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



## From Vision to Reality



It's been many years in the making, but UA can finally celebrate the physical beginnings of its first true community center. On Monday, April 17, City Council and the Administration gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony with many of the groups and individuals that have played an integral role in making this project a reality.

As part of the celebration, Margie Pizzuti, who co-chaired the Upper Arlington Community Foundation's Capital Campaign was pleased to share details of their successful \$8 million fundraising campaign. She also announced that the facility will be named the Bob Crane Community Center, honoring the patriarch of the Crane family, whose wife, Loann's gave the initial \$2 million gift.

There are so many to thank for their work on this historic project but here's a snapshot of some of the key groups:

- Current and former members of City Council who initiated the original study process, guided next steps, and ensured the City would be able to fund this project.
- Volunteer members of the

Community Center Feasibility Task Force who led an 18-month study and community engagement process that brought the proposed facility into focus.

- A resident-led group that ran a grassroots campaign in favor of the Community Center ballot issue.

- Public/private partners such as Continental Development who worked with the City to set aside a prospective site for the community within its redevelopment project at Kingsdale, neighboring Kingsdale Shopping Center partners ECHO Realty and Giant Eagle for their support relative to shared parking opportunities.
- The building design team of MSA Sport and Perkins & Will; the City's owners' representatives at Pizzuti Solutions; the construction teams at Elford and Continental.
- The many residents who participated in the entire process, attending meetings, completing surveys and providing feedback, including the 9,476 residents - representing an 80% "yes" vote - who voted in favor of the project.

### Project Timeline

Following City Council's approval to proceed with construction on March 27, the City issued bonds on March 29, and provided notice to proceed to the construction team on April 3. By April 10, crews were onsite at Kingsdale to start

preparing for construction. If all goes according to schedule, the building frame will be complete by February of 2024, the entire structure enclosed by the Winter, with construction complete approximately one year later. Once the furnishings and equipment has been installed and the management team has had time to get the facility up and running, we anticipate a Spring/Summer 2025 Grand Opening.

For Bob Crane Community Center updates, visit [uacommentarycenter.com](http://uacommentarycenter.com).

Scan these QR codes using your smartphone for a virtual preview of some of the Bob Crane Community Center.



Lobby



Exercise Floor



Pool



Senior Lounge



Gym



Pre-Function Space

### ON THE COVER:

Rendering of the Bob Crane Community Center

## Fourth of July Reminders

With UA's favorite day of the year just weeks away, here are some useful updates to help you plan.

### Fireworks Safety

Recognizing the dangers posed by fireworks if handled improperly, the City opted out of the State of Ohio's 2022 fireworks legislation, and continues to ban the use of consumer grade fireworks in UA. This includes sparklers, bottle rockets, firecrackers and trick noisemakers. It is not the intent of the City to be heavy-handed in enforcement, but the City has and will enforce its laws, especially when unsafe situations are witnessed by police.

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

### Block Parties

If your neighborhood is planning to host a block party on the Fourth of July, the deadline for submitting your application is Friday, June 23. The \$50 fee covers administrative costs and the delivery of barricades. Block parties are not permitted on main thoroughfares. To complete an application, visit the Applications & Permits section of the City Manager's Office webpage, at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov).

### Chairs On the Parade Route

In the days leading up to the Parade, the route along Northwest Blvd. becomes overrun with lawn chairs and areas taped off by families staking their spectator spot. Please refrain from this practice until just a few days before the parade. It's important to note that by placing your property at the

curb - similar to placing trash or bulk items out for collection - you run the risk of having your property taken by opportunistic passersby. In such instances, their loss is not considered theft.

### Parade Updates

#### Parade Inclusive Zone

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

#### Parade Traffic & Safety Restrictions

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

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

traffic until approximately 8:30 am.

- All streets are expected to be reopened to traffic by approximately 1 pm.

### Parking Restrictions

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

### Tremont Pool, Northam Tennis Holiday Hours

To accommodate Party in the Park and the Fourth of July fireworks, the City's recreation facilities at Northam Park will adopt the following schedule over the holiday period:

#### Monday, July 3

- Northam Tennis - closes at 3 pm
- Tremont Pool - closes at 9 pm

#### Tuesday, July 4

- Northam Tennis - closed
- Tremont Pool - closed

#### Wednesday, July 5

- Northam Tennis - regular 7 am opening may be delayed by firework cleanup
- Tremont Pool - opens at 1 pm (as long as fireworks cleanup is complete)



## Fourth of July Reminders Continued

### Party in the Park Updates

#### Northam Park Improvements/Layout Adjustments

The construction taking place on the west athletic fields at Northam Park will impact Party in the Park logistics. The UACA's reserved table area and entertainment stage will be on the east fields, with limited surrounding space open to the general public. The UA Schools has kindly agreed to open the east playground/field space at Tremont Elementary School for fireworks viewing, as shown by the accompanying map.



### Golf Cart Restrictions

Golf carts will not be permitted to operate on Northam Road between Tremont Road and Andover Road between 4-11 pm, except for public safety and authorized permits (UACA members working the event). General Public parking for golf carts will be available on Dorset Road between Redding and Tremont Road. Residents may use the south entrance of the UA Library as a drop-off location.

### Golf Cart Regulations

A popular trend in UA is the rental of golf carts over the Fourth holiday. As this practice has grown, safety issues have increasingly been a concern. Ordinance 41-2019 authorizes residents' use of code-compliant, under-speed vehicles year-round, and exempts non-compliant golf carts for five days over the Fourth holiday. The legislation limits their use to streets with speed limits of 25 mph or less and requires seatbelts.

Examples of safety/traffic violations that will be acted upon by Police Officers over the Fourth exemption period include, but are not limited to:

- Driving without a valid driver's license or while under suspension
- Vehicular assault
- Reckless operation
- Traffic code violations that result in an accident
- Failure to obey traffic control devices
- Driving while under the influence
- Hanging outside the vehicle
- Violations of child restraint laws
- Underage drivers

To learn more about the City's under-speed vehicle legislation, visit the Police Patrol & Operations Bureau section of our website, at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov).

### Call for Community Relations Committee Applicants

**Deadline: May 8**

The City is fortunate to have many residents who are willing to donate their time and expertise serving on the various Boards and Commissions that have been formed to address specific community issues. In return, these individuals are afforded the opportunity to help shape their community in areas that are of interest to them.

Upper Arlington City Council is currently seeking applicants interested in serving on the Community Relations Committee.

