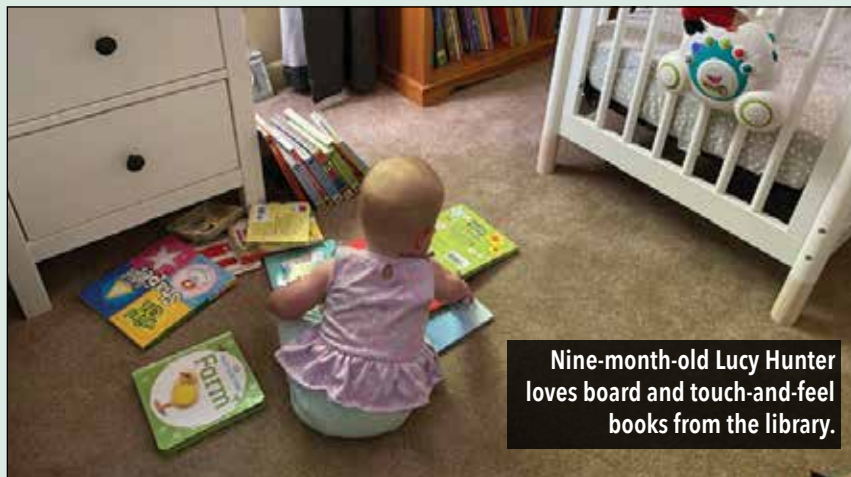
Listen Columbus is Ohio's first digital library collection focused on local music. It features albums from some of the top musicians in Central Ohio. Anyone can stream music in the collection through www.listencolumbus.org with no library card required.

Explore...GATHER...grow!!



Nate, AJ and Tommy Chatlos participated in our summer reading challenge to build a reading fort.

Explore...GATHER...grow!!



Nine-month-old Lucy Hunter loves board and touch-and-feel books from the library.

Reference Services Return Just in Time for Back-to-School

The UA Library's Reference Department is back in operation, and we're eager to help you with any informational questions that you might have. We can also help you with research, or with accessing and searching our subscription databases. Reach our Reference Department by phone at 614-486-3342 or email us at reference@ualibrary.org.

If you have Internet access, you know that finding reliable information is always a challenge, but in a pandemic, it's even more complicated than usual. Misinformation and speculation abound online, and it can be hard to know what to trust. We can guide you to reputable resources, like our subscription databases and other authoritative websites. We know what the best online sources are for legal information or legal forms, medical information, computer training, genealogy research, checking out a doctor, attorney, or other licensed professional, and much more.

If you don't have Internet access, finding reliable information is an even greater challenge, but we're ready to help! If you call us, we can relay

information over the phone, mail it to you, or make it available at our curbside pickup service.

We're also available to students who might be starting college remotely, or who are bracing for more online learning at their high school. Contact the Reference Department to learn about our online resources that are perfect for research papers and projects. A librarian can even walk you through how they work, and help you come up with great search strategies.

If you were a regular in our department, and are looking for online access to our newspapers or magazines, be sure to check out our databases at databases.ualibrary.org. You'll be particularly interested in the *Columbus Dispatch* Archives, US Major Dailies, and MasterFile Premier.

Whatever is going on in your life, we have resources that can help. Check out our Subject Guides at www.ualibrary.org for resources on finding a job or changing a career, small business support, and much more.

We miss our visitors and look forward to seeing you again!

Friends to Hold Open Air Book Sale

The Friends of the UA Library will hold an outdoor open-air book sale on September 19 & 20 in the parking lot of the Main Library, 2800 Tremont Road. An area away from our curbside pick up spot will be blocked off for the sale. As with the Friends' usual quarter sales, shoppers will find a large selection of used books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl records, magazines and more. Most books are priced from 25¢ to \$2.

A special presale for those with current, paid memberships will be open from 10-11 a.m. Members will receive a postcard in the mail to bring to gain entry. From 11 a.m.-noon, the sale will be open to the medically vulnerable and those ages 60 and up. The sale will be open to the general public from Noon-7 pm on Saturday, September 19 and from 8 am-3 pm on Sunday, September 20. On Sunday from 3-5 pm, Friends members can fill a paper grocery bag with books for just \$5. The non-member price is \$10 per bag.

Masks will be required, and the Friends will have masks and gloves available for shoppers who need them. Please observe social distancing, and follow any posted limitations and traffic flow directions.

