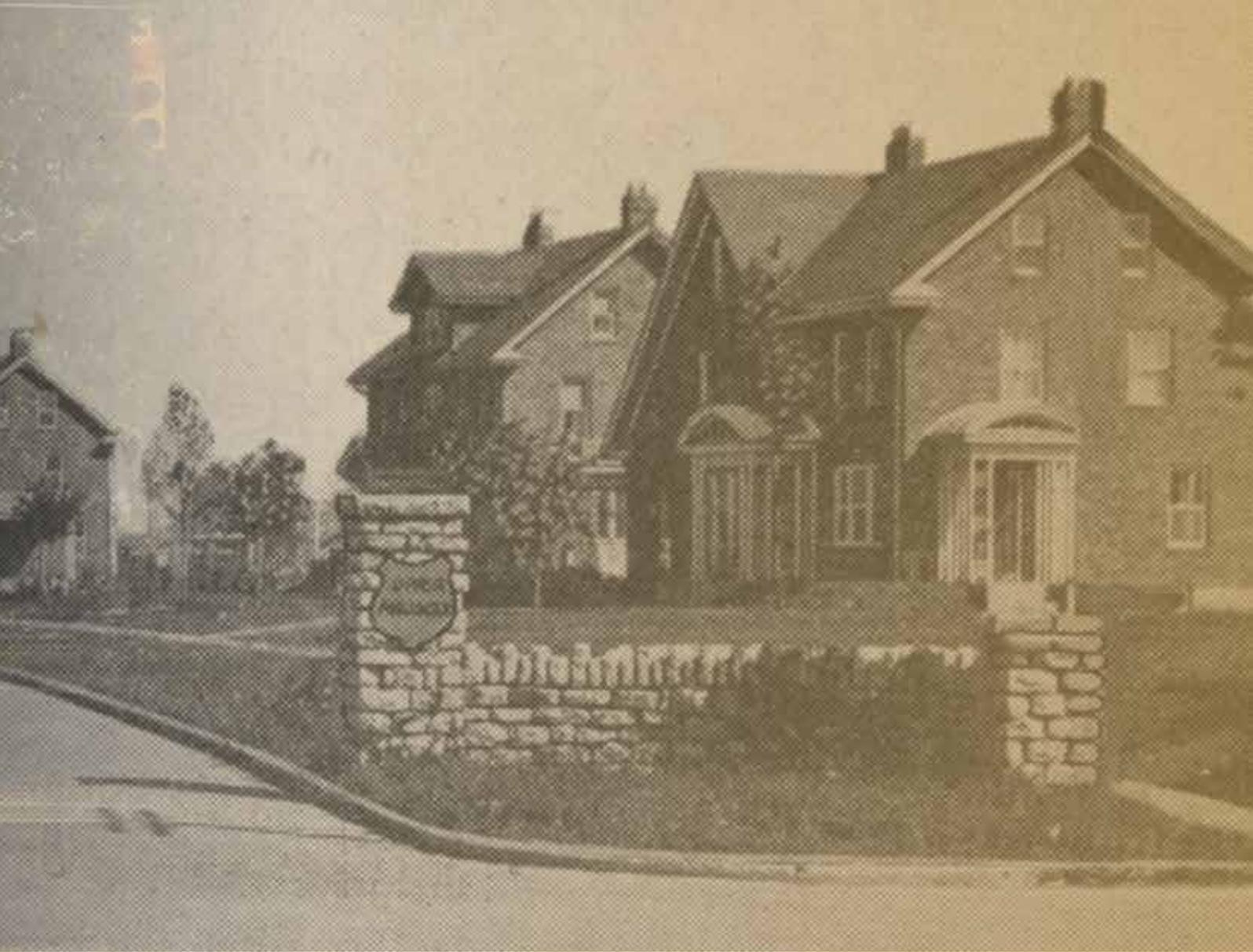


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On behalf of the members of the UA100 Centennial Task Force, welcome to the *Centennial Magazine*, and to the start of a year to remember!

Planning for Upper Arlington's 100th birthday has been an invigorating and fun endeavor for our team of some 30 volunteers, civic group and public entity representatives. Since work first began in 2014, a steering committee has overseen the efforts of several subcommittees, helping to shape a plentiful list of ideas into actionable projects and events, many of which are highlighted within these pages.

We hope we have been able to capture the essence of what makes Upper Arlington a unique and wonderful place to call home within the pages of *Centennial*. It's a home rich with history, filled with generations of families who have deep roots in their community. It's a place of many firsts, impressive accomplishments and an unparalleled sense of pride.

This special publication has been made possible thanks to a unique collaboration of willing partners. We connected with CityScene Media Group to develop the concept and the City of Upper Arlington was generous enough to make an initial investment in the project. Thereafter, an impressive list of community partners and area businesses pledged their support through the purchase of advertisements.

We also extend our sincere gratitude to Upper Arlington City Council and City Manager Ted Staton, who have supported and facilitated our efforts with the professional expertise of City Staff and the initial start-up funding needed to help bring our ideas to fruition.

We hope you enjoy the *Centennial Magazine*, and that it becomes one of your coffee table "go to" publications throughout Upper Arlington's Centennial year.

Sincerely,

Rich Simpson
Chair

Erik Yassenoff
Vice Chair

Charlie Groezinger
Legacy Projects Chair

MEET THE CENTENNIAL PLANNERS

Effectively planning for Upper Arlington's 100th birthday has been a team effort of epic proportions. Since 2014, an eager group of volunteers has been throwing the proverbial mud at the wall to identify, plan and implement a wide range of events, programs and legacy projects that would befit our wonderful community. Along the way, many residents have joined in the effort, guiding us as we created our Centennial logo, bringing us ideas we hadn't yet considered, and helping to shape our most exciting project—the Centennial Plaza and History Walk Legacy Project, destined for Northam Park.

Not Pictured: *Steve Blunk (UACA), Joanie Dugger (UA Education Foundation), Kip Greenhill (Upper Arlington City Council), Mary Ellen Hatch (Leadership UA), Megan Hoffman (formerly City of UA), Debbie Holstein, Georgia Kaltenbach, Estelle Scott (UA Senior Center), Emma Speight (City of UA/Communications Chair), Karen Truett (UA Schools)*



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ABOUT THE CENTENNIAL LOGO

An early goal of the Centennial planning group was to create a logo that would resonate with citizens. Jenny Ledman—a resident and graphic designer—kindly agreed to design the Centennial logo as a gift to the community.

In the fall of 2015, residents were invited to help identify the visual components of existing community logos that best represent UA, and to consider logos used for other cities' special celebrations. From this insight, Jenny created a design that captures the pride and spirit of Upper Arlington.

The Centennial logo is built around UA's Golden Bear, with a strong and simple color palette of black and gold, prominent text, a burst of fireworks in deference to UA's most popular community celebration—the Fourth of July—and featuring the tagline "A Cherished Past | A Golden Future."



Front Row (from left): Melanie Circle Brown (UA Historical Society), Brent Theaker (UACA), Rich Simpson (Chair), Charlie Groezinger (Legacy Projects Chair), Michele Hoyle (Finance Chair), Amy Schossler (UA Commission on Aging)
Middle Row: Jean Hayward, Kristin Devor, Sara Klein (UA Library), Jenn Faure (UA Library), Ron Johnson, Erik Yassenoff (Vice Chair), Ed Seidel (UA Historical Society), Debbie McLaughlin (City of UA)
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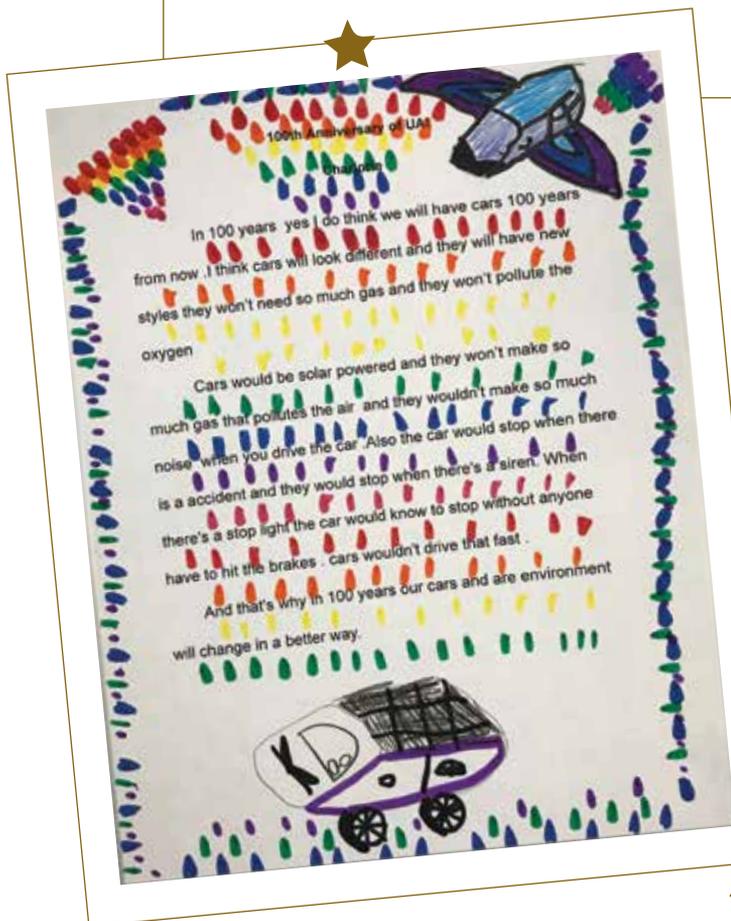
JENN FAURE

Enquiring minds seek insight of what lies ahead for Upper Arlington from a future generation of community leaders.

As we celebrate Upper Arlington's Centennial anniversary, it's interesting to think about what the next 100 years will bring. If you had asked our earliest residents what 2018 would be like, what would they have predicted? Would they have guessed that robots have enabled surgeons to do surgeries that would have been impossible at one time? Or that all of the major systems in the world run on computers? Or that we would have something called an iPhone? Most people probably wouldn't have believed it.

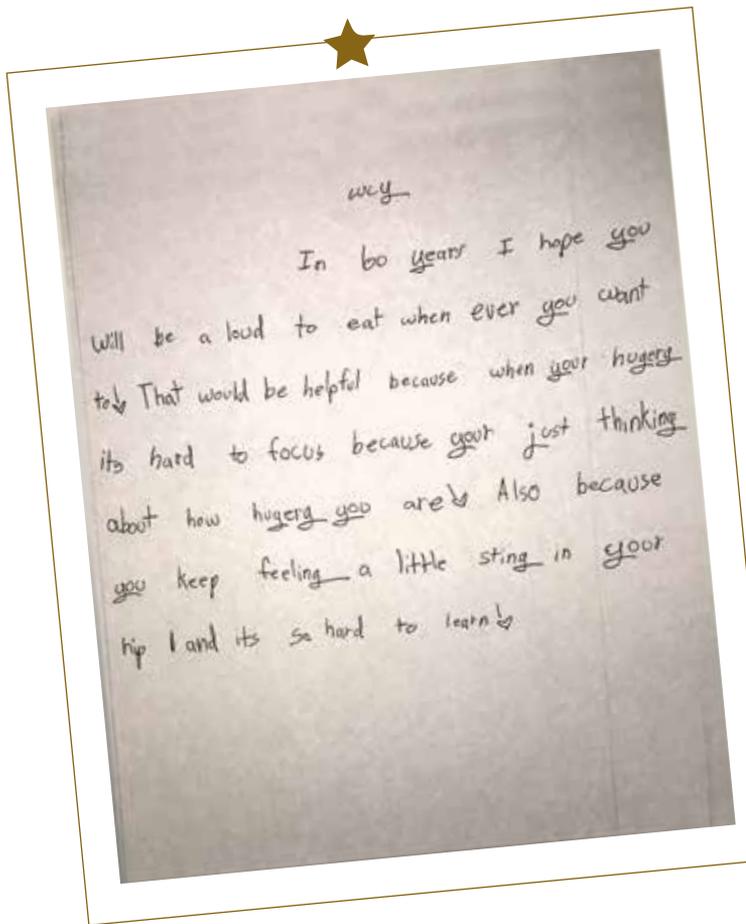
We decided to check in with some of our future leaders about what they think Upper Arlington will be like in 100 years. We asked third and fourth grade students at Windermere Elementary to consider the future and tell us what they think will happen in 100 years. We asked them what cars will be like, what houses will be like, what school will be like, what the UA community will be like and what inventions might come in the next 100 years.

Here and throughout the pages of the *Centennial Magazine*, we are sharing a sampling of their responses. To see all of their predictions as 2018 unfolds, follow the CityofUA on Facebook and look for an exhibit at the Upper Arlington Public Library in 2018.



“
In 100 years yes I do think we will have cars 100 years from now. I think cars will look different and they will have new styles they won't need so much gas and they won't pollute the oxygen. Cars would be solar powered and they won't make so much gas that pollutes the air and they wouldn't make so much noise when you drive the car. Also the car would stop when there is an accident and they would stop when there's a siren. When there's a stop light the car would stop without anyone have to hit the brakes. cars wouldn't drive that fast. And that's why in 100 years our cars and are environment will change in a better way.
”

CHARLOTTE



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In 100 years I hope you will be a loud to eat when ever you want to! That would be helpful because when your hugery its hard to focus because your just thinking about how hugery you are! Also because you keep feeling a little sting in your hip I and its so hard to learn!

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JANUARY

Monday, 22 **STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**
5-7:30 pm Municipal Services Center

FEBRUARY

Monday, 5 **STATE OF THE SCHOOLS**
6-7:30 pm UA High School
www.uaschools.org

Wednesday, 21 **UA STAGE - "ANYTHING GOES"**
4:30-9 pm UA High School Auditorium
www.uaca.org

Thursday, 22 **CENTENNIAL CRAFT BEER RELEASE**
Various www.uaoh100.org for locations

Enjoy the release of the "1918," an easy drinker that is handcrafted specifically for UA's Centennial by Combustion Brewery. This limited-edition Session IPA will have notes of floral hops and citrus fruit; the perfect combination of bitter and residual sweetness. Visit uaoh100.org for a complete list of restaurants, bars and tap rooms offering this limited edition brew.

Thurs-Sun, 22-25 **"ANYTHING GOES"**
7:30 pm T-Sat UA High School Auditorium
2:30 pm Sun www.uaschools.org

MARCH

Tuesday, 20 **CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY & LEGACY PROJECT CELEBRATION**
3:30-5:30 pm Tremont Library Atrium

Saturday, 24 **EASTER CANDY HUNT**
10 am Thompson Park
www.uaca.org

APRIL

Saturday, 7 **APRIL FOOL'S DAY BREAKFAST**
8-11 am Tremont Center
www.tremontcenter.com

Tuesday, 17 **FLOAT BUILDER'S WORKSHOP**
6-8 pm Municipal Services Center
www.uaca.org

The UA Civic Association's annual Float Builder's Workshop not only provides tips of the trade from old and new float builders, but introduces the parade theme and Grand Marshal. UACA offers reimbursement of up to \$500 for neighborhood floats and up to \$150 for service organization floats.