The Community Relations Committee (CRC) was formed by City Council in 2020 to support Upper Arlington as a welcoming community and to promote understanding, mutual respect and a sense of belonging among all residents, as well as those who work or visit. The CRC typically meets the fourth Thursday of the month and engages in various community activities that help to advance the mission - for insight on the CRC's work, visit [uacommentaryrelations.com](http://uacommentaryrelations.com).

Public service of this nature is voluntary. To learn more about the Boards and Commissions of Council and to complete an application to serve on the CRC, visit our Board and Commissions online portal.

## CityINSIGHT

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

### Fire Operations Study

For all the City services we provide to the community, it makes sense to periodically go through an evaluation process, to see how our operations compare to other agencies and to identify best practices that could be incorporated here, while also seeking opportunities for efficiencies.

In the case of our Fire Division, utilizing the expertise of an outside consultant to conduct a detailed study of current practices has been long overdue. This task was entrusted to the Center for Public Safety Management, LLC (CPSM), an affiliate agency of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) that also conducted a similar study for the Police Division in 2022.

Following an extensive study process that included data analysis, interviews, focus groups, document review and operational and administrative observations, CPSM has provided a detailed report with a series of recommendations. The key findings and recommendations to emerge from this report were shared with City Council at its April 10 meeting.

When undertaking its analysis and more specifically when analyzing the operational deployment of resources, CPSM used two important national benchmarks: the Insurance Services Office - Public Protection Classification (ISO-PPC) rating system from which communities receive a public protection rating for insurance purposes; and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1710, Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments.

The ISO rating system range is from 1-10, with Class 1 the highest rating possible. In UA's case, the division has achieved a Class 2 rating (top 6% in the country), an achievement to be proud of, and translating to lower insurance rates for community members. Additionally, the division's overall rating reflects high marks for the emergency communications system, water supply system, and risk reduction efforts, with opportunities for improvements to facilities, resource deployment and training practices.



The NFPA 1710 is more focused on benchmarking staffing equipment levels and response times to certain structures and emergencies.

### Key Recommendations

Overall the report presents a series of recommendations for implementation:

- Undertake several structural and title adjustments to some positions to better align with the division's contemporaries in the region and to elevate the division's training program.
- Create a succession plan focused on developing personnel in readiness for advancement.
- Develop a long-term plan that addresses shifting fire and medical emergency needs as the City's commercial districts continue to evolve - in particular the potential for significant change along the Henderson Road corridor.
- Enhance the division's training regimens, with a focus on regular structural fire training.
- Work with the Franklin County Fire Chiefs in an effort to update countywide automatic aid agreements.
- Prepare to undertake renovations at Station 71 on Arlington Avenue once the current debt on Station 72 is paid off in 2028 (which is funded through the City's EMS Billing Fund).
- Continue close collaboration with the City's Fleet Management team relative

to timely equipment upgrades

- Revisit the City's false alarm ordinance to reduce unnecessary calls for service.
- Work with regional fire chiefs to increase response resources for specific fire situations, such as high-rise fires and commercial spaces.
- Develop a long-term strategic plan for increasing staffing and equipment in response to the community growth and changing risk factors.
- Retain the former Station 73 on Coach Road for potential future use by the division, as/when significant changes occur along the Henderson Road corridor.
- Consider becoming a registered agency for accreditation under the Commission of Fire Accreditation International with the goal of becoming accredited within five years.

The full report and video of CPSM's presentation to Council is available on the City Council section of our website, at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov). To view the presentation, click on the Council Videos link, select Past City Council, then click on the April 10 meeting, where it's possible to select Item 4B to fast forward to the presentation. To access the report, scroll to the Agendas and Packet section, then type in April 10 City Council Meeting in the search box.

If you have any questions about the Fire Operations and Data Analysis Report and next steps, contact the City Manager's Office, at 614-583-5040.



## 2023 State of the City Address

For 2023, in place of an in-person event, we have brought our annual State of the City Address updates to you in video format. Since early April, a series of topical videos are being shared each week via the City Insight e-newsletter, and the entire series can be viewed on the City Manager's Office webpage, at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov). Topics in the series include:

- 2022 Community Survey results
- Safety service studies
- Parks & Recreation updates
- Capital Improvement Program updates
- Development progress
- The City's financial picture

### 2022 Community Awards

UA is overflowing with groups and individuals who dedicate their time and energy to enriching lives and building community. A long-held tradition for the City each year is a celebration of the best in our community, through the annual Community Awards Program. As usual, many nominations were received for the 2022 program, and at the April 10 City Council Meeting, our 2022 recipients were presented awards in the following categories:



#### Business - Ballroom Dance Experience

Emily Mertens' Ballroom Dance Experience has been a UA-based business for several years, teaching Ballroom Dance to students of all ages and skill levels. Emily brings a passion to her business that is contagious and spreads her love of dance to her students. Emily has worked to bring dance and teach much needed social skills to young adults in school settings and has used her knowledge of movement and touch to develop programs for Alzheimer and Parkinson's patients.



#### Senior - Bob Tullett

Bob has been an avid volunteer for the City since the day of his 21st birthday, when he began volunteering as an auxiliary firefighter/medic for the Fire Division, a position he continued in for over 20 years. Bob was named to the City's Board of Zoning and Planning in 1987 for a "three-year term," which extended to 35 years, and included several years serving as Board Chair. Bob has also been very active with school volunteering, leading an effort to build the Big Toy playground at Windermere in the early 1980s, and serving as construction manager for a Habitat for Humanity home built by students, staff and parents of the High School in the 1990s.



#### Community Enrichment - Upper Arlington Optimist Club

The Upper Arlington Optimist Club has served youth in UA since 1953. Examples include the UA Optimist Basketball program that serves more than 1,000 UA students, a series of scholarship programs that include a communication contest for the deaf and hearing impaired and an Exemplary Character Scholarship that recognizes students that have overcome significant struggles such as homelessness, refugee camps and relocation to the region from African nations, as well as partnerships with UA's first responders through its Respect for Law program.

**A video of the 2022 Community Award recipients completes the 2023 State of the City video series, and can be viewed on the City Manager's Office webpage, at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov).**



#### Community Relations - Reita Smith

Reita has continually supported efforts to honor the history of the land we call Upper Arlington, particularly the Native American and African American communities who lived here before the City was established. She was an integral participant in the Pleasant Litchford Taskforce, which brought together educators and representatives from the UA Schools, the City, the UA Historical Society, Equal UA, and Second Baptist Church to develop a timeline with verified primary and secondary sources to better share the story of Pleasant Litchford with the community and with students.