In the event of rain, the sale will be held the following weekend, September 26 & 27.

In addition, sale plans could change based on any new state health advisory. Visit www.ualibrary.org/friends that weekend for the latest information.

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. To keep up to date with Friends news, send an email to uapl.friends@gmail.com



A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Beth Hatch

During my first year as the Library Director of the Upper Arlington Public Library, I never thought that the majority of my tenure would be making financial, operational, and personnel decisions centered around a pandemic. The Library, which has always been a central gathering place for the community, closed its doors to the public in March, furloughed staff, and cut hours and reduced budgets.

In an effort to provide some service, we operated curbside through the hottest months of the year. The remaining staff answered phones, shelved items, and pulled holds trying to keep up the pace with many of their colleagues gone. Keeping the doors closed was heartbreaking even though

I knew that it had to be done in the interest of public health and safety.

Despite all the loss, my staff persevered. In August, most of our furloughed staff returned, but they returned to a Library that looked and operated very differently than the place they had worked just months before.

They could no longer stand near their colleagues they had missed for so long, everyone shrouded in masks. Their workstations were arranged far apart and covered in plexiglass. Stacks were devoid of patrons; computers black. Aside from the telephone and cacophony of walkie-talkies for curbside in circulation, the rest of the Main Library was eerily quiet. Where once they were light and full of activity, the branches were dark and noiseless.

Work was strange. Everything needed to be done with a keen intense focus to maintain distance from their colleagues. In 90 degree heat, they raced armloads of held items outside,

almost non-stop at times, face shrouded in a mask, hands donning latex gloves to deliver materials to patrons waiting outside in their vehicles.

Administrative staff, including myself, would help at curbside when possible. During another scorcher, I stood outside with the clipboard, ready to jot down a name and call inside for a curbside pick-up. A car pulled up and the driver spelled their name and added, "I want to tell you that you guys are doing a great job. Thank you so much!"

Staff received many comments like this, which provided an overwhelming support to them during one of the most stressful times to work. Individuals have donated generous amounts of money in an effort to help ease the sting of our financial losses due to the loss of state revenue. My staff and I are grateful for a community that cares, and that understands that it can be hard to navigate and provide service in these uncertain times. For your support, we are forever grateful.

No Home Printer? Pick Up Prints Curbside

You can print a document from anywhere in the world and retrieve it through our curbside service. You can send your documents through web-based printing or the ePRINTit app on Apple and Android mobile devices. Though not required, we recommend sending your documents using your email address and/or phone number to ensure that you receive a confirmation that your documents were sent successfully. Visit print.ualibrary.org for instructions.

Mobile printing is free up to \$.50. That's up to five black-and-white pages or one color page. If you need to print more than that, please call 614-486-9621, option 1 to make a computer appointment.

Please note that library staff are not responsible for the formatting or

layout of documents. Documents will be printed as they are submitted.

Once you have confirmation that your document has been submitted successfully, call our Media Department, at 614-486-9621, option 1. Let the staff know that you have submitted mobile printing that you will pick up. Provide your name, library card number, and/or the email address and phone number you used to submit your document. We'll print your documents and prepare them for curbside pickup.

To pick up your items, visit the library Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. or Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Print jobs can only be picked up on the same day they were submitted. Let curbside staff know that you are picking up your mobile prints, and we'll bring them out to you.



Supen Bowe and her son, Derek, are regular users of the Library's curbside pickup services.

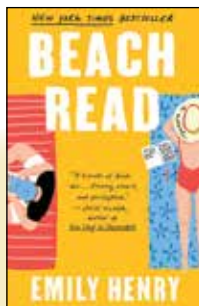
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

What You Need to Know About Voting- and Why

By Kim Wehle

Wehle's book is scholarly, informative, easy-to-read, and tells you everything you need to know about the laws governing our right and privilege - voting. The author includes many voting nuances you probably have never heard or even been aware of, and the book includes tables that list important voting deadlines for each state. A timely read for an election year.