Wednesday, 18 **VOLUNTEER UA EXPO**
10 am-6 pm Tremont Library

April, 21-29 **UACA THE WALK**
Upper Arlington community
www.uaca.org

April, 22-27 **EARTH DAY TO ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**
www.uaoh100.org for sites

Saturday, 28 **TROLLEY TOUR**
9 am-4 pm Start at Tremont Center
www.uahistory.org

Saturday, 28 **NORTHAM PARK TENNIS OPEN HOUSE**
1-5 pm Northam Park Tennis Courts

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MAY

- Tuesday, 1** **SANDWICH STROLL**
10:30 am-Noon Sunny 95 Park
 - Friday, 4** **UACF RAISE THE ROOF**
7-11 pm Amelita Mirolo Barn
www.uacommunityfoundation.com
 - Wednesday, 16** **FARMERS' MARKET**
3-6 pm Senior Center
 - Saturday, 19** **SPRING FLING**
11 am-2 pm Sunny 95 Park
- With so many activities, you can't miss Parks & Recreation's Spring Fling. Explore one of UA's Public Service and safety vehicles with Touch A Truck, show off your angling skills in the Fishing Derby or bounce your way through the Inflatable Obstacle Course. Other fun activities include live music, arts & crafts and some friendly reptiles with the Turtle Lady.
- Sunday, 20** **WALL OF HONOR**
3-5 pm Municipal Services Center
 - Wednesday, 23** **FARMERS' MARKET**
3-6 pm Senior Center
 - Monday, 28** **UACA MEMORIAL DAY RUN**
9 am Reed Road Park
www.uaca.org
 - Wednesday, 30** **FARMERS' MARKET**
3-6 pm Senior Center

JUNE

- Wednesday, 6** **FARMERS' MARKET**
3-6 pm Senior Center
 - Thursday, 7** **MUSIC IN THE PARKS**
7-8:40 pm Sunny 95 Park
- In celebration of UA's Centennial Year, enjoy 100 minutes of music featuring a new style of music each week on Thursday nights this summer at the UA Arts Stage at the Amelita Mirolo Barn. For the summer's musical lineup, visit uaoh.net.
- Friday, 8** **MOVIE IN THE PARK**
Dusk Mountview Church
 - Wednesday, 13** **FARMERS' MARKET**
3-6 pm Senior Center
 - Thursday, 14** **MUSIC IN THE PARKS**
7-8:40 pm Sunny 95 Park
 - Friday, 15** **SWIM UNDER THE STARS**
7-10 pm Tremont Pool
 - Wednesday, 20** **FARMERS' MARKET**
3-6 pm Senior Center
 - Thursday, 21** **MUSIC IN THE PARKS**
7-8:40 pm Sunny 95 Park
 - Friday, 22** **MOVIE IN THE PARK**
Dusk Sunny 95 Park
 - Wednesday, 27** **FARMERS' MARKET**
3-6 pm Senior Center
 - Thursday, 28** **MUSIC IN THE PARKS**
7-8:40 pm Sunny 95 Park

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July 4, Party In The Parks



July 12, Summer Celebration

JULY

- Sunday, 1**
1-4 pm
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OPEN HOUSE
UA High School
www.bearalums.com
- Monday, 2**
7-8 pm
SONGS OF AMERICA
Miller Park
www.ualibrary.org
- Wednesday, 4**
9 am
FOURTH OF JULY PARADE
Northwest Blvd.
www.uaca.org
- Wednesday, 4**
5 pm
PARTY IN THE PARK
Northam Park
www.uaca.org
- Wednesday, 4**
7 pm
LEGACY UNVEILING
Northam Park
- Wednesday, 4**
10 pm
FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS
Northam Park
www.uaca.org

The Centennial Task Force wanted to gift the community with a lasting legacy, something that future generations can enjoy for years to come. Join them as they unveil the Centennial Plaza, featuring three bronze bear sculptures, and a 10-marker History Walk—adorned by trees and landscaping—providing a snapshot of Upper Arlington’s first 100 years.

- Thursday, 5**
7-8:40 pm
MUSIC IN THE PARKS
Sunny 95 Park
- Wednesday, 11**
3-6 pm
FARMERS’ MARKET
Senior Center
- Thursday, 12**
7-8:40 pm
MUSIC IN THE PARKS
Sunny 95 Park
- Thursday, 12**
6-9 pm
SUMMER CELEBRATION
Thompson Park
- Thursday, 12**
Dusk
MOVIE IN THE PARK
Thompson Park
- Wednesday, 18**
3-6 pm
FARMERS’ MARKET
Senior Center
- Thursday, 19**
7-8:40 pm
MUSIC IN THE PARKS
Sunny 95 Park
- Saturday, 21**
7-10 pm
SWIM UNDER THE STARS
Reed Road Water Park
- Wednesday, 25**
3-6 pm
FARMERS’ MARKET
Senior Center
- Friday, 27**
Dusk
MOVIE IN THE PARK
Thompson Park

There is nothing better on a hot, humid summer night than cooling off with an evening dip under the stars. Join us at Reed Road Water Park for a public night swim until 10 pm. Free admission after 7 pm.



Wednesdays 3-6 pm beginning May 16, Farmers' Market

AUGUST

Wednesday, 1 **FARMERS' MARKET**
3-6 pm Senior Center

Wednesday, 8 **FARMERS' MARKET**
3-6 pm Senior Center

Thursday, 9 **FUN DAY CARNIVAL**
6:30-7:30 pm Miller Park
www.ualibrary.org

Thursday, 10
Dusk

MOVIE IN THE PARK
Thompson Park

Wednesday, 15
3-6 pm

FARMERS' MARKET
Senior Center

Wednesday, 22
3-6 pm

FARMERS' MARKET
Senior Center

Wednesday, 29
3-6 pm

FARMERS' MARKET
Senior Center

Join the Upper Arlington Library at the Miller Park Branch for some old-fashioned games like a book walk, duck pond, bean bag toss, facepainting and parachute play. Test your skills with the carnival games to win a variety of prizes. Don't miss this great end of summer outdoor event.



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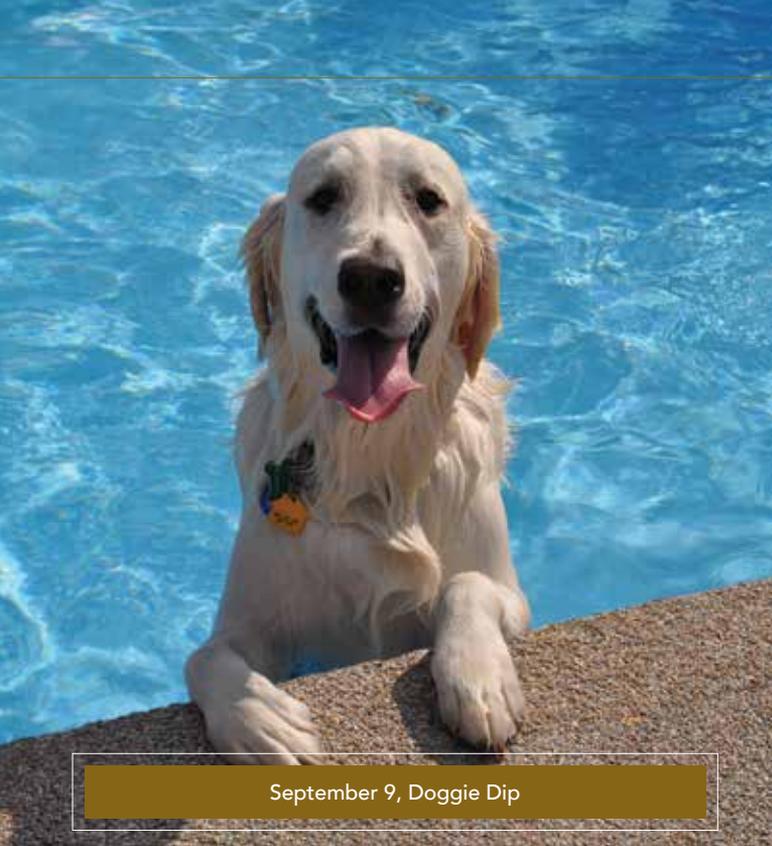


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September 9, Doggie Dip



November 30, Winter Festival

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, 2 **GOLDEN BEAR BASH**
 6:30-11 pm Tremont Center
www.goldenbearbash.com

The Golden Bear Bash is a fundraiser to support the UA Education Foundation's mission of "Enhancing What Matters Most." The evening includes live music, food from over 20 surrounding restaurants, multiple bars serving your favorite drinks and many great live and silent auction items. Advance registration & fee apply.

Monday, 3 **LABOR DAY ARTS FESTIVAL**
 10 am-4 pm Northam Park

Monday, 3 **UACA LABOR NEIGHBOR DAY**
 8:30 am Tremont Elementary School
 & Hastings Middle School
www.uaca.org

Wednesday, 5 **FARMERS' MARKET**
 3-6 pm Senior Center

Sunday, 9 **DOGGIE DIP**
 Noon-3 pm Reed Road Water Park

Wednesday, 12 **FARMERS' MARKET**
 3-6 pm Senior Center

Wednesday, 19 **FARMERS' MARKET**
 3-6 pm Senior Center

Wednesday, 26 **FARMERS' MARKET**
 3-6 pm Senior Center

OCTOBER

Sunday, 14 **FALL FEST**
 1-5 pm Fancyburg Park

Tuesday, 16-18 **GOLDEN BEAR SCARE**
 6:30-9 pm Smith Park
www.uaca.org

Saturday, 27 **TROLLEY TOUR**
 9 am-4 pm Tremont Center
www.uahistory.org

NOVEMBER

Sunday, 4 **CENTENNIAL CYCLE**
 1-4 pm Amelita Mirolo Barn

Enjoy a family bike ride through Upper Arlington with stops built in featuring entertainment and snacks. Start and finish the tour at the Amelita Mirolo Barn. Advance registration and fee apply. For more details, please visit uaoh.net.

Friday, 30 **WINTER FESTIVAL**
 6-8:30 pm Mallway

DECEMBER

Saturday, 1 **UA LIBRARY HOLIDAY HAPPINESS**
 10 am - 2 pm Tremont Library
www.ualibrary.org

A BRIEF HISTORY OF UA

JARED NYHART

A century after the Thompson brothers settled on the 840-acre site east of Columbus that would become the beginnings of Upper Arlington, the idealistic vision the two brothers had for this picturesque community still resonates today.

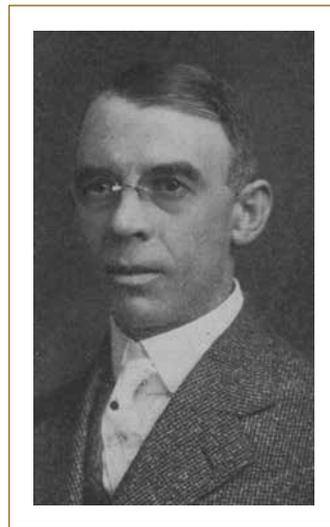
One cannot discuss the history of Upper Arlington without beginning at the Miller Farm, purchased in 1859 by Dr. Henry Miller and his wife, Almeda. The Millers, affluent and civic-minded, relocated from the heart of Columbus to a country estate overlooking the Scioto River as a promise to their son James—if he recovered from typhoid fever, they would buy him anything he desired. The son only wanted a farm.

Ten years later, James T. Miller married Esther Everitt in 1869, his parents returned to downtown Columbus and the newlyweds took over the farm, raising their eight children over the next three decades. By 1913, the immaculate 900-acre estate and 22-bedroom mansion had become a burden to maintain, requiring dozens of hired hands who also needed housing. So, James sought a solution, asking his physician, Dr. J.A. Van Fossen, for recommendations. Dr. Fossen knew the perfect buyer—King Thompson.

King Thompson, a Georgetown, Ohio native, moved to Columbus in 1897 to study at The Ohio State University, leaving home with nothing but a horse and wagon. In the following years, he was joined by his younger brother, Ben, and the two started the King Thompson Company, helping transform neighborhoods that included parts of Clintonville, Beechwood and Grandview. After Dr. Van Fossen's introduction, the Thompsons made a deal to purchase 840 acres from James T. Miller on Christmas Eve, 1913.



Ben Thompson



King Thompson

leading into recently harvested fields. Over the next couple years, the Scioto Country Club and a half-dozen new homes were built. The King Thompson Company started marketing the new subdivision as the Country Club District—a nod to the development in Kansas City upon which it was based, “giving opportunity for spacious grounds for permanently protected homes, surrounded with

ample space for air and sunshine.” But the start of Upper Arlington was not without struggles.

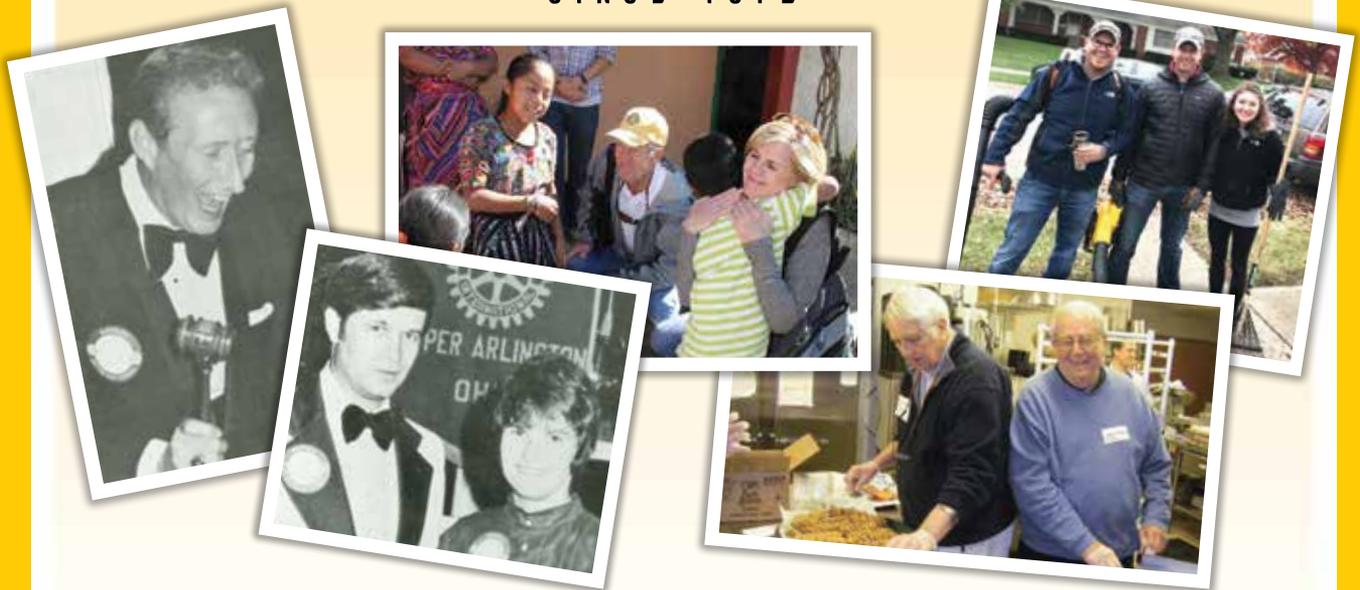
King Thompson quickly began laying the groundwork for his vision of transforming the rolling, partly wooded farmland into 2,500 lots. He hired architect William Pitkin, Jr. of Rochester, New York, whose design respected the natural contours of the land, creating open spaces and wide streets. No provisions were made for industrial sites—only a few acres for offices and retail shops. And in August of 1914, a team of horses cut a new street north from Fifth Avenue,

On June 18, 1916, a presidential decree gave Ohio Governor Frank Willis authority to seize a site where Ohio National Guardsmen could set up base and train for the possibility that more of the Mexican Revolution would cross into the United States. Governor Willis thought the Country Club District was the perfect spot for Ohio's National Guardsmen, based on the high ground, easy drainage and ready access to Columbus.

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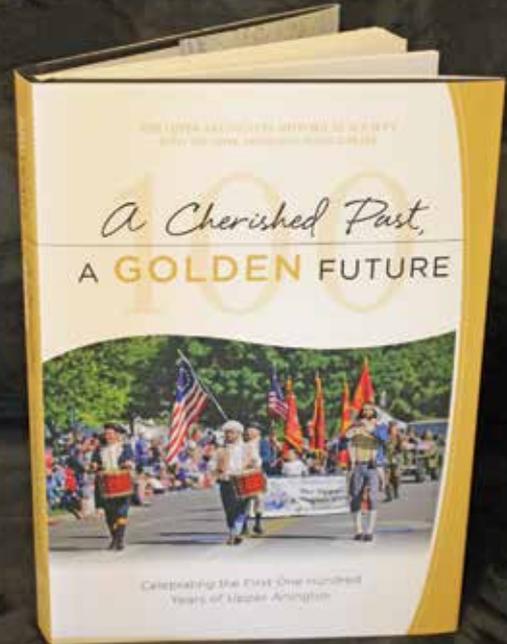
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Camp Willis was built with commandeered lumber from future homes, the area was pitted with latrines and incoming trucks destroyed freshly graded streets. After three months of training, the soldiers were declared ready and Camp Willis was vacated on September 9, 1916. Federal and state officials quickly began to fight over the repayment of the \$200,000 that had been spent on the construction of Camp Willis. King Thompson Company's exact losses were not recorded, but roads were damaged, sewer and gas lines destroyed, and King Thompson eventually collected about half of what he was owed—\$46,000. But the brothers cut their losses, pressed forward and a year after the soldiers' departure, more than 50 houses were either occupied or under construction.