#### Youth - UA High School Asian American & Pacific Islander Student Organization

This group of students was formed two years ago to initiate a positive response to instances of racism targeting Asian populations. Together they have established and nurtured a safe space for their fellow students and helping previously reserved and quiet members emerge as confident leaders. The group has successfully run fundraisers for the Asian American Community Services, whose office is located in UA, as well as organizing events and programs that help inform students and community members about Asian culture.

# CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Steve Schoeny



## Transforming the City's Sidewalk Network

As much of Upper Arlington was originally developed, little thought was given to accommodating pedestrians and cyclists on our public streets - in part for aesthetic reasons, but also, with fewer cars on the road, safety concerns were minimal. Fast forward to the modern day, and residents have increasingly expressed their desire for safe and accessible connections within their neighborhoods and to nearby parks, schools, and commercial areas.

Since the early 2000s, City leaders recognized this shift and began exploring how best to retrofit the community with sidewalks and multi-use paths. Over time, these efforts have cumulatively had a positive impact on our community, and with more connections imminent, UA is rapidly transforming into the welcoming, walkable/ bikeable community we all want it to be.

A 2014 City Council policy directed the Administration to bring to Council options for adding new sidewalks along one side of City arterials and collectors when they were being reconstructed. Over the years, this policy has resulted in new sidewalks or multi-use paths along key streets, such as Kenny Road, Tremont Road, North Star Road, and the eastern portion of Fishinger Road. Once the current construction taking place on Fishinger from Five Points to Riverside Drive is complete, the entirety of this busy arterial will safely provide for pedestrians and bicyclists.

In 2022 the City created a Sidewalk Installation Policy. This policy incorporates standards as Upper Arlington expands connectivity to provide the community with the consistency of expectations for new sidewalks. To enhance safety, sidewalks will be separated from the roadway. This increases pedestrian safety

and comfort by providing additional clearance from vehicular traffic. An appropriate buffer can also create a usable and sustainable tree lawn. Street trees further enhance pedestrian safety and comfort by providing a physical barrier, traffic calming effect, roadway noise suppression, and relief from extreme heat.

### Sidewalk Petition Policy

As is typical in most communities, responsibility for the installation and maintenance of sidewalks within neighborhoods typically falls to the home builder or homeowner. The City has had a Sidewalk Petition program for many years - a resident-initiated process that can trigger the installation of sidewalks along sections of streets at resident expense once a minimum threshold of property owners have signed in favor of the petition.

To help enhance this program and provide an incentive for residents to undertake what can be a daunting process, City Council adopted a Sidewalk Incentive Policy in 2015 and updated in 2019 that annually sets aside City funds to help with the costs for new sidewalks. Under the policy and subject to funding availability, a sidewalk petition with 60% support would receive a City contribution of 50% of the costs.

Since the addition of this incentive, sections of Milden, Woodbridge, Elmwood, Baldrige, Stanford, and most recently, Suffolk roads have successfully completed the petition process.

### Sidewalk Connections Project

Approved by Council in 2017, this initiative focused on expanded connectivity in areas prioritized for new sidewalks by the Safe Routes to School Travel Plan. This resulted in new sidewalks along one side of the street for sections of Canterbury Road, Cambridge Boulevard, Coach Road, Middlesex Road and Tremont Road south of Lane Avenue.

### Sidewalk Maintenance Program

Since 2018, the City has also placed increased focus on maintaining the sidewalks that are already here through its annual Sidewalk Maintenance Program. The community is divided into five inspection zones, with one zone addressed per year. Through this program, all sidewalks are inspected and for sections that need repair or replacement - and that don't fall to the City's responsibility due to damage from street trees or utility access points - property owners are given the option to take advantage of the City's maintenance contract, which typically results in a reduced cost to them, or to have the work done directly.

Since the entire City has been inspected in the last five years, as the City begins the second round of inspections in 2023, it is anticipated that the work needed will be reduced.

Combined, the City's efforts to expand our sidewalk network are impressive, with more than 13 miles of new sidewalks and shared-use paths installed in UA since 2014. With the impending addition of a shared-use path on Lane Avenue (to be constructed this year) that will feed into a future shared-use path running south on Riverside Drive and ultimately connecting with the new Quarry Trails Metro Park, we are not only improving within our community, we are providing vital connections across the region.

If you want to know more about the City's Sidewalk Petition Policy and how to initiate a petition, please contact our Engineering Division, at 614-583-5360.

# NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



## Police Division Office Renovation Open House

4-6:30 pm, Monday, May 15  
3600 Tremont Road

The Police Division's administrative offices have been completely transformed following an extensive renovation process - the first time since the Municipal Services Center was constructed in the early 1970s. Please stop by any time from 4-6:30 pm for a tour of the new facilities, to meet with the team and tour Police and Fire safety vehicles. The evening will include refreshments and an opportunity to learn about career opportunities with both the Police and Fire divisions, as well as seasonal positions with UA Parks & Rec. We hope you can join us!

## Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Memorial Day** - Monday, May 29. Solid Waste collection is delayed by one day for all zones.
- **Juneteenth** - Monday, June 19. Solid Waste collection is not affected.
- **Independence Day** - Tuesday, July 4. Solid Waste collection is delayed by one day for all zones.

## Public Meetings

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE** 614-583-5030

[upperarlingtonoh.gov/city-council-city-clerk/](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov/city-council-city-clerk/)  
The City has transitioned to a new online portal for all public meeting agendas, including City Council, Board, and Commission meetings. To register for meeting agenda notices, simply visit the site, create an account, and from there

you can subscribe to your preferred meeting types. A full list of public meetings can also be found on our Events calendar.

## City e-News

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS** 614-583-5040

Don't be "the one" who didn't know! Get timely service news, event reminders and special project updates from the City by e-mail:

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

Visit the **Connect** section of our website, at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov) to register.

## Municipal Services Center Security Enhancements

As part of steps to enhance security at the Municipal Services Building,

located at 3600 Tremont Road, effective April 17, public access is now limited to the doors facing Tremont Road. All visitors must check in at the Police/City reception window to the right of the main doors, using a government-issued ID or equivalent. After check-in, visitors receive an adhesive visitor name tag to be worn for the duration of their visit. For questions about these changes, please call 614-583-5000.

## Fire Hydrant Flushing

Continues Through May 5

**FIRE DIVISION**

614-583-5100

Fire hydrant flushing occurs weekdays, 8 am-6 pm and is part of an annual fire hydrant maintenance program that keeps hydrants in operable condition. Visit the Fire Prevention page on our website to view this year's schedule and map.