— Vita Marinello, Adult Services



The Hate U Give

By Angie Thomas

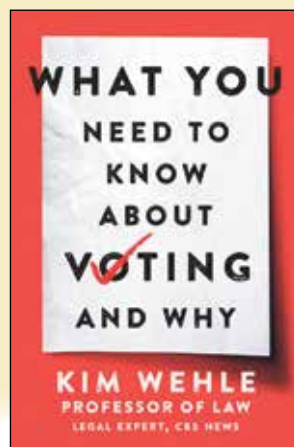
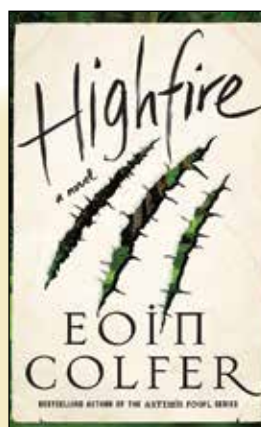
An eye-opening and powerful book. It's hard to imagine a life where gunshots in your neighborhood are as typical as summer thunderstorms, or having a friend die before you graduate high school is practically expected. Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter doesn't have to imagine; she lives this life. Her struggle to overcome such horrors while not forgetting who she is or where she comes from is the central theme of this gripping, all-too-real book. Definitely an important read for all adults and teens, especially those raised or living in suburbia.

— Nancy Byron, Miller Park

Stargazing

By Jen Wang

Fans of Raina Telgemeier, Shannon Hale, and Jennifer L. Holm will enjoy this coming-of-age graphic novel about best friends Moon and Christine. Complete opposites, Christine and Moon become the best of friends after Moon moves in next door. They paint each other's nails, sing K-pop, and enter the school's talent show - all things Christine's strict Chinese-American parents would never allow her to do.



When an illness strikes, their friendship is put to test and Christine must figure out if their friendship can overcome their differences.

— Kelly Edwards, Youth Services

Beach Read

By Emily Henry

January Andrews is a down on her luck romance novelist who's hiding from her agent at her recently deceased father's beach house. Augustus "Gus" Everett, is a literary fiction author who's struggling with his own demons and just so happens to own the house next door. Gus is also January's literary nemesis from college. Sparks fly as the two embark on a genre swapping summer challenge in this hilarious, unputdownable romance novel about writer's block.

— Jen Downing, Adult Services

Highfire

By Eoin Colfer

Everett "Squib" Moreau is an outcast teen scraping by in the swampy backwoods of Louisiana with no real aspiration

outside of trying to make it past the next day without starving. That is, until he ends up stumbling upon, and then working for, the world's last living dragon - fast-talking, hard-drinking Lord Wyvern Highfire. Highfire is fast-paced, quick-witted, and wildly entertaining. I absolutely recommend you pick this story up sooner rather than later.

— Ben Claymier, Adult Services



The House in the Cerulean Sea

By T. J. Klune

Linus Baker leads a quiet, solitary life with his cat. At his job in the Department in Charge of Magical Youth, he spends his days

overseeing the well-being of children in government-sanctioned orphanages. One day, Extremely Upper Management sends him to a secret facility on a highly classified mission. This is an exceptional fantasy novel about the wonders of "found family" and the dangers of prejudice. Good for teens and adults.

— Laura Griffin, Technical Services

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Library Offers Core Services

As the pandemic continues to affect all of us, the UA Library is maintaining several core services for our patrons. We are not yet able to open our buildings for browsing and checkout, but we're working hard to serve you in other ways.

Our curbside pickup service at the Main Library at 2800 Tremont Road is a convenient way to get your reserved items. No appointment is necessary... just drive or walk up to the Main Library's entrance. Our staff will take your name and retrieve your items for you. Note that we suspend this service in the event of severe weather. At press time, our curbside pickup hours are 10 am- 6 pm Monday-Friday, and 10 am-4 pm Saturday.

Our drive-up book drops are currently open for returns Monday-

Friday from 1-6 pm. We also have large plastic bins in front of the entrance in which you can return your items during curbside pickup hours. As our furloughed staff return to work, we hope to be able to expand the hours of the book drops.

Look for expanded hours for both curbside pickup and the drive-up book drop beginning in early September.

All returned items are quarantined for a minimum of four days before being checked in. Please don't be concerned if



you see an item you returned still listed on your account a few days later. It's undoubtedly being quarantined and will be checked in soon.

We offer computer workstation access by appointment. Call our Media Department at 614-486-9621 to book your 50-minute session.

Use of our eBooks, eAudiobooks and other electronic media has increased by over 60% since we closed in March. If you need help accessing these items, make an appointment for a 30-minute phone call with a media staff member. Visit www.ualibrary.org to schedule your appointment.