First Village Council: Courtesy UA Archives, Upper Arlington Historical Society, and Esther Miller

The Thompson brothers understood their vision required more than houses, streets and sewer systems. The community needed a form of government. On March 20, 1918, the Village of Upper Arlington was officially incorporated. In June, the 200 residents elected their first leaders under a mayor-council form of government. James T. Miller, owner of the Miller Farm, was elected the first mayor, along with a treasurer, clerk, six commissioners and a health officer. With adoption of a village charter in 1919, the form of government transitioned to a commission.

Upper Arlington's government quickly started taking shape. The Upper Arlington Commission appointed a building inspector in 1925, and formed a Board of Zoning and Planning in 1927 to respond to residents' requests for zoning variances. These new additions upheld the Thompsons' vision, regulating height of buildings, construction and open spaces.

Upper Arlington became a city in 1941, once its population exceeded 5,000. The population almost doubled again in the next decade. In 1956, citizens voted to amend the City Charter, adopting a council-

manager form of government—which remains in place today—with the first two women elected to serve on a seven-member City Council. By 1970, Upper Arlington was home to approximately 39,000 residents, peaking at about 42,000 by 1976.

As the community grew, so did its safety forces. The commission established its first police force in 1921, hiring one day and two nighttime officers. Ten years later, the village bought its first two police cruisers. A year after the police force was established, a resolution was passed to pay the City of Columbus \$250 per run for fire protection. In 1929, residents approved a plan to build a municipal building at 2095 Arlington Avenue, to house village officials, police and an independent Fire Division—by 1972, this facility was transformed to Fire Station 71, while other municipal functions moved to 3600 Tremont Road, upon completion of the Municipal Services Center. Today—with 49 police officers and 53 fire/EMS personnel—Upper Arlington's safety services do more than just protect. Creating programs such as STAY UA, Safety Town and Kind Call, they assist and educate residents with a wealth of safety considerations.

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As the decades passed, Upper Arlington grew not only in population, but also its physical size. In 1954 and 1955, the two largest parcels were annexed, nearly doubling the City's land mass. While growth represented progress, City leaders understood it should be a thoughtful process, creating the City's first Master Plan in 1962. A key element of this Master Plan was a recommendation that the population should not exceed 45,000, to preserve its "distinctive identity."

With few opportunities remaining to expand the city's footprint and a population experiencing a slight decline, 40 years on the City embarked on a major Master Plan update process, with the new plan adopted in 2001. With just five percent of the land zoned for commercial use, finding ways to maximize the business districts' revenue generating potential were a critical priority. The Master Plan provided the framework for encouraging commercial redevelopment that would meet city goals, while also preserving and enhancing the community's beloved residential nature. Per a directive of the 2001 Master Plan, the document was revisited after 10 years, with an updated version completed in 2013. In recent years, the city has experienced significant transformations in the Lane Avenue and Kingsdale commercial districts—while managing to respect and preserve surrounding neighborhoods—expanding amenities for residents and growing critical revenue sources to support the schools and the city.



Left to Right: Fire Station #71 at the Mallway Business District; Municipal Services Center

As Upper Arlington neared the milestone of its first century, it was increasingly clear that important infrastructure, such as roads, water and sewer lines, and public facilities, were aging and falling into disrepair. In November 2014, voters approved an income tax increase of 1/2%, with the resulting revenues dedicated to addressing the backlog of capital needs. The city expanded its Capital improvement Program from seven to 10 years, with \$113 million in investments identified within the first plan, setting the community back on a sustainable path for maintenance and replacements. In the first four years of implementation, more than \$42 million has been reinvested, with noticeable results. Tremont Road best represents this shift in focus, transformed in 2015 and 2016 into a tree-lined, pedestrian and bicycle-friendly main street worthy of our community.

As envisioned by the Thompson brothers, open spaces and parks have been a vital component of the community throughout its history. In 1921, tennis courts and playground equipment were opened to the public at Miller Park. In 1928, the first swimming pool opened its doors, at a reported cost of \$16,500. Growth of the parks system was sporadic during the first 50 years. Northam Park was created in 1946, with the original Tremont Pool built in 1955. Thompson Park (formally Lane Road Park) was created in 1960, on acreage that had been purchased by the Board of Education for a proposed second high school. And in 1973, the City purchased farmland from Benn Blinn along Kioka Avenue that became Fancyburg Park, named after his wife's pet name for Upper Arlington. Most recently, in 2010 the City created Sunny 95 Park, thanks to a gift/purchase agreement

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with a neighboring radio station of the same name. Subsequently, in 2011 the City accepted a gift of the Amelita Mirolo Barn rental facility at the park, the result of a signature fundraising effort of the Upper Arlington Community Foundation. Today, as we prepare for the next century, the City's Parks & Recreation Department is charting its roadmap for the coming decades, through a comprehensive planning process.

One hundred years on, this community of approximately 34,000 residents has much to celebrate. Location, excellent schools, beautiful

neighborhoods, a unique sense of community and pride, and an exquisite natural environment. The work of the past decade to plan for the next century has set us on an exciting path for continued success that is sure reflect the sentiments and hopes of our founding fathers.

We have just touched on some highlights of Upper Arlington's rich history here, pulling from the Upper Arlington Historical Society's new history book, *100: A Cherished Past, A Golden Future*. See page 16 for purchase details.



Baseball Game, 1918



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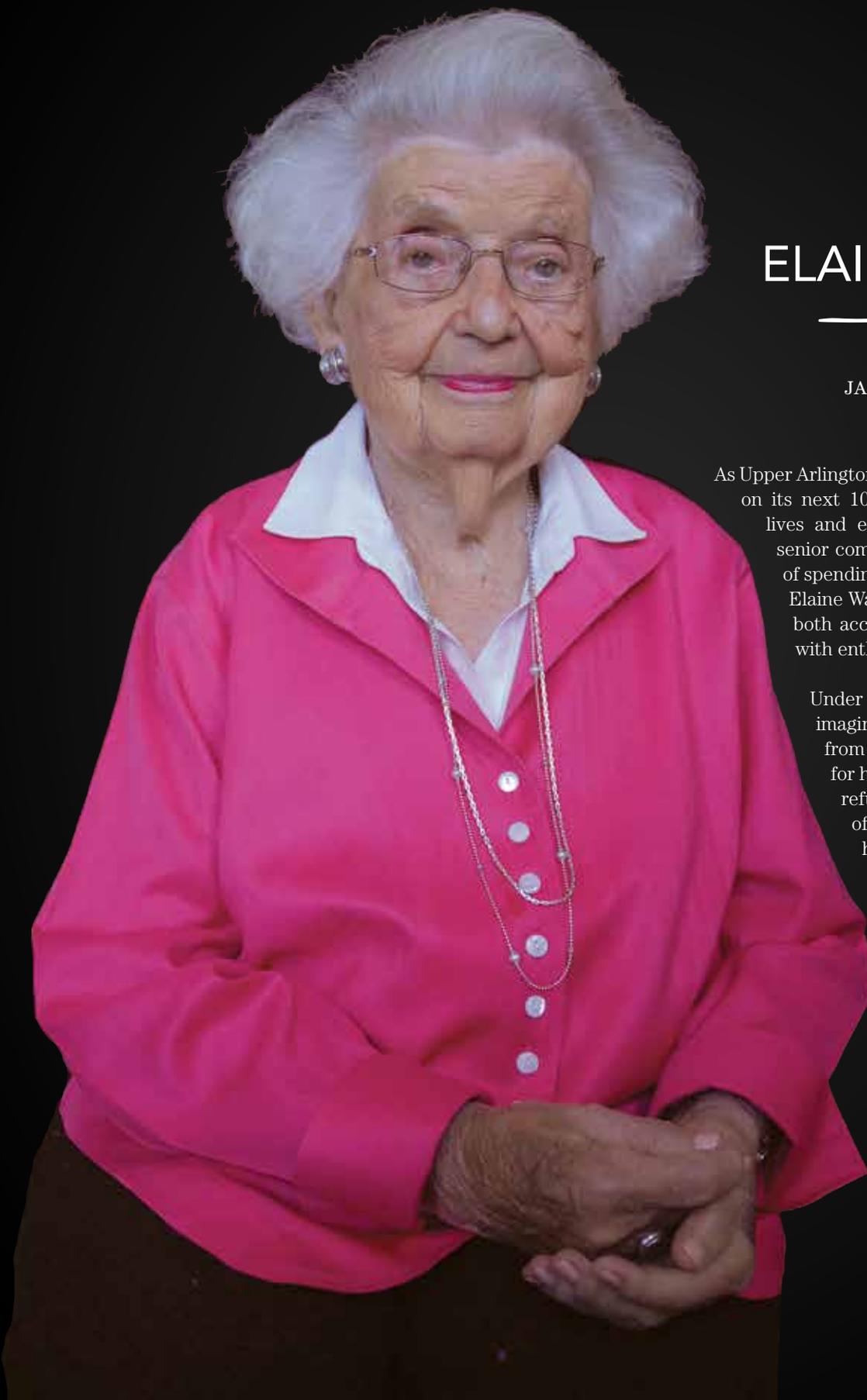
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ELAINE WALTER

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As Upper Arlington ends its first century and embarks on its next 100 years, we wondered about the lives and experiences of some of our most senior community members. I had the honor of spending time with two such individuals—Elaine Walter and William “Bill” Blaine, who both accepted my request of an interview with enthusiasm.

Under first impressions, I would have not imagined that the woman who sat across from me faced challenges such as caring for her blind husband. Or a woman who refuses to stop giving back regardless of age by making sandwiches for the homeless every week. She has no complaints, only gratitude for the community she has called home for more than 60 years.

To start, can you tell us a little about yourself? My name is Elaine Walter, and I will be 97 years old in a week. It's a little frightening. I have four children, 10 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren.

I've lived in Upper Arlington since 1955. My husband and I moved here from Mansfield, Ohio. We lived in the last house on Northwest Boulevard. The OSU Marching Band would come and play at our Fourth of July party. People would come up to me and thank me for months after the party was over. It was hard work to throw a party of that size but it was worth it.

What were some of the first memories or impressions you had when you moved to Upper Arlington? There were only a couple homes in Upper Arlington when we moved here. It was so much smaller. But one of the first memories I had was our first house was stucco, and at the time I hated stucco, but I grew to love that house. It was our home. Upper Arlington was a close community. There wasn't a division. It didn't matter how much or how little money a person had. We were a large family. Families grew up together, and their kids were friends, and their kids' kids were friends.

It sounds like you were a very active member of the community, can you tell me some of the activities you enjoy? I'm in a couple bridge clubs. One of the clubs, we've been getting together since I moved here in 1955. I used to be the President of the Women's Club of St. Agatha. I still make sandwiches for the homeless at St. Agatha's. We make 225 sandwiches in 40 minutes. It's probably one of the most rewarding things I do because it feeds so many people.

Can you tell me about some of the challenges you have personally faced? I would say one of the biggest challenges personally, would have been when my husband lost his eyesight a couple years after we moved to Upper Arlington. So, I would drive my husband to his meetings—he was a food broker and one of his clients was Big Bear and so I was one of the first ladies in Big Bear's office. That was something that didn't happen back then. Ladies weren't involved in business. There's a lot to learn when you have someone that is handicapped, and you're lucky if they take it like my husband did. He didn't let it phase him.

What is something you've seen change over the years in Upper Arlington since you moved here? I think the money that everybody seems to have. People didn't spend money like that when I moved here. I always ask myself "where did everyone get all of this?" It is much different than it was, but that sense of community is still here. It's still a wonderful place to raise your children. There's no better place than Arlington. It's just home to me and always has been.

One piece of advice to the future generation, what would it be? I would tell them to stay with their family. Your family is the most important.

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HOMES THROUGH THE DECADES

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With 34,000 residents and covering an area of 9.77 miles, Upper Arlington has a wealth of history in its homes that could fill an entire book. We, however, will be taking a bird's eye view, picking one home per decade to highlight.



1910s - BEDFORD ROAD

King Thompson sold the first home site in an unconventional way—he dared someone. That someone was Frank J. Bornhauser who handled sales for the Federal Garment Company. Frank and Lucile Ford Bornhauser's home on Bedford Road was the first completed house in 1915.

In the November 1917 *Norwester Magazine*, an early community publication, Frank was described as someone who, "liked a challenge, but he liked a good gamble even more."

In the article, Frank conceded that he liked being a pioneer, stating, "We were the first to come out here—would be the last to think of leaving. It's a good place to live. Plenty of sunshine, pure air, and democratic neighbors, and the soil lends itself readily to the cultivation of fine lawns and thrifty shrubbery—if you are willing to do your share of the work and not leave it all to the good Lord."

The Bornhausers had a son, Jack. Lucile's mother, Susan Ford, lived with them. They sold the house

in 1921, and over the next decades a handful of different families called it home.

Jan Kelley Stafford moved into the house in 1994, with her husband, Michael, and their blended family of six children. They were aware of the home's historic status, but its selling point was size and location. They expanded onto the back and added two bedrooms to their third floor for a total of six bedrooms. The yard is large, and they are across the street from a park and within walking distance of Barrington Elementary and Jones Middle schools.

The house retains its historic charm. The original windows are eight panes over two panes. The entryway has two front doors, an outer and an inner one, with a covered space between the two to sit and stay out of the elements.

Mr. Bornhauser would be pleased to see the beautiful flowers and bountiful vegetable garden that Jan maintains today, complete with stone paver seating area for outdoor gatherings.

HOMES THROUGH THE DECADES

1920s - TREMONT ROAD

William Grieves was Upper Arlington's third mayor when his home on Tremont Road was completed in 1923. It was his second UA residence, the first being at 2094 Edgemont Road. Both houses are attributed to architect Charles Inscho, the first president of the Columbus chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

For many years, the imposing stone house was the only one on Tremont Road adjacent to Scioto Country Club's golf course. The original front of the house overlooks the golf course—at that time a paved carriage path ran between the two.



Mr. Grieves was secretary of Jeffrey Manufacturing Company. He and his wife, Martha, were actively involved in the community. Their grand home, with golf course views and a third-floor ballroom was a natural spot for social, educational and philanthropic events.

Martha died in 1928 and William left in 1930, selling the home to Frank and Constance Dawson. The house stayed in the Dawson family for 84 years, until Linda and Michael Stickney purchased it in 2014 from their son, Nate Dawson.

Linda and Michael had lived on Arlington Avenue. “Both houses are in the same vein—historic with great character,” Michael notes. “The Dawson’s house was in mostly original condition. The only thing we could tell was that the kitchen had been changed, probably in the 1950s,” he added.

“Certainly the whole underlying premise of investing in a house like this and bringing it back to its original

state is to share it with the community,” Michael says, adding that they see their home as an investment and a venue for supporting causes close to their hearts, such as animal welfare and young adult leadership.

The sizeable task of renovating the home was one for which they are well suited. Michael has a passion for preservation, with much of his professional life spent restoring properties in areas like the Short North, Italian Village and German Village. He notes Linda’s passion for interior design, and says they pooled their combined experience over a 2-1/2-year period.

The Stickneys converted the small 1950s, galley-style kitchen into a small library, built out with black walnut. A new kitchen and family room were added to the back, complementing the grandeur and scale of the home. They used original stone from the back of the garage to renovate the Tremont Road exterior to make it more like the “old” front of the house.

HOMES THROUGH THE DECADES

1930s - ROXBURY ROAD

In 1914, the first street in The Country Club District—which was to become the Village of Upper Arlington—was Roxbury Road. By 1930, two adjacent lots on the east side of the street—between 5th Avenue and Concord Road—were still undeveloped. Owned by Carl B. Harrop, who lived on Coventry Road with his wife Daisy, it wasn't until 1935 that he sold one of the lots to Donald W. Riley and his wife, Martha. Don was an instructor at The Ohio State University (OSU) Department of Speech, working toward a PhD.

In February of 1936, architect R.R. Royce presented Mr. Riley with a quote to build a two-story brick home with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths. The total was \$8,774.85 for the house and \$569.00 for the detached garage. To insulate the house, the Rileys would need to pay an additional \$171.00.



By all accounts the Rileys preferred to keep to themselves. One neighbor child remembers running home to tell his mother, “Dr. Riley finally spoke to me!” When asked what he had said, the boy told her, “I asked him if he would like to buy some seed packets and he said no.”