## Summer Utility Invoice

**FINANCE**

614-583-5291

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

## Block Party Permits

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE** 614-583-5040

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

## Garage/Yard Sales

**CODE COMPLIANCE**

614-583-5070

Residents may conduct one garage/yard sale during any six-month period, not to exceed three consecutive days or two days on two consecutive weekends. Sales may be held from 8 am-8 pm, with items placed for display in a garage or backyard. Any signage should be placed on private property only and should not exceed eight square feet.

## Grass/Weed Control Guidelines

**CODE COMPLIANCE**

614-583-5070



The care and maintenance of property and landscaping benefits the entire community. City code specifies that grass must not exceed 10 inches in height and should be kept free of noxious weeds. Failure to comply will result in notice from the City to rectify the situation within five days, at which time the City will make arrangements to cut the grass/weeds at the owner's expense.

**Special Events Applications**

**Deadline for October 1 - December 31**

**Events: July 17**

**PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300**

The City has an application and permitting process in place for special events that require the use of City property and/or City logistical and planning support. This includes quarterly submission deadlines in advance of a planned event so that Staff have ample time to review all requests and manage its finite supply of equipment and staffing while balancing its support of longstanding community events with new and unique event proposals.

**Mother's Day Flower Sale**

**8 am-5 pm, May 11- May 13**

**Tremont Shopping Center**

upperarlingtonfire.com

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

**Lithium Battery Safety**

**FIRE DIVISION**

**614-583-5100**

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

- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions
- Only use the battery that is designed for a specific device
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device
- DO NOT charge a device under a pillow or on a bed or couch
- Stop charging the device as soon as it's reached a full charge

**Good Neighbor Dog Reminders**

**PARKS & REC | 614-583-5300**

Being a responsible dog owner is respectful to other residents enjoy the community's public spaces AND can ensure your pet's safety and avoid any personal liability from a dog bite or car accident should you lose control of your dog. Here are some simple tips to keep your pet and others safe:



- When at a UA park, dogs must be on a leash 8 am-8 pm (DST) and 8 am-5 om during (EST). At all other hours, the dog still must be under your control. If field sports, parties or other group activities are in full swing, steer clear of that portion of the park if your dog is off leash, or simply put the leash back on to prevent any uninvited interruptions.
- Don't assume all dogs will play well with yours, especially when they are on a leash. Keep your dog clear from others until you have checked with the owner that it's okay to approach.
- As a courtesy to others and for health and safety reasons, pet owners must clean up after their pets. Most of our larger parks are equipped with doggie bag stations but it's always a good idea to bring your own. And, when disposing of pet waste, please use the trash container NOT the recycling container.
- When out walking your dog in your neighborhood, a leash is required. Similarly, dogs should be appropriately contained on your property when off leash, within a fenced-in area of your backyard or by use of an electric fence.

To report a leash law violation, contact UA Police at 614-583-5410. Check our Animal & Wildlife Resources webpage for additional details and resources.

- Don't charge batteries at temperatures above 105°F or below 32°F
- May 20 - Smith Nature Park
- June 10 - Smith Nature Park

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

**Friends of UA Parks**

**friendsofuparks.com**

Friends of Upper Arlington Parks is a volunteer group that works with the City's Parks & Forestry Division on invasive plant control projects and native plant restoration in UA Parks. The group meets regularly throughout the year on Saturday mornings from 9 am-Noon.

Here are some upcoming dates:

**Updated Ohio Distracted Driving Law Now in Effect**

**POLICE DIVISION**

**614-583-5150**

Effective April 4, 2023, Ohio has a new law relative to distracted driving. Senate Bill 288 designates the use of cell phones and other electronic communication devices while driving as a primary offense. This means law enforcement officers can immediately pull a distracted driver over upon witnessing a violation. Initially, officers are issuing warnings, but they will begin to issue citations in October.



## PARKS & REC

City of Upper Arlington

UA Parks & Rec is excited to be planning a full slate of warm weather events and activities in the weeks and months ahead. Mark your calendars for the following highlights for May and June:

### UA Farmers Market

3-6 pm, Wednesdays

May 17-October 25

Littleton's Market Parking Lot, Tremont Center

[commongreensohio.org/upper-arlington](http://commongreensohio.org/upper-arlington)

Brought to you by Common Greens, the popular weekly UA Farmers Market features approximately 25-30 local farmers and artisans selling fresh fruits, veggies and flowers, baked goods, meats, locally roasted coffees and more, with SNAP/EBT-shoppers welcome. The market atmosphere is enhanced most weeks with live music, and you can help support the Heart-to-Heart food pantry by participating in the "Buy 1 Donate 1" program.

### Spring Fling

11 am-2 pm, Saturday, May 20

Sunny 95 Park

One of four seasonal family-friendly events held each year, Spring Fling features a popular Fishing Derby, a chance to explore various City service vehicles via Touch-A-Truck, carnival games, live music, balloon sculpting, arts & crafts and much more. The event is free, with some small fees associated with certain activities.

### UA Performance Series

This year's summer concert series has been transformed into the UA Performance Series, bringing you expanded musical entertainment, food trucks and family-friendly activities.

### Party on the Plaza

6-11 pm, Thursday, June 8

3600 Tremont Road

The Municipal Services Center becomes a hub of activity for the evening. Enjoy live performances from Sydney McSweeney (6-7:15 pm) and Honey and Blue (7:45-9 pm), followed by a 9 pm Movie in the Parks showing of Respect (PG-13). Grab dinner and dessert, and some tasty beverages (adult drinks on sale until 10 pm). Last, but not least, be sure to enjoy the Concourse Gallery exhibit, "Undesign the Redline" (see inset for additional details).

### Music at Miller

6-9 pm, Thursday, June 22

Miller Park

1861 Cambridge Blvd

In a collaboration with the Miller Park Library, Music at Miller is sure to please the entire family! Enjoy performances by Musicologie (6-6:30 pm), Snack Time (7-8 pm) and School of Rock (8:30 pm), with musical trivia activities between performances. The evening is completed by a variety of food trucks to choose from for dinner and dessert, and it's all to be found in a beautiful park setting.

### Mark Your Calendars for the Remainder of the UA Performance Series

#### Arts on Arlington

Thursday, July 13

#### Labor Day Arts Festival

Monday, September 4

#### Songwriter Social

Thursday, October 19

### Undesign the Redline

June 1-July 7

Reception: 5-7 pm, Thursday, June 1

Presentation & art activity begins at 6 pm

Explore the history of structural racism caused by the 1938 redlining maps and how this inequality continues to impact communities today, while focusing on the ways in which we can come together to "undesign" these systems. The exhibit also includes the YWCA's collection by local artists, inspired by the effects of redlining in Columbus. Artists include Becca Brown, Arris' J. Cohen, Tiana Ferguson-Nieves, Mona Gazala, Dimonde Hale, Lance Johnson, Dexter Komakaru, DeEarnest McLemore, Sahara Walton, and Jordan Williams.