While we don't anticipate being able to offer live programs for the foreseeable future, our Youth and Media staff regularly upload new content to our YouTube channel. You'll find stories, songs, tech tutorials and more at www.youtube.com/UAPublicLibrary. We also have begun offering live programs on Facebook and via Zoom. See our events calendar at www.ualibrary.org. Our administration team constantly monitors the latest information and recommendations from Governor DeWine and industry organizations like the Ohio Library Council. We will update and expand our services as we're able after considering factors such as safety, finances, and staffing. Check our social media and www.ualibrary.org for the latest updates.

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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Grab and Go Movie Bundles

When you're not sure what to watch next, request a new Grab and Go Movie Bundle! Tell us what type of movie or television genre you want, and we'll set you up with five titles chosen by Media Services staff. Call the Media Department, at 614-486-9621, option 1. Tell us which bundle you would like and what day you plan to pick it up. On your pickup day, visit us during curbside hours, and your bundle will be ready to go. Special requests accommodated, too! For details, including the list of available genres, visit <https://bit.ly/3k6PDsl>.

Teen Service Hours

Do you know a teen who's looking for opportunities for community service? All teens entering grades 6-12 can earn service hours through our volunteer BINGO sheet. Each square is worth one service hour for a maximum of 25 hours.

To get started, download your BINGO sheet at teensmakeadifference.ualibrary.org or pick one up on the curbside table at the Main Library. To submit your hours, send a photo or scan of your BINGO sheet to teens@ualibrary.org, and we will email you your service letter. Activities must be completed by Labor Day, September 7.

Tech Help by Phone

You can get one-on-one assistance with our electronic resources like eBooks, eAudiobooks, video streaming and more. Schedule a 30-minute phone call with a media staff member by visiting www.ualibrary.org and clicking "Book a Librarian."

Halloween Surprise

The UA Library will have a Halloween surprise for kids while supplies last! Stop by during open hours the week of October 26.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Calendar details events that are tentatively scheduled to occur, but subject to postponement, adjustment or cancellation. Check our online event calendar for updates.

Get Fresh Farmers Market
4-7 pm, Wednesdays thru Sept 30
Tremont Pool Parking Lot, 2850 Tremont Rd
upperarlington@getfreshmarkets.org
Market logistics are modified to provide a safe environment, with pre-ordering/payment also available.

UACA Labor Neighbor Day
Sunday, Sept. 6 & Monday, Sept. 7
Hastings Middle School
UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org
This year's activities are spread over two days, with bike races Sunday morning, and the whiffle Ball Tournament and Home Run Derby on Monday.

Walking Tour of UA - Royce Built Homes
1-2 pm, Sunday, September 20
Meet at Jack Nicklaus Park
UA Historical Society | uahistory.org
Enjoy a tour of UA homes built in the 1930s-'40s by UA resident and architect, Robert R. Royce.

Cycle UA
October 9-11
Begins & ends at Northam Park
UA Parks & Recreation | parks.uaoh.net

altLDAF

UA Cultural Arts | upperarlingtonoh.gov/ldaf

Labor Day in UA is traditionally a day spent celebrating the arts. In lieu of the Festival, our Cultural Arts Division has a series of alternative arts activities planned:.

- The LDAF webpage features a slideshow of the artists who would have been in attendance this year, with links to their own websites if you are looking to purchase items.
- From September 4-13, portions of Northam Park will be artfully decorated for all to enjoy.
- Last but not least, enjoy our Tour des Arts, from 10 am-Noon on Monday, September 7, with UA artists showcasing or creating art in their front yards. Visit the LDAF webpage for details and a map of participating artists.



This year, Cycle UA is open over an entire weekend. Courses of 5-mile, 10-mile and 15-mile lengths are available. A Cycle UA T-shirt is included with registration, along with course map and ride packets with swag. Photo contest prizes will be awarded to those with best ride photos. Register by September 11 to receive a shirt, at parks.uaoh.net.

Fall Fest

1-5 pm, Sunday, October 4

Fancyburg Park

UA Parks & Recreation | 614-583-5300

Annual family event with a fall twist. Watch for a decision about this year's event by mid-September.

UACA Golden Bear Scare

October 13, 14, 15

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

UACA pulls out all the stops for a fright night to remember in Smith Nature Park. Check the UACA website for times and social distancing guidelines for this year's event. Free event.

Beggar's Night

TENTATIVE DATE:

6-8 pm, Thursday, October 29

Throughout UA neighborhoods

Watch for a recommendation/decision for Beggar's Night and the Police Division's Pumpkin Patrol in early October.