Don Riley passed away in 1989, and Martha sold the house to newlyweds Melanie and Kevin Brown in 1993. The house was in need of extensive repairs, with damage to the ceiling and floor of the living room from an upstairs pipe which had burst. The Browns installed air conditioning and remodeled the galley-style kitchen.

An addition was completed in 2000, which added a master bedroom and bath, kitchen, a finished lower level, and

Don Riley became a full professor at OSU, and was active in the English Speaking Union. Neighbors remember the Riley's entertaining minor members of the English royal family in their home. They never had children and travelled extensively, particularly enjoying trips to Mexico and Guatemala.

repurposed existing rooms. The addition provided plenty of space for their growing family of three children.



Upper Arlington Annexation Timeline

1918 1920s 1930s

HOMES THROUGH THE DECADES

1940s - BERWYN ROAD

In 1941, Dr. James Flanigan and his wife, Elizabeth (Libby) built a home on Berwyn Road. Their oldest child, Sheila, was three and a second child, Tim, was born shortly thereafter. Jim had a private dental practice in the Beggs Building downtown and Libby taught at the School for the Deaf. Proximity to work was one reason for choosing to build here, and Jim was a devout Catholic, so being close to St. Agatha Church and school were contributing factors.

The Flanigans had a pet duck named Paddles. When they left home he would watch them from his perch on top of a woodpile in the backyard. When they went to church on Sundays, Paddles was known to walk in through the open doors of the church looking for them.



Debra Hadley is Sheila's daughter. Although she grew up in Santa Fe, New Mexico, her family visited in the summers. She remembers cookouts and backyard parties with neighbors. Her grandfather had built a shuffleboard court and a large grill that were part of the backyard entertainment.

By 1993, both Flanigans had passed away and the home was in a trust. Sheila was preparing it for sale when Debra and her husband, Fred Hadley, learned they were expecting their first child. Sheila asked if they would like to buy the house. Initially this was not even a consideration, but once their child was born, "We completely changed our minds and thought that Upper Arlington and the Berwyn Road neighborhood would be the perfect place for us to raise our family," says Debra.

The Hadleys moved into the home in June 1996. They added about 900 square feet bringing it to just under 3,000 square feet. "We tore off the back of the house

and, on the first floor, gutted and rebuilt the kitchen, added an informal dining area, family room, pantry, 1/2 bath, and 1st floor laundry. Upstairs we remodeled a bathroom, enlarged the master bedroom, and added a new master bath and two closets," Debra says.

Debra recalls her grandmother's love of gardening. "Despite all the changes we've made to the landscaping, one of the original varieties, the Resurrection Lily, continues to come back year after year which is remarkable considering she passed away in 1990!"

The reasons Debra gives for moving to the neighborhood are the same her grandparents must have felt in choosing to build there, "Proximity to everything that matters to us, easy access to all of the schools our kids have attended, convenience to Northam Park and the UA Library, close to downtown, great restaurants, good shopping options, close to Scioto Country Club, as well as wonderful friends and neighbors," she observes, adding, "Who could ask for more?"

HOMES THROUGH THE DECADES

1950s - CANTERBURY VILLAGE

The idea for the Canterbury Village community began in 1947, when a group of friends were looking for homes in the years after WWII. King Thompson's Arlington Ridge Company had a nine-acre property northeast of the Canterbury Road and Riverside Drive intersection. His son, Victor—an architect—envisioned a neighborhood of 16 homes built around a central park. With friends Bill Randall, John Seidel, and Bob Morris, incorporation papers for Canterbury Village were drawn up.

According to *The History of Canterbury Village*, development guidelines followed these basic concepts:

- Homes would have smaller yards but central park areas for kids to play and neighbors to gather
- Kitchen windows would face the park so moms could keep track of the kids
- There would be no fences, sidewalks, street lights or overhead power lines (this proved too expensive, so lines were not buried)

The lots were \$600 and the homes cost less than \$10,000.00. All were ranch houses, with a common theme of redwood and stone.

Dorothy Garvin Tonjes moved to the Village in 1949 when she was in 1st grade. “Canterbury Village was a unique place to grow up—all the parents knew each other and were friends,” Dotty recalls, describing it as a very family-centered and wholesome environment.

Dotty knew the layout of each home, either from playing or babysitting in them. She notes parents had various methods to call the kids home. “There were dinner bells, cow bells, whistles, and shouting your name from the front porch. If you didn't hear it, someone else would and send you on your way before you got into trouble for being late.”

When the kids tired of playing in their central park, adventure could be found in all directions. North of the Village were the Miles Drive-In Theater and horse trails from Jimmy Duros' riding stable located on Clifton Road. There were ravines to the east and south and the River Road to the west.

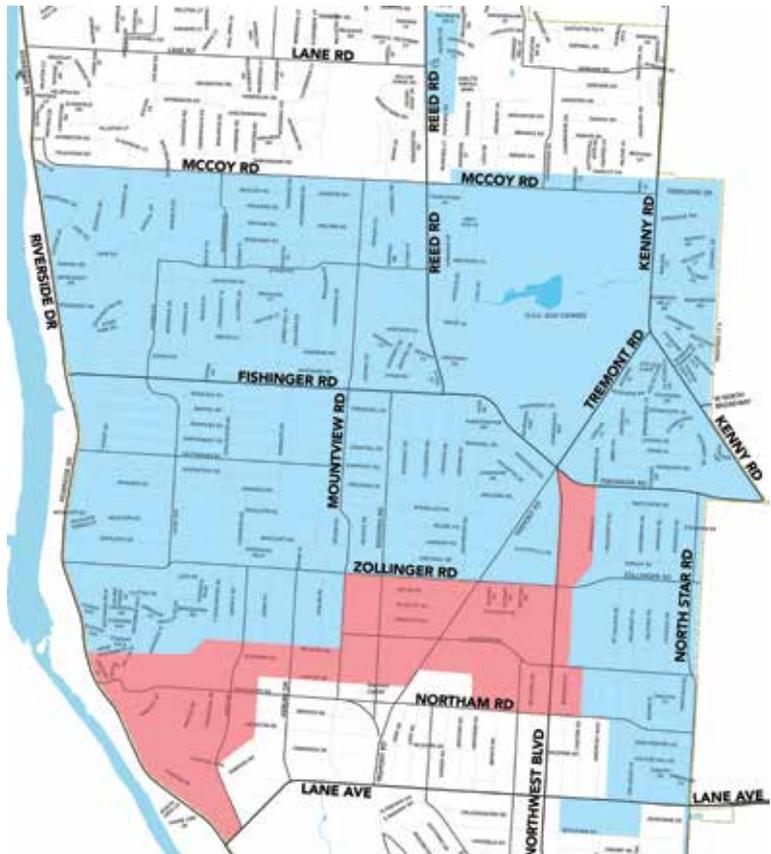
“It seems like every Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day, there was a potluck party in the park with everyone hauling over card tables, chairs, and their favorite dishes to share,” Dotty recalls, adding that the food was “the best you ever had.”

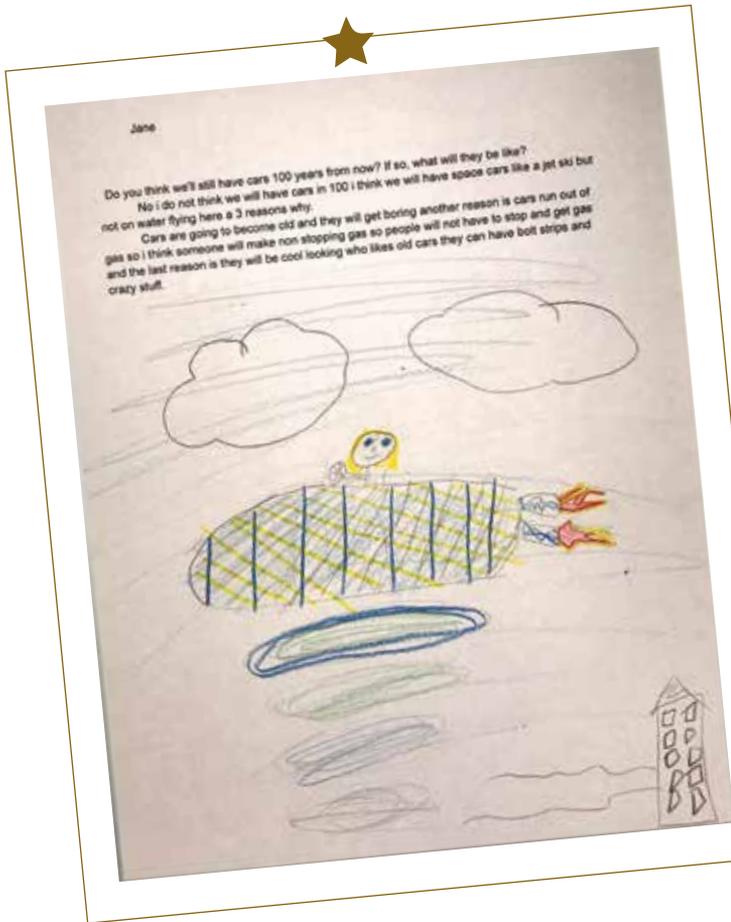


Courtesy of Canterbury Village Kids

Upper Arlington Annexation Timeline

1940s 1950s





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1960s - TROUVILLE

When Priscilla Mead decided to downsize, she knew she wanted to stay in UA. Growing up and rearing her own children here, plus serving the community as its first female mayor, her roots run deep.

She was looking for a home that was “cozy and had architectural interest.” She learned of a Trouville home coming on the market and her real estate agent granddaughter lost no time arranging to see it. “My granddaughter entered through the back door and met me at the front. As she opened the front door for me she smiled and said, “This is it, Grammy.”

Trouville Condominiums celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2016. It was the first condominium community in Central Ohio. The developers—Jim Jentgen and Bill Sheaf—wanted to provide smaller retirement housing for residents and empty nesters. They initially proposed building two, 16-story apartment buildings. Residents in Westwood Acres—a neighborhood of split-level homes situated to the south—objected, and that plan was abandoned.



Around the same time, the City was looking for a site for a new municipal center. Northam Park had been proposed, but met with opposition. Jentgen and Sheaf suggested the Kenny/Tremont ‘point’ of their parcel. The City agreed, bought the land, and ultimately constructed the UA Municipal Services Center in 1972.

The partners changed their plan and introduced the condominium concept to the Columbus area. They chose a French theme and traveled to France for inspiration. Designed by architects Urban and Calabretta, the units were unique. Stone and copper were used on exteriors, streets were built with superior materials, and authentic street lamps were purchased from a private collector.

Initially, the two developers struggled to sell the concept, so they decided to rent the units as luxury

apartments. There was resistance to this idea as well and the developers said they encountered an attitude of, ‘if you rent, you can’t afford to own.’

A fortuitous event in the early 1970s was a tipping point—Borden Company’s move to Columbus. People transferring from New York, accustomed to high rents and housing costs, gobbled up the luxury apartments. With two-thirds of Trouville yet to develop, the partners built “flats” and launched sales of condominium units. The condominium concept at last caught on.

Asked what she likes best about Trouville, Priscilla says it is the intimacy and village feel. “A nice way to describe Trouville would be ‘a gated community without the gate.’”

HOMES THROUGH THE DECADES

1970s - SANDOVER ROAD

Alan and Jackie Yarleets were newly married when they began looking for a home. Many factors played into the decision to buy in UA. Jackie had grown up here, had family here, and was a teacher at Windermere Elementary. Alan had been affiliated with UA schools since 1975. They wanted a home for a family, and the schools, safe neighborhoods and location made the decision easy.

Working with realtor Milt Lustnauer, the Yarleets looked all over. He told the realtor, “I don’t care if the house is \$1 million or \$150,000, here’s what we can pay monthly.” Interest rates were a daunting 16.5%.



Photo courtesy of Milt Lustnauer

Their search led them to a Sandover Road home built by Duffy Homes in 1979. The first homeowner only lived there 2-1/2 years, so it was practically new and had more than they had seen with other options—four bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths and a screened-in porch. “We loved it, but we didn’t think we could afford it,” Alan says. “It was \$143,500, which seems low now, but back then seemed a lot to us.” However, a 10% assumable loan meant an affordable monthly payment.

The Yarleets raised two sons in the home, with plenty of children in the neighborhood. “Our sons attended Windermere, but open school enrollment meant there were many schools represented on our street,” Alan remembers, adding, “but when they got home from school it wasn’t ‘my school is better than yours’ it was, ‘hey, what do you want to play?’ Just kids playing with kids.”

The neighborhood has two components: Slate Run Village which spans from Coach Road to Burbank Drive, and Wellington Woods, running from Burbank Road to the Sandover cul-de-sac, including Stonehaven.

The Yarleets eventually removed the screened-in porch and added a den and fireplace and finished the lower level as a hangout place for their sons.

The Yarleets remain sold on the location. After 34 years, they sold their home and purchased a ranch condominium about 200 yards away in Concord Village. “We waited 10 years for one of them to come available,” Alan says.

Both sons are grown, but things are coming full circle. Their eldest is married with one child, and has returned to the area with hopes to move to UA for the schools.

HOMES THROUGH THE DECADES

1980s - CONCORD VILLAGE

In 1983, the BIA Parade of Homes was held in Concord Village, which lies west of Dierker Road and east of Northwest Kiwanis Park. It is noted for its careful planning and zoning, which resulted in a blend of housing—single family and townhomes—and office sites, with brick streets. The land was annexed to the City in 1960.

Steve Sandbo has lived in two homes in Concord Village. The first was one of the original condominiums, built by Duffy Homes in 1984 on Sandston Road. After two years, he and his wife, Jill, bought a lot on Pleasant Valley Drive, which backs up to Northwest Kiwanis Park. In 1989, they constructed their current home.



Both Steve and Jill know UA well. Steve grew up south of Lane Road on Wimbledon Road, and Jill has lived here since 5th grade. Concord Village was convenient for their three children to get to their respective schools. They also loved their proximity to Northwest Kiwanis Park.

One amenity Steve names as the best part of their location? The quiet. “There is one entrance in and one exit out, so there is no through traffic,” he says.

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BRIEF HISTORY

Formed in 1932, what has become fondly known as the UACA held its first meeting on April 28, 1933 in a school gymnasium. For its very first activity, the team set about planning UA's Fourth of July celebration—an annual festivity that would quickly become its signature event—building upon a family day of observance of our nation's independence first begun in 1923 and shared with neighboring Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff.

UACA has always functioned as a non-profit, similarly the organization has always refrained from attempts to influence legislation or participate in political campaigns. The goals are to build community and support all generations through programs and events that enrich, educate, thrill and entertain.

The UACA is governed by 20 to 30 volunteer directors who serve two-year terms and elect a set of officers each year from within its ranks. From there, the involvement of countless volunteers—past, present and future directors—is what brings UACA's events to life from one year to the next. You've heard of the game, "six degrees of Kevin Bacon," right? In UA, it's maybe "one degree of UACA!" You may not realize it, but your neighbor, friend or elder has probably been an integral part of this vibrant group at some point in his or her life.

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Using funds raised through an annual membership drive, the UACA sponsors nine community events each year. Here's a rundown:

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

For 85 years, UACA has shouldered the responsibility for organizing and funding the community's most beloved event—a day that consumes about 50% of the annual budget and the largest contribution of volunteer labor. The annual Fourth of July parade—which is non-commercial and non-political—begins the day's activities, as countless floats, bands, vintage vehicles and neighborhood groups make their way along Northwest Boulevard, cheered on by crowds that have staked their spot on the parade route days in advance. After an afternoon of block parties, barbeques and a few naps, the community descends on Northam Park for Party in the Park, which features live entertainment and culminates in an impressive fireworks display.

You thought this was a City-sponsored event? Wrong! Well mostly. The City has long embraced UACA's willingness to shoulder the costs and planning needs of a successful day of celebration. But it has also committed a wealth of municipal resources to this special day—from the City's safety forces to planning support and logistics crews—making sure that UA's special day is safe and enjoyable for all who participate.



JUNIOR DIRECTORS PROGRAM

The Junior Directors Program is designed to encourage community service by awarding up to 12 Junior Director positions to high school juniors. Each Junior Director spends a year serving the community by helping UACA at its events. In addition to receiving a scholarship for their participation, this program provides students with a hands-on educational and community service opportunity that is much sought after by college applicants.

GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS

Each spring, UACA solicits nominations from public and private schools and preschools in UA, for the most deserving teacher in each school. Nominations are made by children and adults, and are reviewed by UACA Directors. In April, personal presentations of plaques are made to the teachers, typically in a surprise classroom visit, with public recognition among the community.

EASTER CANDY HUNT

The annual Easter Candy Hunt takes place at Thompson Park on a Saturday in March or April. This event is sponsored in partnership with the City of Upper Arlington's Parks & Recreation Department. UACA purchases the candy and provides volunteers to help run what is always the quickest special event in UA.

UA STAGE

This annual dinner and social event serves the senior citizen community, treating them to a complimentary dinner and preview of the winter musical production presented by the Upper Arlington High School. UA Stage has become a popular night out for older adults, with reservations filling quickly.

LABOR NEIGHBOR DAY

UACA sponsors a variety of family friendly events on Labor Day, including children's bike races, a pet show, and a wiffleball tournament for elementary-age children.

GOLDEN BEAR SCARE

The Golden Bear Scare—another complimentary event—takes place at Smith Nature Park, providing families with thrills, giggles and a genuine scare or two as they traverse a dark, winding pathway through the park.



CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

Each December, UACA sponsors a visit with Santa Clause for neighborhood children. Hosted at the Thompson Park North Shelter, there are craft stations, photo opportunities for parents, a horse drawn sleigh ride, and a personal visit with Santa Clause. Offered to the community at no charge, with limited spots available, the race is on each year for parents to register their children for this winter wonderland extravaganza.

MEMORIAL DAY RUN

Each Memorial Day, UACA sponsors a five-mile road race on the streets of UA, with a one-mile fun run held free of charge for children. UACA Directors and volunteers organize the race and provide traffic control along the race route at the direction of the Upper Arlington Police Division.

YOUR PART IN UACA'S SUCCESS

The UACA raises 100% of its budget through fundraising, which is undertaken through mail, personal solicitations (The Walk), and donations made on the organization's website. Over 90% of the funds are raised from individual contributions of between \$10 and \$25 per individual or family. Community businesses are also welcomed and encouraged to support the exemplary efforts of UACA. With 2018 being a special year for UA, help UACA take this year's Fourth of July celebrations and all the UACA's programming to new heights by showing your support.

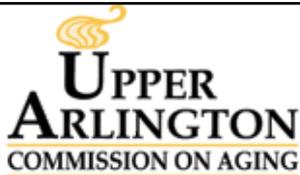
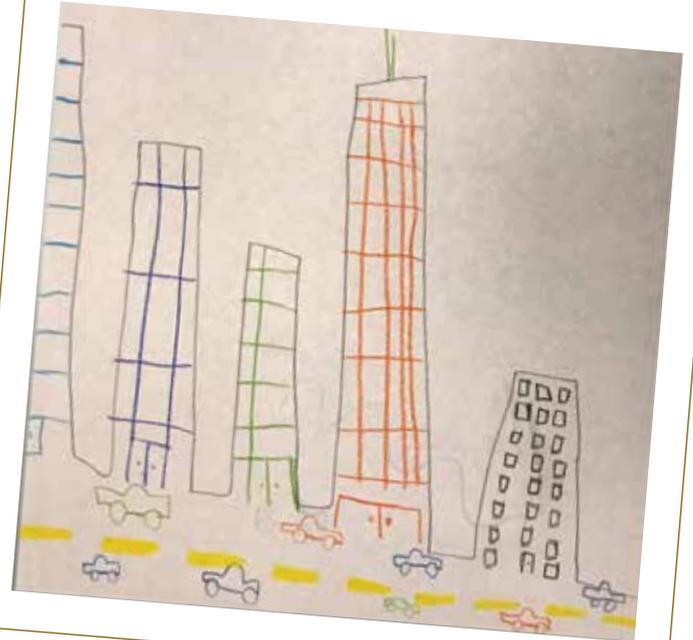
WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

The UACA welcomes you. For information about attending an event, how to become a director, or to make a small donation, please visit www.UACA.org. The UACA is proud to be part of Upper Arlington's cherished past—and its golden future.

Source: Upper Arlington Civic Association

I think Upper Arlington will have more businesses, stores everything will be bigger maybe looking more city like. New schools and new houses. More places to go and more people. I wonder what other changes will happen in 100 years!

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HISTORY OF UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

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One hundred years ago, the residents of the newly incorporated village of Upper Arlington felt strongly that the community's children deserved the highest quality education possible. In the spring of 1918, residents petitioned the county board of education to form a school district. It was approved, and in August of 1918 the new district was formed.

That October, four teachers and approximately 52 students began the school year in a four-room temporary building at the intersection of Tremont Road and Arlington Avenue near the present-day Miller Park. "One would indeed travel far and wide before he could find a happier group of boys and girls than those in Upper Arlington since school began," the tri-village *Norwester Magazine* observed.

A century later, Upper Arlington Schools is a growing district, with nine school buildings, approximately 6,400 students and rising, and a staff of approximately 870. "Our strategic plan ensures that we remain focused on providing the highest quality education to our students today," said Superintendent Paul Imhoff. "We worked with dozens of community volunteers to identify the five goals that matter most to our students and to this amazing community we serve."

Those five modern-day goals have many similarities to the hopes and ideals set forth for the new Upper Arlington school district a century ago. Here's a look at the Upper Arlington school district's goals today and their resonance in the district's early years.

1918

Enrollment: 52

Teachers/staff: 4

School: 1 serving primary, elementary and intermediate grade levels

Mission/vision of the school district: "As far as is possible, the policy of the school will be to develop our future citizens as fast as the ability of the individual student will permit."

2018

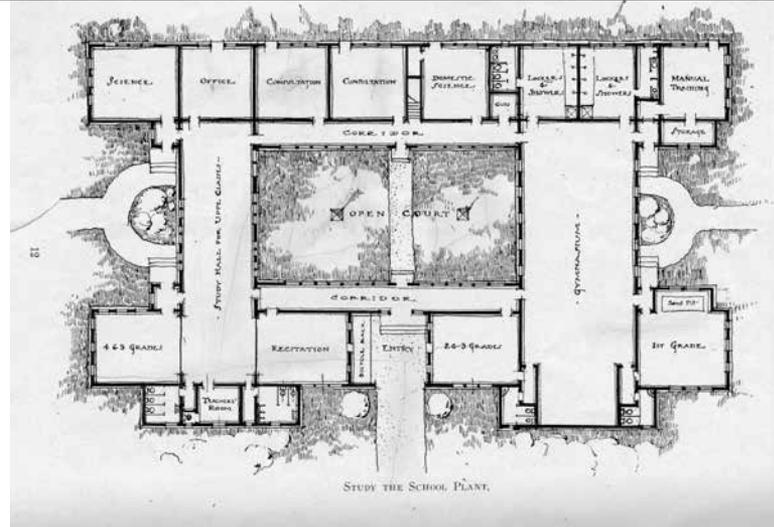
Enrollment: approximately 6,400

Teachers/staff: approximately 870

Schools: 9 serving pre-kindergarten–grade 12

District's mission: Challenge and support every student every step of the way

District's vision: Uniquely accomplished students prepared to serve, lead and succeed



1910s

The private school in the new Upper Arlington community, with 12 students and one teacher, opens in 1917 in the basement of the King G. Thompson home. In 1918, the Franklin County Board of Education approves a petition to create a school district. The first school, with three classrooms and one assembly room, opens in October at the corner of Arlington Avenue and Tremont Road. During the summer of 1919, the frame school is moved on log rollers to the north side of Waltham Road where Devon pool now sits, and additional rooms are added.

HISTORY-SCHOOLS

GOAL #1: PERFORMANCE

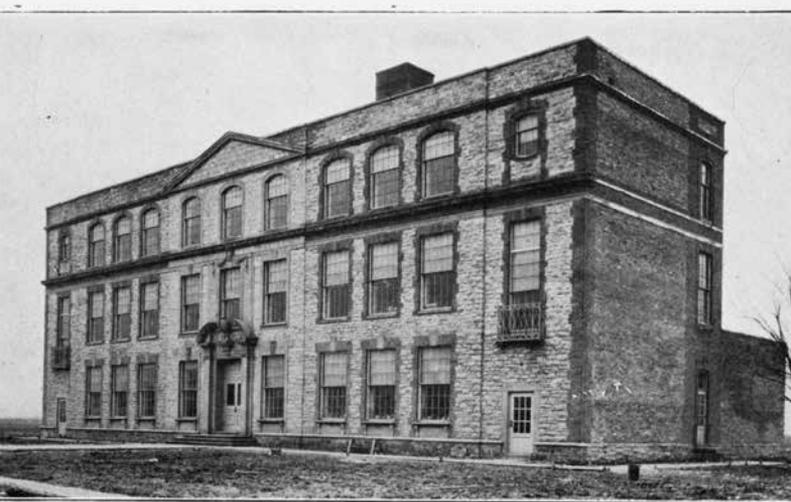
All Upper Arlington students attain academic excellence.

From the outset, the success of the student was the central focus. The teachers were described in a fall 1919 issue of *Norwester Magazine* as having “the Upper Arlington fever, an intense desire to put across something ideal in school work ... They ... are teachers of vision who realize that even reading, writing and arithmetic may be taught by improved methods with as great, if not greater, thoroughness as any old time school may have attained. Excellency in the fundamentals taught in an excellent manner is their ideal.”

And the academic excellence of the students, the early leaders of the district believed, ultimately

would determine the success of the vision for this district. Over the past 100 years, Upper Arlington has become widely known for the success of its students in all facets of their education—certainly in academics but also in the arts, service to the community, athletics and more.

“Our vision for our district as we move into our second century is ‘uniquely accomplished students prepared to serve, lead and succeed,’” Imhoff said. “Colleges, workplaces and other communities recognize Upper Arlington as a leader in education. That’s due to our talented teachers and our incredible students, who achieve so much here and once they move on to college and careers.”



The Upper Arlington School



Barrington original classroom

1920s

Voters approve bond funding in 1922 for a permanent school on a 5-acre tract donated by the Upper Arlington Co. The Upper Arlington School (now Jones Middle School) opens to students in 1st–6th grade March 1924. With the addition of north and south wings in 1926, 7th–12th grades are moved from Waltham Road to the new building.

1930s

In August 1937, the old Waltham Road schoolhouse is removed. In 1939, Barrington Road Elementary School opens, and the Upper Arlington School is renamed Upper Arlington High School.

HISTORY-SCHOOLS

GOAL #2: PERSONALIZATION

All Upper Arlington students experience a personalized learning environment to support their success.

The first Board of Education, appointed by the county board of education and led by President John W. Wuichet Sr., adopted what it called the group system over the grade system “with the idea in mind of making it possible for the student to do individual work as far as possible and to develop as rapidly as his ability would allow.”

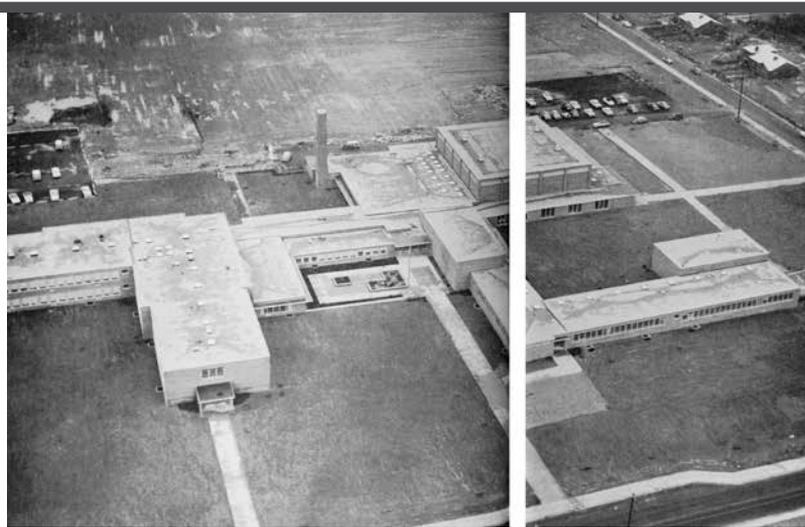
When the new school opened in October of 1918, students were divided into three groups: primary, elementary and intermediate. In describing the goals of the school, the Board of Education wrote in the July 1919 *Norwester Magazine*: “We are going to make it possible for our boys and girls to work at any rate they choose, to get promotion at any time and in any subject. There will be a great deal of individual instruction and there will be much socialized teaching and discipline.”

Personalized instruction is just as important today, with teachers focused on providing differentiated instruction designed to help all students achieve their potential. The recent addition of a one-to-one technology program is a useful tool in this effort. Every student in kindergarten through 12th grade now has a district-issued device that serves as a tool for the personalization of learning.

“The one-to-one technology program has been a game-changer for our students,” Imhoff said. “These devices are helping us provide all students with the type of learning that best meets their needs.”



South Perry Township School in the 1940s - this would go on to become Fishinger Elementary, part of the Upper Arlington school district, in the 1950s.



Upper Arlington High School aerial, 1956

1940s

Informal talks begin in 1948 about a new elementary school north of Lane Avenue after annexation of areas served by South Perry Township School. These discussions set in motion a period of significant growth for the school district.

1950s

Over the course of six years, the district opens the following school buildings: Tremont Elementary (1952); Wickliffe Elementary (1956); a new Upper Arlington High School (1956); and Windermere Elementary (1959). During this time, the school district absorbs additional areas served by South Perry. The former South Perry school along Fishinger Road becomes Fishinger Elementary and opens to UA students in 1954.

GOAL #3: ACCOUNTABILITY

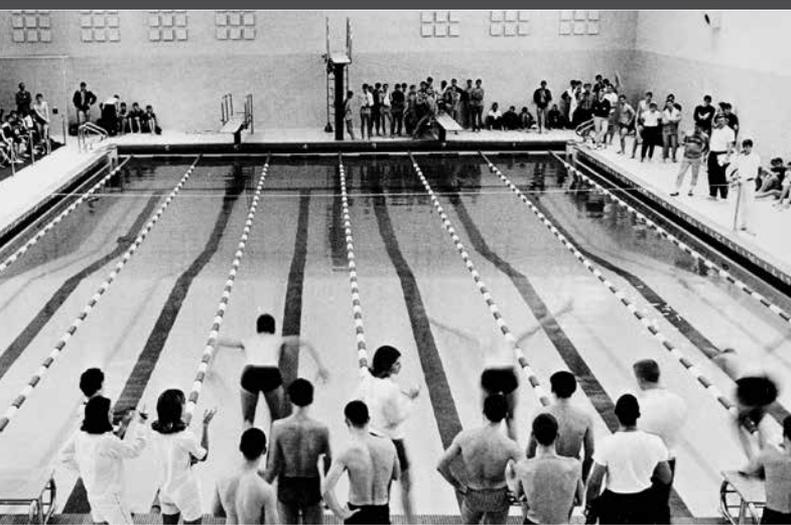
The Upper Arlington Quality Profile provides a transparent, sensible and reliable accountability framework.

The Upper Arlington Quality Profile is an accountability report, developed in partnership with community members in 2014 and released each fall. Back in 1918, there was a strong desire by the Board of Education and superintendent to give the community a clear and transparent look at the new school district.

Before the new school building opened to students in the fall of 1918, the district first opened the doors of the school to residents, holding a “general community meeting.” This would be the beginning

of a series of public meetings, the district pledged in the *Norwester Magazine*, at which the school leaders would present to the community “the aims, purposes and plans of the school.” This message of transparency continued to be communicated through articles, updates, columns from the superintendent and, later, student contributions.

“While we have more tools at our disposal today to readily share information about the operation of the school district—including the Quality Profile—the idea is the same as it was back in 1918,” Imhoff said. “It is essential that we meet the expectations of our community and share with residents a clear picture of our school district.”



1965 natatorium



1971 class of - from the year when enrollment peaked for the district at 9,026 students

1960s

The Upper Arlington High School and school district continue to grow. Two additions are completed at the high school, including the natatorium and auditorium in 1965, and two more schools open—Hastings Junior High (1961) and Greensview Elementary (1965)—amid continuing enrollment growth.

1970s

Burbank Elementary is completed in 1970 but does not open until 1971 because of a lack of funding after a levy failure. Voters approve an 8.5-mill school levy in February 1971. That year, enrollment peaks at 9,026.

GOAL #4: EFFICIENCY

Upper Arlington Schools manages resources efficiently and effectively.