# Schools<sup>★</sup>INSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

MAY | JUNE 2023



## Listen Learn Lead Update

A year ago, the Upper Arlington Board of Education launched the Listen Learn Lead community engagement process in an effort to help the Upper Arlington Schools and the community be the best they can be. This spring, the community conversations will continue with a new round of Listen Learn Lead roundtable discussions on Wednesday, May 3 and Thursday, May 4.

The goal is to bring people together to hear different viewpoints and have positive and productive conversations between as many students, families, community members and staff members as possible. These discussions will also offer an opportunity to get to know the incoming superintendent, Robert Hunt, Ph.D., and help him learn about the Upper Arlington community as he prepares to transition to that role beginning on July 1.

"As we shared when we launched the Listen Learn Lead process, we are committed to continuing these conversations with our community," Board of Education President Lori Trent

said. "We are excited to have Dr. Hunt join us for the next iteration of Listen Learn Lead as we continue to work together toward an even brighter future for our schools."

The Listen Learn Lead sessions in May will have a different format and focus than the previous sessions. Each session will be 90 minutes, with a focus on the superintendent transition and the district's new Profile of an Engaged Learner ([www.uaschools.org/ProfileofanEngagedLearner.aspx](http://www.uaschools.org/ProfileofanEngagedLearner.aspx)), which identifies the skills and characteristics that the district believes will prepare students to serve, lead and succeed in Upper Arlington and beyond. Participants will have an opportunity to connect with Dr. Hunt on what makes Upper Arlington special to them and to provide feedback on the priority areas

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

10:00 a.m.

Mountview Church

3:30 & 5:30 p.m.

Upper Arlington High School

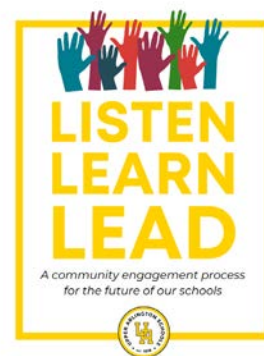
### THURSDAY, MAY 4

10:00 a.m.

Mountview Church

5:00 p.m.

Upper Arlington High School



for his first year as superintendent.

"Having a strong partnership with our students and families, our staff and our community is vital to the success of our schools," Dr. Hunt said. "Being part of the Listen Learn Lead process is an important step in my transition to the role of superintendent so that I can listen to and learn from all of our stakeholders to help shape the next chapter for this great district and community."

Since the Board of Education launched the Listen Learn Lead process

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## SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Kathy Jenney, Ed.D.

### Quality Profile Gives Community a Clear Picture of Our Schools

Every year, Upper Arlington Schools publishes its Quality Profile, an annual accountability report that gives our community a clear and transparent look at what's happening in our schools. All Upper Arlington households should have received a copy of the Quality Profile in their mailboxes this spring, and you can find an electronic version on our website at [www.uaschools.org/QualityProfile.aspx](http://www.uaschools.org/QualityProfile.aspx).



This document is aligned to our 2019-2024 Strategic Plan, which identifies a focused set of priorities that support our position as a national leader in education and continue our focus on challenging and supporting every student, every step of the way.

Whole learning is our core business - academics. We are building on the district's long-running philosophy of educating the whole child by providing rigorous academic content and real-world learning experiences that give students an even stronger foundation to serve, lead and succeed in life.

Student and staff well-being is critical to the success of our students. We are building on our strengths to foster a safe and inclusive environment by focusing on two fundamental aspects of well-being: belonging and balance.

Continuous improvement is the foundation of the strategic plan. This is the idea of getting better at getting better – and, as you'll see in this document, it is threaded through everything we do in our schools.

We believe it is critically important to continue to provide our community with the Quality Profile to measure our progress toward these strategic priorities. I encourage you to spend some time with the Quality Profile, and if you have any suggestions, please complete the online form available at on our website.

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Update

This spring, we are strengthening our focus on student and staff well-being and diversity, equity and inclusion – which connects directly to the well-being priority in our strategic plan and our Profile of an Engaged Learner.

On May 2, the spring election day, we will bring together our entire staff for professional learning related to diversity, equity and inclusion; the importance of student and staff well-being; and the Board of Education policies that inform our work. As of the deadline for the publication, plans for this day are quickly taking shape.

We have also been moving ahead on the process to establish a district diversity, equity and inclusion partnership with a research-based institution doing work in this area with a long history of success. This partnership will enable the district to benchmark current progress and integrate further diversity, equity and inclusion research-based strategies that have a meaningful and lasting impact. We plan to bring a recommendation to the Board of Education in May or June.

*Kathy Jenney, Ed.D. is the interim superintendent of the Upper Arlington Schools. You can reach out to her at [superintendent@uaschools.org](mailto:superintendent@uaschools.org).*

in February 2022, approximately 1,700 students, parents, staff members and community members have taken part. Based on that feedback, the Board of Education approved recommendations falling into three areas: student engagement, financial accountability and enhancing communications. The district continues to move forward with the implementation of those recommendations and provides quarterly updates to the Board of Education on the progress, most recently in March 2023.

To learn more, please visit [www.uaschools.org/ListenLearnLead.aspx](http://www.uaschools.org/ListenLearnLead.aspx).

## 2022-23 SCHOOL DATES

**No School for Students and Staff; Staff Report Per Schedule**  
**Monday, May 1**

**Spring Election Day: No School for Students; All-Staff Professional Learning Day**  
**Tuesday, May 2**

**Early Dismissal (K-12) and Last Day for Students**  
**Thursday, May 25**

Dismissal at 11:05 am for elementary students; 11:35 am for secondary students

**Staff Report Per Schedule**  
**Friday, May 26**

**Upper Arlington High School Commencement**  
**Sunday, May 28 at 9:30 am**

The Jerome Schottenstein Center

**Memorial Day; All Offices Closed**  
**Monday, May 29**

**For current and future school year calendars, visit:**  
**[www.uaschools.org/calendars.aspx](http://www.uaschools.org/calendars.aspx)**

## Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

Providing clear and transparent communication about the state of the finances of the Upper Arlington Schools is one of the district's major commitments to the community.



An important part of this is the publication of an annual financial report.

The 2022-2023 Financial Update, which is available at [www.uaschools.org/treasurer.aspx](http://www.uaschools.org/treasurer.aspx), is meant to provide our community with a clear and concise look at the financial state of the district and the factors that will impact our financial situation in the coming years.