In a short amount of time, long-term planning became a priority of the new school district. Enrollment was growing rapidly. From 1918 to 1921, the student population grew from 52 to approximately 145 students between the ages of five and 18.

During the summer of 1919, the four-room original school was moved on log rollers from Tremont Road and Arlington Avenue to Waltham Road near Devon Road. More rooms were added to meet the growing enrollment, but the school district continued to work toward a more permanent solution for the students.

A special election was held in August 1922, and voters approved a \$165,000 bond issue to fund the first portion of a permanent school building on Arlington Avenue next to the existing school building. The facility opened to students in 1924, with three additions following in 1927, 1930 and 1936. That school

went on to be named for J. W. Jones, who served as the school district's superintendent from 1924 to 1944. The school now serves more than 730 students in grades six through eight.

As was the case in its first decade, the student population of the school district is once again growing, and the district has worked with the community over two and a half years to plan for that growth and address the needs of its school buildings, which, on average, are more than 60 years old.

The community's support of Issue 43 (a combined operating levy and bond issue) in November 2017 is the culmination of an extensive community planning process," said Imhoff. "It has been incredible to see so many community members come together for the future of our schools. This protects our district's financial health by addressing our facilities needs in a strategic way, and it allows us to focus on what matters most—supporting our students and the excellence of our school district for generations to come."



1984 uahs crowded hallway - from the year grade 9 moved to the high school

1980s

The Board of Education closes Fishinger Elementary in 1981 and sells the building to the new Wellington School. The district also closes Wickliffe Elementary in 1984 and Burbank Elementary in 1985. Coinciding with the school closures was a rearrangement of the school organization to K-5 for elementary, 6-8 for middle school, and 9-12 at the high school.

Burbank reopens as a tuition-funded early childhood school in 1983, and Wickliffe reopens as an informal school in 1988.



1997 construction

1990s

After the initial investment in school construction in the 1920s and 1950s-'60s, a need to address facilities issues at the district's nine school buildings grows. In 1995, voters approve a \$44.4 million bond issue to fund repairs and additions at Jones, and to fund projects such as HVAC updates, roofing and windows at several other schools.

HISTORY-SCHOOLS

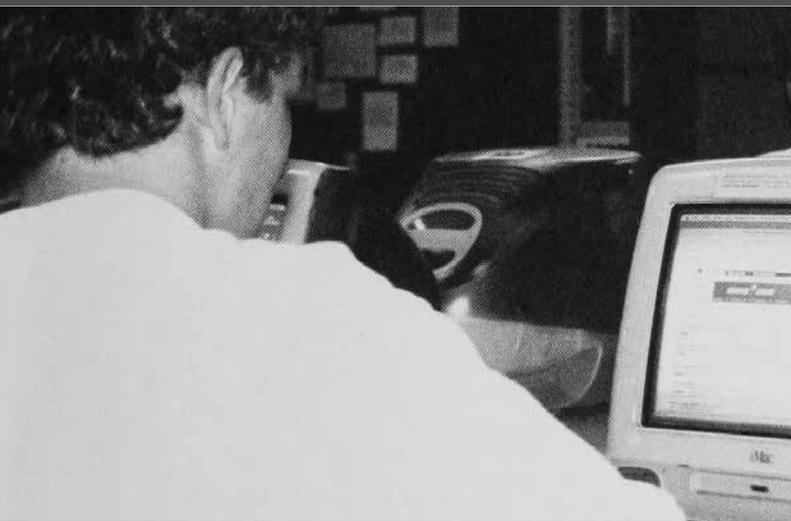
GOAL #5: OWNERSHIP

Upper Arlington Schools uses clear, honest, open and interactive communication to build ownership of the strategic plan.

Going hand in hand with the new school district's commitment to transparency was the belief that all residents were stakeholders in the school building and the education of the students within it. M. M. Williams, who held a dual superintendency of Grandview and Upper Arlington schools, believed that the school, the parents and the community "working together must help the child to attain these aims" (*Norwester Magazine*, March 1921).

Accompanying these hopes for community cooperation with the school district and its students was the expectation by district leaders that "school pride and school spirit dominate each and every one."

"Community support has been a constant for the Upper Arlington schools and our students," Imhoff said. "We are incredibly fortunate to have so many parents and community members who are committed to working together to serve the students of our school district. Upper Arlington is a special place, and this is an incredible time to live here and be a Golden Bear."



2000 LC computer lab



2016 Facilities

2000s

The new millennium heralds a shift in the student experience. A new computer lab in the Learning Center at the high school puts technology at students' fingertips and opens opportunities for research and learning that grows into the next decade with the rollout of a one-to-one technology program that provides a device for each student.

2010s

Amid a resurgence in enrollment, Upper Arlington began planning for the future. The first step was developing a new strategic plan in 2015. From this process, a group of community volunteers raised concerns about the physical needs of the district's school buildings. After a two-and-a-half-year facilities master planning process involving thousands of community members, voters approved a joint operating levy and bond issue, setting the schools on a path of renewal for the community's second century.



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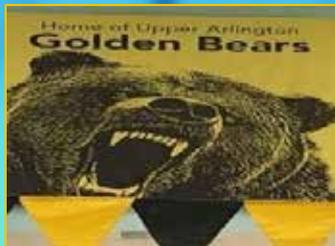
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From its inception in 1966, the Upper Arlington Swim Club has established itself as a premier United States Swimming club and has the distinction of being a USA Swimming Silver Medal Club. Upper Arlington swimmers and divers of all ages have achieved success in the pool, classroom and community.

Upper Arlington High School swimmers and divers have received over 500 NISCA All-America athletic and academic awards.

Girls Swimming and Diving teams have won 12 Division I State Championships in the last 15 years.

Girls Water Polo teams have won 16 State Championships.



ONE STREET – TWO STORIES

STELLA SCHARF

The Greenberg family came from the other side of the world and Steve Shea from the other side of the country to make their homes on the same block in Upper Arlington.

While those are the facts, they paint a misleading picture.

The Greenbergs — veterans of many moves over the years — came here from Germany in 2013, actually moving into their Wexford Road home on the Fourth of July that year. After doing some initial research on the Columbus area, they had about 10 days during spring break to shop for a home, with the choice of a school district tipping the balance.

“The vibe (in UA Schools) was friendly,” Kristin Greenberg said, and the school visit was “phenomenal... We needed a school district that would work with us,” based on her daughters’ wide variety of experiences in the schools they previously attended.

Kristin and her husband, Alex, are the parents of two girls. Emily is now a sophomore at Purdue University and Paige is an International Baccalaureate student at Upper Arlington High School. Emily was excited about going to college, where everyone would be new, her mother said.

Steve Shea, on the other hand, didn’t have to put a pin in a map to find his way home. He followed his own personal compass to his own personal “true north” and is happily ensconced with his family in the home where he grew up. After graduating from OSU, he spent several years living in San Diego and Los Angeles. When he came to see life in L.A. as “not sustainable” and thought about his parents getting older, he admitted to a little homesickness and returned to Central Ohio.

In 1994 Steve purchased the home on Wexford Road where he had grown up. Buying the home had always been a goal for him, and he made the purchase from his dad 40 years and one day after his father had bought the house.

He met his wife Kelley and they were married in his home parish of St. Agatha. They now have two daughters. Audrey attends Watterson High School and Avery is at Jones Middle School.

So, with the Greenbergs and the Sheas living on the same 440-yard block, it’s worth mentioning that they met for the first time in Cincinnati. Both families were there with their daughters, Paige and Audrey, who were members of the same elite soccer league. The Greenbergs were still new in town, and they had no idea they were neighbors until they struck up a conversation there.

Steve’s first thought was “Carpool!” he said. Both he and Kelley work, and he often travels. A chance to share the transportation was more than welcome.



Left to right: Paige, Kristin, Alex and Emily

For Steve, coming home meant returning to familiar ground — the park where he played ball as a young boy, the bell at his home used by his mother to call him home from the park, and his favorite restaurant, the Jai Lai. Even the families on his block were the same, he said.

Many of his high school classmates are in town or come back for the Fourth of July, but when he went to ride on his 30th reunion float he found them unfamiliar at first. He soon recognized the disconnect, however, and joined the event.

Not surprisingly, Upper Arlington's Fourth of July spirit impressed the Greenbergs. Kristin said they could hardly believe the lineup of chairs along Northwest Boulevard, staked out for many days before the parade without disappearing or being vandalized.

The school- and activity-related signs that people post in their yards were another surprise for them — something they had never seen anywhere else. The signs have the advantage of making friends' homes easier to find, Kristin said, and it's interesting to see what students are involved in and where they're headed after graduation.

They also reflect the community's support of its youth, which is another factor that made UA a good fit for the Greenbergs.

Both families have made additions to their homes since moving in. The Greenbergs have a good-sized lot, Kristin said, and they added a mudroom and screened porch and converted their breezeway to a family room.

Most families on Wexford have added to their homes over the years, Steve said.

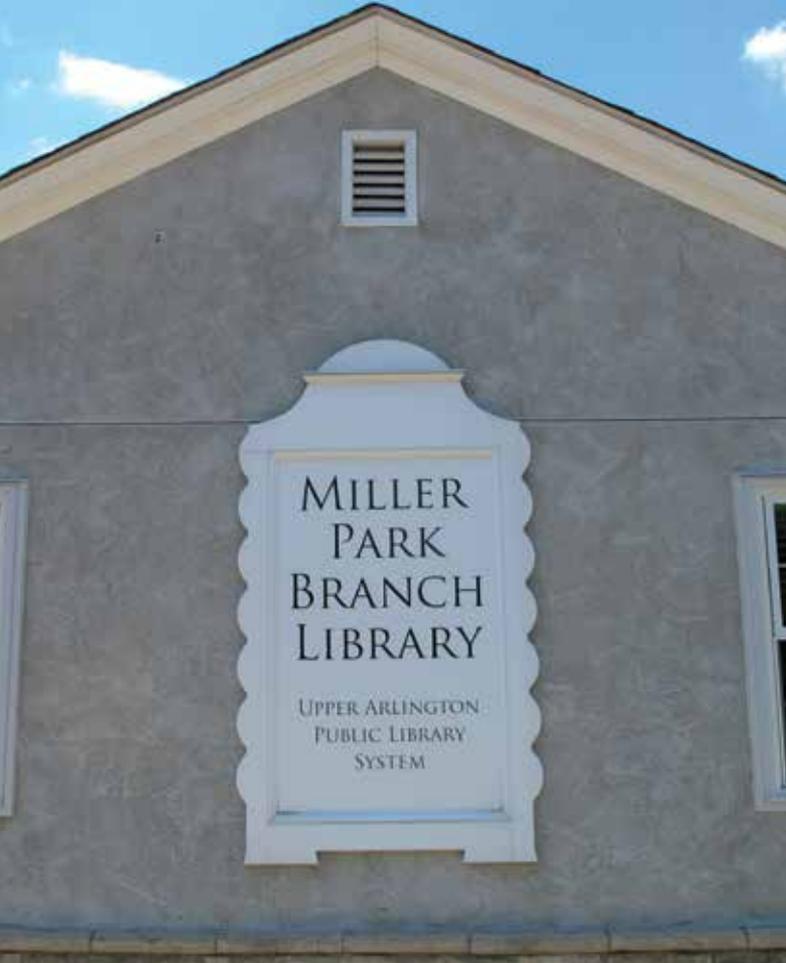
Kristin said her realtor and her contractor were her “first best friends” on coming to Arlington, but since that time she's found a number of volunteer opportunities that she enjoys. She started with the library's outreach program and is now also a trustee of the Upper Arlington Historical Society and on the board of the Upper Arlington High School PTO. She helps with the websites of the PTO and the band boosters.

The Greenbergs house shopped in a number of communities and are happy with the decision they made. One of the things Kristin appreciated was the diversity of housing stock, which she said gives UA its character. She added that housing here has a reputation for holding its value.

As for the Sheas, UA simply spells home for Steve. “I always told my parents I was going to buy this house,” he said.



Clockwise from top left: Kelley, Audrey, Steve, Avery and Yeti



UA LIBRARY SYSTEM

50 YEARS YOUNG: A LIFETIME OF LEARNING
CHRIS TAYLOR

December 2017 marked the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Upper Arlington Public Library as an independent system. While it may seem like a babe in arms at half the age of Upper Arlington, a lot has been packed into its five decades of service to our community.

In 1942, Upper Arlington was home to approximately 5,000 residents, who found it necessary to travel to the Grandview Heights or Columbus libraries to borrow books. At that time, the building that had served as a field office for the Upper Arlington Company and subsequently used for village meetings, was standing empty. It was brought back into service as the community's first library, under the management of the Grandview Heights Public Library. Miller Park Library was 468 square feet, and held 600 books.

In the early 1950s, two more libraries opened within the city limits: at the Lane Avenue Shopping Center and Tremont Center. In 1959, the largest branch was built at the corner of Tremont and Northam roads—at 12,650 square feet—in place of the Tremont Center facility. Miller Park Library was remodeled and tripled in size in 1962.

By this time, circulation at the Upper Arlington branches surpassed the parent library in Grandview Heights. Yet, despite

heavy usage by UA residents, the libraries were controlled by the Grandview Library Board, with no representation by Upper Arlington's residents.

In 1965, Upper Arlington City Council began exploring legal options for the libraries. In 1967, Mayor John Dunkel spearheaded an effort to challenge a law prohibiting the creation of new library systems in Ohio. His efforts were successful, and on December 11, 1967, the Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill 494 allowing Upper Arlington to independently establish and govern its own library system. Mayor Dunkel appointed a governing and policy-making board and the library's first director—Russell Walker—was hired.

In 1975, the Lane Road Library replaced the space on Lane Avenue. In 1987, the Tremont Library opened an addition that doubled its space for the second time since the building opened. In 2007, the Miller Park library was renovated and expanded through nearly \$1 million in private funding.

Today the Upper Arlington Library System is a pivotal community hub, with nearly 40,000 cardholders, offering hundreds of programs and loaning out nearly two million items each year.





Photos from left: Miller Park Branch, Main Library, Lane Road Branch

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OUR LEGACY PROJECTS: MEMORIALIZING A YEAR OF DISTINCTION

EMMA SPEIGHT

Upper Arlington's Centennial year is on track to be one to remember, but the Task Force wanted to gift the community with a lasting legacy from this special time in our history. The Legacy Projects Subcommittee led the charge on this effort, with several exciting projects taking shape as a result.

CENTENNIAL PLAZA AND HISTORY WALK

As the work of the Task Force was progressing, the community's most central, and arguably its most actively-used park was in the midst of some significant renovations. Home to a community pool, playground, clay tennis courts, numerous sports fields, the main library branch and two schools, Northam Park also serves as the community's gathering place for two signature events—the Fourth of July Festival and Fireworks, and the Upper Arlington Labor Day Arts Festival.

The City of Upper Arlington was undertaking the second phase of improvements—a replacement of the pool and playground, the addition of a reading garden by the library, and improvements to the park entryway. The Centennial Task Force felt strongly that the park entry was the best location for a signature Legacy Project—something easily accessible that would commemorate our 100th birthday in a tasteful and fitting way—and the team set about turning this idea into reality.

“A Centennial comes around only once in a lifetime,” says Task Force Chair Rich Simpson. “This presents a unique opportunity to celebrate all the great reasons we love UA! And a legacy project is a perfect way for the proud residents of Upper Arlington to make a lasting gift back to the community, as part of the celebration.”

The community was invited to participate in a process to help define a project that would be a permanent enhancement at the park, to be enjoyed by all residents for generations to come. What evolved from this process is the Centennial Plaza and History Walk, to be dedicated to the community at the 2018 Fourth of July celebrations.



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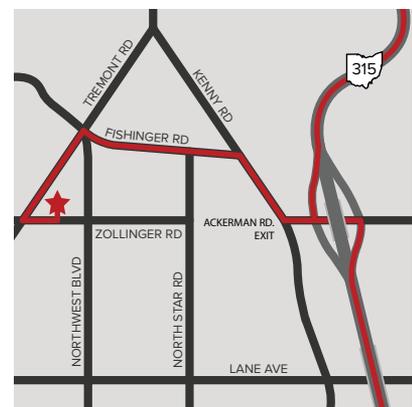
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The Centennial Plaza will provide an inviting gathering space for residents, most notably defined by three bronze bear sculptures that are the work of a local artist, Alan Hamwi—who actually grew up in UA. The bears will be sited on a rubberized play surface, allowing children to interact with the artworks. Surrounding the sculptures will be tables and seating, and an extension of the park entry pillars and trelliswork.

The History Walk will be located along the main pedestrian walkway into the park from Tremont Road. A series of 10 markers will provide a snapshot of Upper Arlington's first 100 years—the community's early days and the people, institutions and amenities that set us apart. In conjunction with installation of the History Walk, the City is making improvements to the walkway, adding trees and planting beds.

"I can't imagine having the civic pride and sense of community that we have here in Upper Arlington and not creating something to commemorate our first hundred years," says Legacy Projects Chair Charlie Groezinger. "And I can't think of a better way than a gathering place and a walkway to educate on how we got here."

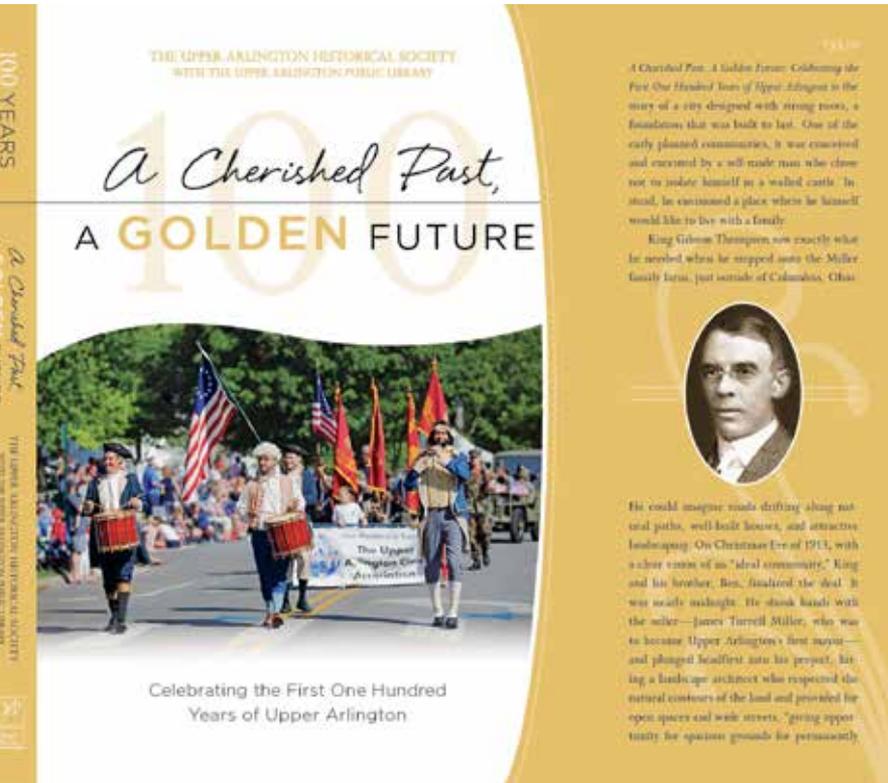
At a cost estimate of approximately \$300,000, the Legacy Project is being made possible by a public/private funding partnership between the City and several civic groups and private individuals (see page 53 for details).



OUR LEGACY PROJECTS

100: A CHERISHED PAST, A GOLDEN FUTURE

Historical Society issues new history book



A lot has happened in 30 years, since a history of Upper Arlington was last memorialized in a book for the community. Keeping with the tradition of capturing the progression of our community, the Upper Arlington Historical Society—with the able assistance of the Upper Arlington Library—embarked on the task of researching and writing a new historical celebration of our community.

Published in time for the 2017 holiday season, we hope many families were thrilled to find their very own copy of this exquisite publication among their stocking stuffers. If a copy has not yet found its way to you, visit uahistory.org to place an online order OR you can purchase copies directly from:

- City of Upper Arlington, 3600 Tremont Road
- First Merchants Bank branches (Reed Road, Tremont Center, Grandview Avenue)
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CENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULE

No Centennial is complete without a time capsule to commemorate the year's celebrations for a future generation to discover.

The capsule itself has been ordered and a safe location identified. As the year gets underway, the Task Force will be collecting items for inclusion in our commemorative Upper Arlington Centennial Time Capsule. The capsule will then be filled and sealed as part of a year-end ceremony.

We already have plans to include a copy of the *Centennial Magazine* and the new history book, along with event photographs and news stories, but we also are seeking ideas and contributions from the community. Visit www.uaoh100.org for details and to send us your ideas!



OUR LEGACY PROJECTS

100 TREES

Thanks to a partnership with the Upper Arlington Rotary Club and the Tri-Village Rotary Club, plans are in the works for the commemorative planting of 100 trees—10 each at or close to 10 schools in the community—from Earth Day to Arbor Day. Students will participate in tree grove planting ceremonies at each location, with commemorative plaques also installed onsite.



CENTENNIALIZING THE UA WATER TOWER

The water tower at Kingsdale is a distinctive landmark in our community. Come the spring, it will take center stage as a Centennial landmark, with the addition of the Centennial Bear logo in recognition of our 100th anniversary.



The Centennial Task Force wishes to express its sincere gratitude to the City of Upper Arlington for its financial support and facilitation of our signature Legacy Project. We also wish to thank and acknowledge:

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THE WALL OF HONOR

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Honoring the men and women whose lives of excellence reflect the best of our community.

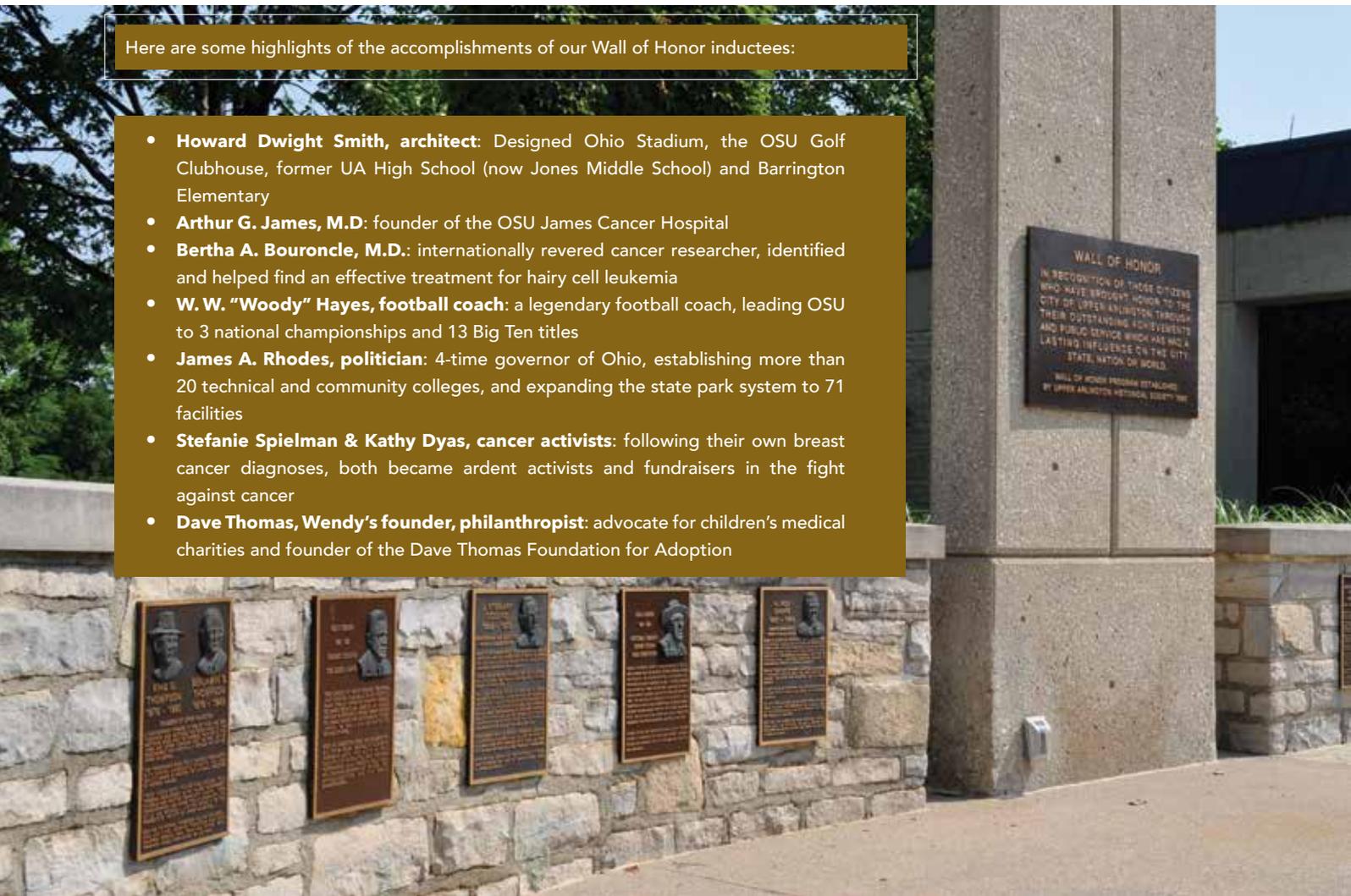
Each year, thousands of people visit the City's Municipal Services Center (MSC), walking across the expansive front plaza to the building's main doors. Few take the time to pause and look at the 40-odd bronze plaques featuring a relief and outline of the impressive accomplishments of a former UA resident. But when they do, they are treated to some fascinating insight into various notable people who—at some point in their lifetimes—called Upper Arlington home.

The Wall of Honor is a joint partnership of the Upper Arlington Historical Society and the City of Upper Arlington. Begun in 1990, the goal of the program is to celebrate the rich tapestry of people who have positively impacted Upper Arlington, the Central Ohio region, the State or beyond. Entrepreneurs and dreamers, scientists and physicians, philanthropists and community advocates—the accomplishments are varied, but the themes of compassion, curiosity, passion and determination can be found in all their stories.

Next time you visit the MSC, be sure to take a few moments to read, learn and reflect on the remarkable individuals memorialized on our Wall of Honor. And please join us on the afternoon of Sunday, May 20 for a Centennial Year induction ceremony. ★

Here are some highlights of the accomplishments of our Wall of Honor inductees:

- **Howard Dwight Smith, architect:** Designed Ohio Stadium, the OSU Golf Clubhouse, former UA High School (now Jones Middle School) and Barrington Elementary
- **Arthur G. James, M.D.:** founder of the OSU James Cancer Hospital
- **Bertha A. Bouroncle, M.D.:** internationally revered cancer researcher, identified and helped find an effective treatment for hairy cell leukemia
- **W. W. "Woody" Hayes, football coach:** a legendary football coach, leading OSU to 3 national championships and 13 Big Ten titles
- **James A. Rhodes, politician:** 4-time governor of Ohio, establishing more than 20 technical and community colleges, and expanding the state park system to 71 facilities
- **Stefanie Spielman & Kathy Dyas, cancer activists:** following their own breast cancer diagnoses, both became ardent activists and fundraisers in the fight against cancer
- **Dave Thomas, Wendy's founder, philanthropist:** advocate for children's medical charities and founder of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption



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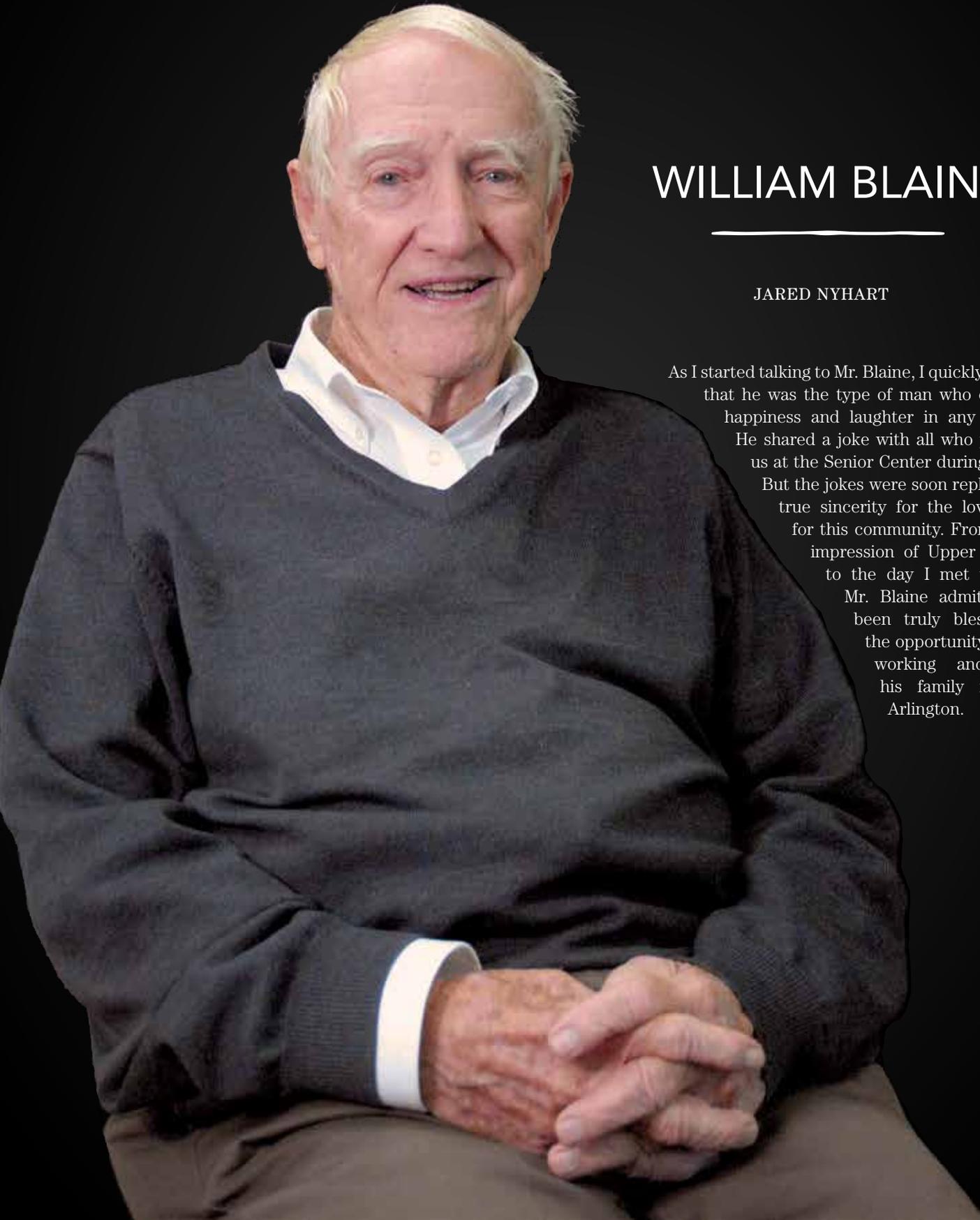
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WILLIAM BLAINE

JARED NYHART

As I started talking to Mr. Blaine, I quickly observed that he was the type of man who could find happiness and laughter in any situation. He shared a joke with all who passed by us at the Senior Center during my visit. But the jokes were soon replaced with true sincerity for the love he has for this community. From his first impression of Upper Arlington to the day I met with him, Mr. Blaine admits he has been truly blessed with the opportunity of living, working and raising his family in Upper Arlington.

Mr. Blaine, tell me a little about yourself? My name is Bill Blaine, born in 1924. I'm originally an Eastsider from Bexley and I lived there till I got married. I moved to Upper Arlington with my wife in 1952, I bought the house on the GI bill and I believe I paid \$27,000 for it. We lived on Coventry Road.

Do you remember your first impression of Upper Arlington? I had a date with a girl from Arlington and she lived on Coventry. They had railroad tracks down the center and I remember seeing the trolley go down the street. And after I dropped her off, I got lost so I had to get on top of my car to find the downtown lights to get my bearings. But back then, Arlington was just a little village. Maybe 10,000 lived here at the time. But one thing that I vividly remember is how pristine and beautiful everything was.