I hope you take time to review the Financial Update and peruse the additional resources available on our Treasurer's website - including our annual financial reports and audits, monthly financial reports, and the five year forecast. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [treasurer@uaschools.org](mailto:treasurer@uaschools.org).

### Commitment to Efficiency

In March, I shared an update with the Board of Education about our progress on the financial accountability recommendations stemming from the Listen Learn Lead community

engagement process. This includes a recommendation to increase awareness of the district's efficiency efforts.

We remain focused on the responsible use of taxpayer dollars by continually seeking out cost efficiencies that do not impact the day-to-day student experience. This is crucial to ensuring that the majority of our budget continues going to what matters most – the instruction and support of our students.

Over the years, we have taken steps to reduce costs by shifting to self-funded workers' compensation and medical insurance plans; joining consortiums for electric, gas and trash services; partnering with the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio on a school recycling pilot project; and purchasing standardized furniture, mechanical, electrical and HVAC systems in all new buildings. You can read more about these efficiency efforts in the Financial Update, and soon on our website.

This spring we will also be holding our first meeting of the Treasurer's Finance Advisory Committee, another Listen Learn Lead recommendation. This committee builds on our district's long history of utilizing the expertise in our community. This group of volunteer residents and/or employees of the school district will provide feedback on the financial operations of the district.

### Legislative Update

We are closely monitoring two House bills that could have implications on the finances for our school district and others across the state. The first is House Bill 33, which is the biennium budget bill. The second is House Bill 1, which proposes changes to property and income taxes across the state and could have a significant impact on funding for our district. We are working with our professional associations and will be in regular communication with our state legislators as these bills progress.

## 2023 UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM LEFT: Vice President Nancy Drees, President Lori Trent, Jenny McKenna, Lou Sauter and Nidhi Satiani



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

### Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, May 9, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, June 13, 6 pm – Council Chamber

For additional information on the members of the Board of Education and its policies, please visit [www.uaschools.org/board](http://www.uaschools.org/board).

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# BITES From the Apple



SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

## UAHS Students Celebrate Academic Honors

Upper Arlington High School celebrated its first group of inductees to the Computer Science Honor Society, part of a national organization led by the Computer Science Teachers Association.

Thirteen UAHS students received this honor after taking two computer science courses including one AP Computer Science course; maintaining a greater than 3.5 GPA in computer science and 3.0 overall; completing 10 hours of community service involving computer science; and being an upstanding citizen to the community.

Also in March, Upper Arlington High School's chapter of the National Honor Society welcomed 140 new inductees. The National Honor Society recognizes exceptional scholarship, service, leadership and character. The new inductees join 108 other UAHS students who were inducted into NHS last year.

In addition, Upper Arlington High School recognized 130 students for membership in the Cum Laude Society, the highest academic recognition a high school student can achieve on a national level. These students represent the top 10 percent of the junior class and top 20 percent of the senior class. On page 18, you can find a full list of the inductees into the Upper Arlington chapter of the Cum Laude Society, which is supported by the Dr. Charles Wade Moulton Fund of the Upper Arlington Education Foundation.

## Art Students Win State, Regional Awards

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



## Franklin County Artists and Scholars Recognition Program

– Greta Dixon was selected among 23 other student artists for Franklin County's 2023 Artists and Scholars Recognition Program. This program recognizes students for excellence and accomplishments in artistic and academic pursuits.

## Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Competition

– Eight Upper Arlington High School students received a combined 15 awards in the 2023 regional Scholastic Art & Writing Competition, the country's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens. Junior Maddie Richard received a Gold Key in drawing, automatically qualifying her to move on to the national Scholastic



competition. Receiving Silver Key awards were Emily Barker (drawing); Audrey Hitt (digital art); Caroline Kegg (drawing); and Parker Swords (drawing). Receiving honorable mention awards were Emily Barker (drawing); Noe Beaudoin (drawing and digital art); Maggie Campbell (drawing); Audrey Hitt (drawing and digital art, three total awards); Caroline Kegg (drawing); Leela-Blue Mullins (drawing); and Parker Swords (drawing).

## Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition State Winners

– Four UAHS students were honored as state winners, placing among the top 300 submissions in the state: Callum Davies (two entries in video/film); Audrey Hitt (digital art); Leela-Blue Mullins (drawing); and Maddie Richard (drawing). Their works were selected to be on display at the Rhodes State Office Tower.

## Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition Regional Winners

– Ten UAHS students were honored as regional winners, receiving 15 awards. Congratulations to: Noe Beaudoin, Greta Dixon, Meredith Hanosek, Audrey Hitt, Caroline Kegg, Jon Mackenbach, Eliza Martini, Maggie Novak, Maddie Richard and Jillian Studley.

## Uniquely Accomplished

Congratulations to Upper Arlington Schools students and staff on these unique accomplishments!

- The Upper Arlington High School Symphonic Choir, under the direction of Dr. Brandon Moss, received a superior rating at the regional Ohio Music Educators Association adjudication and has qualified to compete at the state



## COO Chris Potts Leaving for Position at Ohio State

After nearly 23 years in the Upper Arlington Schools, Chief Operating Officer Chris Potts will be leaving this summer to become the director of facility planning for The Ohio State University.

Since joining the district in 2000, Potts has served in a wide variety of roles. He started as the campus supervisor



at Upper Arlington High School and, two years later, became the athletic director, dedicating seven busy years and countless hours to supporting Golden Bear student-athletes. Potts then moved to the role of business director for the district, and finally, in 2016, he became the chief

operating officer.

"If you know Chris, you know this

was not an easy decision for him - as he is a Golden Bear through and through," said Dr. Kathy Jenney, the interim superintendent. "This is an incredible opportunity for him to contribute his skills to the many construction projects that Ohio State has going on now and into the future."

The Board of Education and district administrative team are working with Dr. Robert Hunt, the incoming superintendent, on next steps for this position.



OMEA adjudication in April.

- The Upper Arlington orchestra program, celebrating its 100th year, hosted the Central Ohio Strings Festival on March 3, with 30 school orchestras participating. All 10 participating UA Orchestras received top ratings – including superior ratings for the Hastings Middle School 8th grade orchestra, the Jones Middle School 7th and 8th grade orchestras, the Bel Canto and Intermezzo string orchestras, UAHS Concert Orchestra, UAHS Symphony Strings and UAHS Chamber Group.
- The Upper Arlington High School boys and girls varsity swimmers ended their season in February with dual second-place finishes at the state championship meet in Canton.
- Upper Arlington High School wrestler Andrew Myers claimed the central district title in his weight class, becoming the first UAHS wrestler to win a district title since 2009. He went on to compete at the state tournament, where he claimed his 100th career victory and finished his season 40-4. The wrestling team finished its season 9th overall - the sixth consecutive top 10 district tournament team finish for the Golden Grapplers.