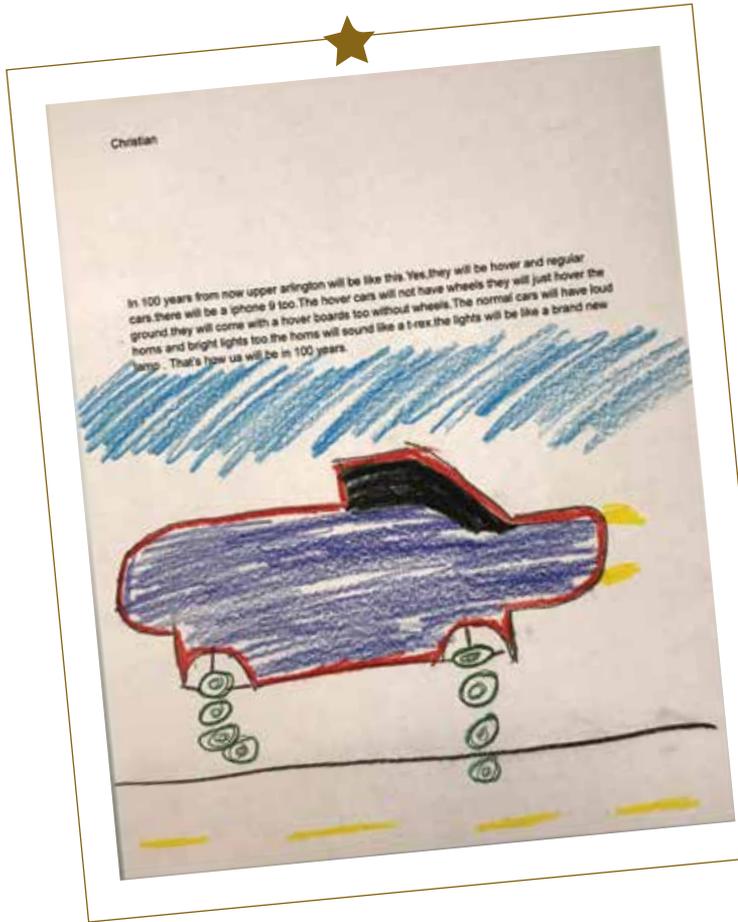
From a historic perspective, what are some of the moments that stand out to you? I remember when they declared World War II, I was in high school at the time and it was a Sunday. I ended up serving in World War II, and stayed in the Reserves. A couple years later, I got called back to serve in the Korean War. I was 30 years old when they called me back in, and going to war was harder that time because I had a wife and my first son at home.

What are some the differences you faced as a kid compared to now? Everything is so big now. Just look how Upper Arlington has grown. When I went to the Columbus Academy I had 13 classmates. Things are just so much faster paced. It feels like things are more impersonal. It exemplifies the fact how big everything is now. I don't know if that's good or bad to be honest.

What has changed in Upper Arlington in the last 50 years? Compared to back then, today Upper Arlington is a city, full of people from all walks of life. It's just truly a great place. What hasn't changed is how pristine and how well the City maintains everything. It's the little things that make it such a great community.

If you could give one piece of advice to future generations, what would that be? Stay cool. Just stay cool. I've had a great life because of that simple philosophy.





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In 100 years from now upper arlington will be like this. Yes, they will be hover and regular cars. there will be a iphone 9 too. The hover cars will not have wheels they will just hover the ground. they will come with a hover boards too. without wheels. The normal cars will have loud horns and bright lights too. the horns will sound like a t-rex. the lights will be like a brand new lamp. That's how ua will be in 100 years.

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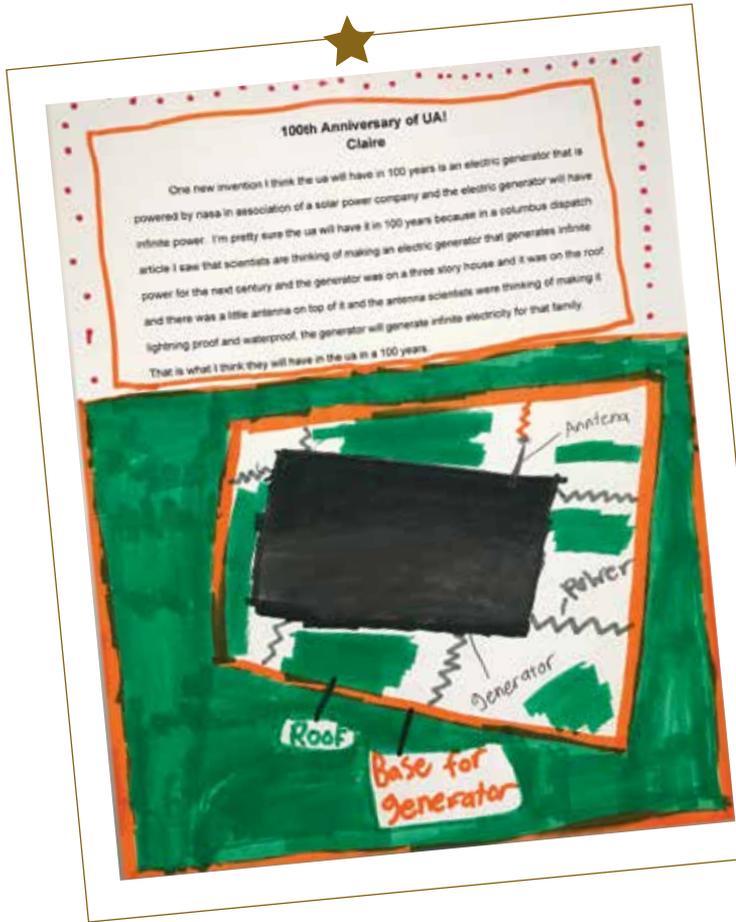
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HOMES THROUGH THE DECADES

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1990s - CLARION COURT

Judy and Doug Sandbo were empty nesters and they did something most don't—they upsized.

They had lived on Wimbledon Road since 1964, where they reared three children. After all had graduated, a property came available on Clarion Court in the Wellington Woods area, west of Northwest Kiwanis Park. "The lot had been part of an estate. It was full of beautiful trees and had a ravine with a stream. When it became available we jumped into the project of building a home," Judy explains.

They selected architects Stock and Stone. "We knew what we wanted because we've traveled around a lot. We love England and the Cotswolds, and that type of architecture was our inspiration," Judy says. "People say building a house can strain a marriage, but we loved working together on all the details."



They moved in at the end of 1993, with enough space for grandkids and visitors. The custom home boasts a first-floor master, large kitchen, finished living areas in the lower level, and a potting room. The ravine views are their favorite. "The best thing is the bird feeder where we see so many varieties of birds: yellow finches, kit mice, cardinals, blue jays, and woodpeckers, Judy says. "We feel like we're living in the woods but we're in the city."

Both Judy and Doug are longtime UA residents. Judy Edwards grew up in a Tudor home on Roxbury Road. Doug grew up at the corner of Arlington Avenue and Tewksbury Road. They married after college, lived briefly on King Avenue, then moved to Shrewsbury Road in the River Ridge area prior to Wimbledon Road.

While their grandchildren live away from UA, they all visit Clarion Court and have plenty of room and things to do. "Our 17-year-old granddaughter recently visited and the first thing she asked to do was take a walk in the woods," Judy says.

Upper Arlington Annexation Timeline

1990s 2000s 2010s



HOMES THROUGH THE DECADES

2000s - COACH ROAD

When Diane and Rick Kahle moved back to Columbus from Cincinnati, they purchased a home on Lane Road because, "We wanted our children to grow up in Upper Arlington," Diane says. They were familiar with UA; Rick had moved here in 8th grade. Before leaving, they had lived on Clearview Avenue, near Kenny Road.

After 10 years in their Lane Road home, an opportunity arose to purchase a lot on Coach Road. Custom home builder, C.V. Perry, had three, 1/2-acre lots available after razing a ranch house. Other new homes on Coach Road—Fontenay Place, and more recently, Hull Farms—reflect the trend of splitting a bigger lot into new home sites.

With the help of architect Tom Beery, the Kahles designed a home to meet the needs of their family of five. A large kitchen and great room, full finished basement, and a three-car garage with a bonus room over it were some features custom-suited to them.

In January 2007 they moved in. They now have four children, two of whom have graduated from UAHS, one a freshman, and one in elementary school at Greensview. "We loved the opportunity to design a home which specifically met our growing family's needs," Diane says.



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2010s - CLAIRMONT ROAD

There was no Upper Arlington when the charming brick house on what is now Clairmont Road—south of McCoy Road—was built by the Johnston family around the 1840s. The Johnstons were among early Perry Township settlers which included white and some free-black families, as well as Native Americans who traveled along the Scioto Trail.

Martha Wright had come to Perry Township from Pennsylvania at the age of 13. She married Edmund Johnston in 1838 and they later lived in the brick house. According to one of Martha's descendants, Betty Lakin Love, Martha was known for her kindness to fellow settlers and the Native Americans. "Her freshly-baked pies would disappear from their shelf by the kitchen window. In a few days a gift—a haunch of venison or a catch of fresh fish—would be left by an unseen hand."



The brick home stayed in the Johnston family for many years, then passed to other families: Armstrong, Amon, Pease. Additions, alterations, and improvements were made over the decades. In February of 2017, the Tuckerman Home Group purchased the home and surrounding property. "The intention was not to tear the house down although most builders wanted to," says Lisa Theado, Tuckerman's president of sales and marketing.

The house faces south, and the property has two buildable lots to the south and one to the north. They are all 80' X 200' deep and are offered for sale. Lisa, experienced in home building and renovation, wanted to buy the historic farmhouse and restore it. "I loved the house and, because I work for a builder, I have all of the contacts to help me."

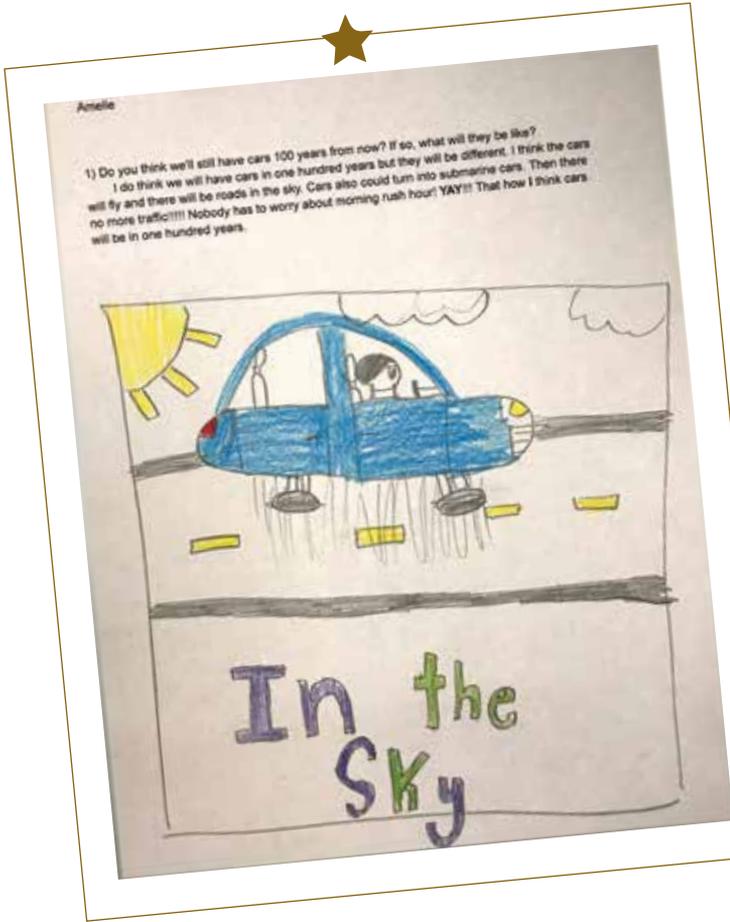
Lisa's architect, Scott Baker, redrew the house, from old plans drawn on rice paper, old photos, and using some on-site detective work. The summer kitchen where Martha Johnston made her pies had been turned into a covered porch, and behind its brick is a set of stairs that go nowhere.

Many features are original, like hardwood floors and trim made from walnut, cherry, and ash. When Lisa moved into the house, she had 4,000 sq. ft. of hardwood redone. There are charming old features inside and out and the goal is to "creatively retain and use them," like reconnecting the well to use it for the yard and garden.

"The 14" exterior brick walls are incredible," Lisa says, "they keep the farmhouse so nice and cool that we rarely need air conditioning."

Plans include removing an old addition and building a new one to add a kitchen, mud room, custom storage, and a first-floor powder room. When finished, the home will have three bedrooms upstairs, one downstairs, and an apartment over the new garage. "It will still be a historic farmhouse but with modern conveniences."





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I do think we will have cars in one hundred years but they will be different. I think the cars will fly and there will be roads in the sky. Cars also could turn into submarine cars. Then there no more traffic!!!! Nobody has to worry about morning rush hour! YAY!!! That how I think cars will be in one hundred years.

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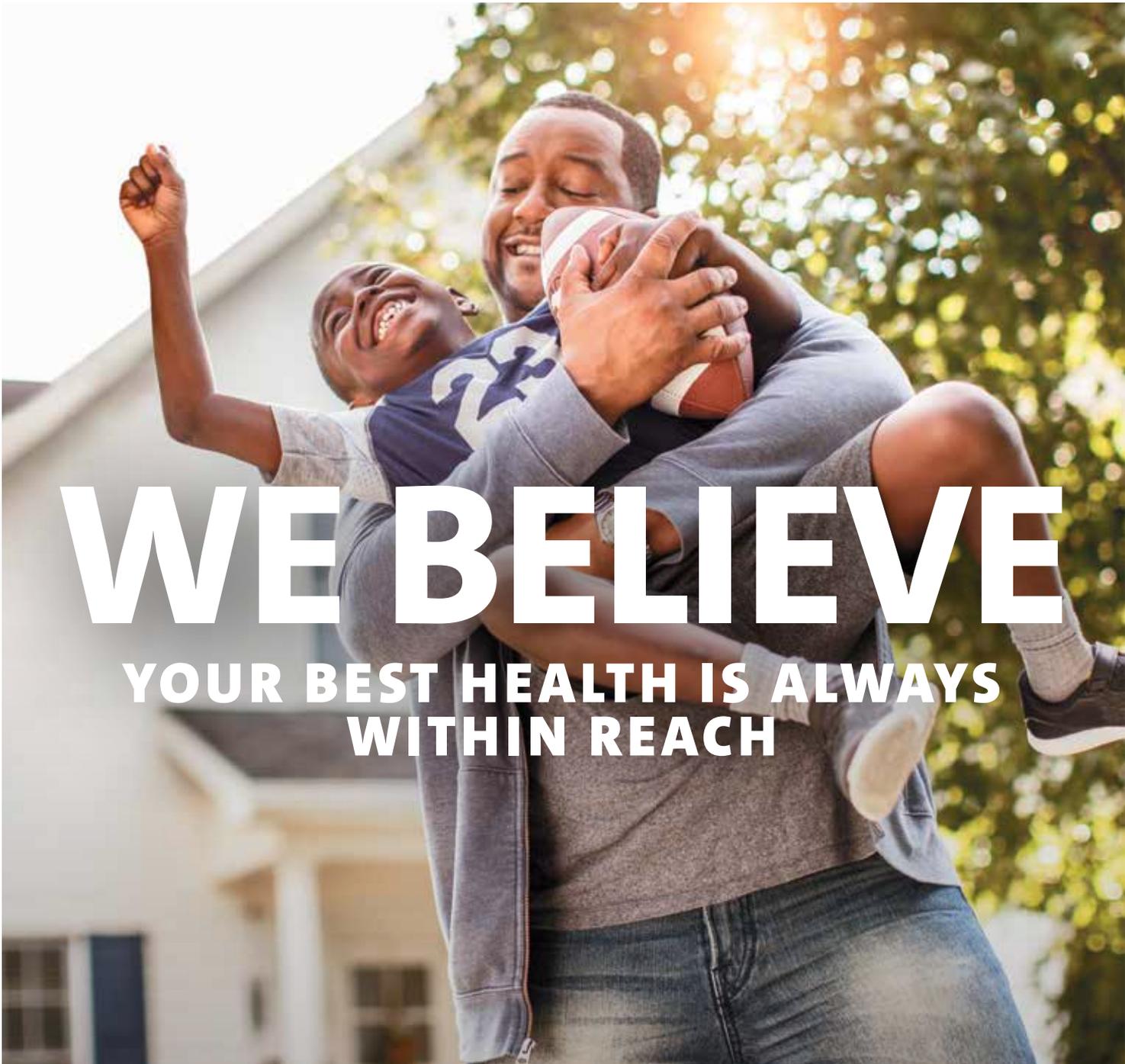
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