### Turf at 'the Marv' Going Green This Summer

This summer, Upper Arlington Schools will be moving forward with a "zero-waste" turf replacement project for Ted Wolford Field at Upper Arlington High School's Marv Moorehead Stadium. The turf field was not replaced during the facilities master planning construction phase because it had not yet reached the end of its useful life.

The district is partnering with the Motz Group for this project, which will utilize every piece of the current turf field for either reuse, recycling or upcycling. For instance, the current infill will be reused on our stadium field, the old turf will be upcycled to serve as a new pad for another Motz project, and the existing pad will be recycled.

Previously, Upper Arlington Schools worked with the Motz Group on the UAHS practice fields completed during the master planning project at the corner of Ridgeview and Brandon roads. These fields reused infill from another turf replacement project being done by the Motz Group.

The Ted Wolford Field project will be funded through permanent improvement money.

### Alumni Association Updates

- Join the Upper Arlington Alumni Association and Upper Arlington Education Foundation as they celebrate this year's 440 graduating seniors! Each \$10 tax-deductible donation will celebrate a member of the Class of 2023 by welcoming them to the Alumni Association. The student will receive an alumni t-shirt and sticker during graduation rehearsal. More information can be found at [www.bearalums.com](http://www.bearalums.com).
- You are invited! Please save the date and join the Upper Arlington Alumni Association at the Upper Arlington High School Open House on Sunday, July 2 from 1 to 4 pm. More information can be found at [www.bearalums.com](http://www.bearalums.com).



# SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School students and staff rocked their most colorful and fun socks for World Down Syndrome Day in celebration of the many ways people with Down syndrome make our world brighter.



A group of Barrington Elementary School students have partnered with students and staff in Upper Arlington High School's Individualized Needs Center to help brainstorm solutions for taking care of Ferris the facility dog. This group of students helped to create a 3D-printed trash can cover.



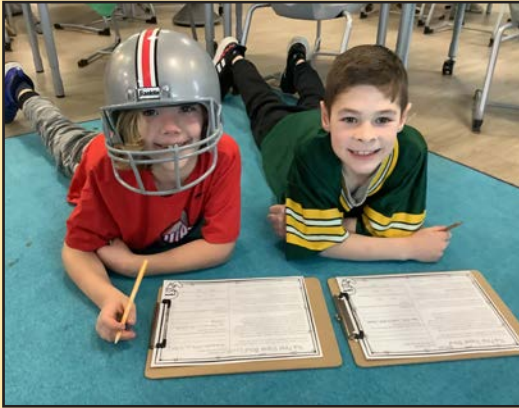
## hUmAn Connection Festival at UAHS

In March, Upper Arlington High School hosted its first hUmAn Connection Festival, an event created by students to support a sense of belonging and celebrate cultures and diversity within the community. During lunch periods, students had the opportunity to visit more than a dozen displays by student-led clubs and community participants – including food from Italy, China, central Africa and Mexico; music from Scotland; salsa dancing; and interactive sports opportunities from Franklin Park Adventure Center, which sponsors recreational activities for individuals with disabilities. Students were also treated to a performance by Al Son Del Iya, a local salsa band that highlights cultural diversity and inclusivity through music, dance, lyrical expression and performance. This event was funded by grants from the UAHS PTO, the Upper Arlington Education Foundation and the Upper Arlington Community Relations Committee.





# SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Third-grade classes at Greensview Elementary School had a super day of learning in February as they put their minds to the test for Super Bowl math, English language arts and science challenges.



Jones Middle School celebrated the second-annual Belonging Week for Disability Awareness Month in March – including a school-wide assembly featuring Madison Hyzdu from Adaptive Sports Connection, who shared her story of disability, resilience and interdependence.



The cast of the Hastings Middle School production of “The SpongeBob Musical” enjoyed some nautical nonsense under the sea with their performances in March.



Upper Arlington Vocal Music welcomed so many wonderful guests for a special high tea leading up to performances of “Beauty and the Beast” in February.



Upper Arlington High School computer science students wrapped up the districtwide K-8 Hour of Code at Jones and Hastings middle schools in February. Approximately 4,600 K-8 students took part, learning foundational computer science skills for their futures.

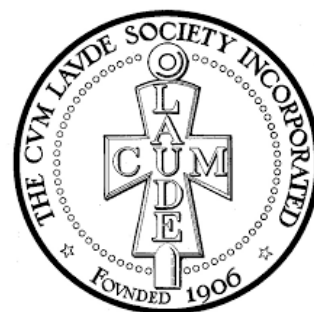


The Upper Arlington High School Environmental Club collected gently used clothing throughout the month of February for a clothing swap, held during lunch periods.



## 2023 Cum Laude Awards

Membership in the Cum Laude Society is the highest academic recognition a high school student can achieve on a national level. The society was established in 1906 to recognize academic excellence, justice and honor. It was modeled after Phi Beta Kappa. The Upper Arlington chapter of the Cum Laude Society is supported by the Dr. Charles Wade Moulton Fund of the Upper Arlington Education Foundation. Congratulations to our 2023 scholars!



**Jahnvi Acharya**

**Nathan Adams**

**Joshua Ali**

**Hanna Andersson**

**Audrey Ardoin**

**Isabel Balderaz**

**Cooper Baltimore**

**Noe Beaudoin**

**Marcus Black**

**Shira Bohrer**

**Talia Bortz**

**Emma Bracken**

**Lydia Britton**

**Eleanor Buehler**

**John Burky**

**Julia Buster**

**Benjamin Campbell**

**Harrison Carlisle**

**Lucy Cheng**

**Cecilia Collins**

**Caden Colombo**

**Emma Coppola**

**John Crotty**

**Brayden Daubenmier**

**William DiBlasi**

**Warren Duan**

**Ethan Dunlap**

**Leo Duvarney**

**Ethan Fahrback**

**Zachary Fogt**

**Isaac FoslerLussier**

**Chloe Friedman**

**Michael Gentner**

**Cate Geog**

**Sarah Giammar**

**Philip Gu**

**Riddhi Gupta**

**Saumya Gupta**

**Samuel Hackett**

**Madison Hall**

**Jacob Hanks**

**Kajal Hari**

**Catherine Harper**

**Rebekah Harper**

**Tyler Harrison**

**Samantha Hart**

**Ashley He**

**Aviva Heselton**

**Brooks Hiller**

**Susan Hodson**

**Max Hoffman**

**Annie Hu**

**Wendy Jiang**

**Sally Jones**

**Nayeon Kang**

**Anusha Kapoor**

**Emerson Katz**

**Ethan Keen**

**Hessel Kirk**

**Sophie Lamancusa**

**Alexa Larry**

**Bella Lewis**

**Charles Linzell**

**Elizabeth Liu**

**Ezra Liu**

**Yonghao Lu**

**Elizabeth MacKenzie**

**Margaret Malone**

**John Mangas**

**Iris Mark**

**Liam Martin**

**Domenic Melaragno**

**Vincent Melragon**

**Haley Menke**

**Avery Miller**

**David Mockabee**

**Leela-Blue Mullins**

**Ryan Nichols**

**Sebastien Nyiri**

**Taryn O'Brien**

**Yesol Oh**

**Elizabeth Oliphant**

**Jack Olson**

**Charles Paxton**

**Adelaide Petras**

**Daniel Petronella**

**Michael Piccininni**

**Ruchika Raj**

**Rahul Rajaram**

**Caroline Redder**

**Clara Reynolds**

**Ava Richard**

**Margaret Robertson**

**Zachary Root**

**Nathan Ross**

**Ethan Samora**

**Alana Sayat**

**Claire Schettler**

**Emily Schmersal**

**Elaina Schneider**

**Jenna Shroyer**

**Miriam Silver**

**Ryan Sivakumar**

**Luca Sivilotti**

**Parker Smith**

**Elliot Snyder**

**Benjamin Son**

**Cynthia Song**

**David Speas**

**Maren Stamm**

**Qwynn Starrwalker**

**Lilly Stelzer**

**Kampbell Stone**

**Sebastian Swary**

**Kai Switzer**

**Audrey Szollosi**

**Jack Trace**

**Sanay Tufekci**

**James Underwood**

**Jennifer Vogt**

**Vivian Vukceвич**

**Steventon Wagner**

**Graham Walther**

**Kevin Wang**

**Caroline Wu**

**Lucas Xie**

**Heath Younkin**

**Natalie Yurkiw**

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**Grace Zhang**

# Library MAY | JUNE 2023 **INSIGHT**



**BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

## 2022 Annual Report

### 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- We installed an Early Learning Play Area at the Lane Road Branch.
- We upped our events game by hosting large programs like life-size Candyland and Murder Mystery Dinner Theater



### ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### General Fund

<b>Beginning Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$4,388,687</b>
<b>Cash Receipts</b>	<b>\$6,772,335</b>
Property & Local Taxes	\$3,316,375
Public Library Fund	\$3,173,155
Other Revenue	\$282,805
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>\$6,711,012</b>
Salaries & Benefits	\$4,287,957
Materials	\$840,253
Other Expenses	\$882,802
Transfer to Building Improvement Fund	-\$700,000
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$4,550,010</b>

*This is an unaudited financial statement.*



### BY THE NUMBERS

Cardholders	34,290
Total collection use	1,567,845
Programs offered	1,024
Program attendance	44,410
Passports processed	1,391

## Program Highlights

### Edible and Ornamental Container Gardens

Join us at the Tremont Road Branch on Thursday, May 11 at 6:30 pm to discover which veggie, herb, fruit, and edible flower varieties do best in pots. You'll also get tips to optimize your potting soil, watering, and fertilizing decisions. Presented by The Columbus Garden School.

### Natural Wonderers

As a family, explore the wonders of our natural world with nature-based learning activities. This month we'll look at wildflowers. Meet at our Miller Park Branch on Saturday, May 13 at 10:30 am Please dress for the weather as we will brave the elements but may move inside.

### Pint-size Prom

Put on your dancing shoes and your fanciest clothes for a morning of music, photo ops, and crafts. Our Pint-size Prom will be held at the Tremont Road Branch on Saturday, May 27 at 10:30 am For ages 0-6.

### Life-size Candyland

Our famous sweet journey returns to the Tremont Road Branch on Saturday, June 3 as part of our Summer Reading Program kickoff. Visit our program calendar at [ualibrary.org](http://ualibrary.org) and register your family for a 30-minute time slot between 10 am-3 pm. Just one registration per family, regardless of the number of people you bring.

### WAVE on Wheels: Shark Cart

Celebrate sharks when the Newport Aquarium visits

our Tremont Road Branch on Tuesday, June 13 at 1 pm Meet live sharks and learn all about these underwater wonders. Registration is required and begins May 1. Please register each person in your group.

### The Space Painter Juggling Show

Performing artist and juggler Tom Sparough visits our Lane Road Branch on Wednesday, June 21 at 3 pm. He'll perform an all-ages show filled with death-defying ball juggling, plate spinning, and more. Registration is required and begins June 7.

### Songs of America

Local band RMT returns to the Miller Park Branch to present a patriotic outdoor concert featuring historical songs and the stories behind them. Bring the family and a picnic dinner on Thursday, June 29 at 6:30 pm.





## A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Beth Hatch

At the end of the first quarter, we finalized our annual report and submitted statistics to the State Library of Ohio. Reviewing the data from last year, we can see that we are rebounding from the drop in usage during the height of the pandemic. In 2022, we circulated over 1.5

million items, had over 380,000 visitors, and saw close to 45,000 attendees to our programs.

As much as I love data and numbers, these statistics do not tell the whole story. The real value of the Library, and what we treasure most, are the connections that we've built and the people we've helped:

- A caregiver who discovered our memory care kits and enjoyed the activities with a loved one.
- The new mother who made connections with other parents at storytime.
- The elementary school child who discovered a book that finally

sparked a love of reading.

- The college student who aced an exam because the Library provided a quiet place to research and study.
- The family who expedited their passports with help from our trained passport agents just in time to take the vacation of a lifetime.

Looking forward, we will continue to strive to be a 5-Star Library. Yet, we will never forget our primary purpose: we build connections that make lives better. Look for our guide to summer fun and our report to the community this summer.

## Let's Celebrate Summer Reading!

Visit any Upper Arlington Public Library branch this June or July to participate in the 2023 Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Let's Celebrate," and program is simple: all you need to do is read!

Start by choosing your reading log; you can either color animals or list daily reading goals. Once you've finished your log, visit one of our branches to receive a prize.

- 1st sheet: coupon packet, treasure chest selection, and grand prize drawing entry
- 2nd sheet: book, treasure chest selection, and grand prize drawing entry
- 3rd sheet and beyond: treasure chest selection and grand prize drawing entry

Keep reading all summer long to earn additional raffle entries for our grand prizes. You could win a 2024 Upper Arlington family pool pass, a private family cooking class with the executive chef at Littleton's Market, Kings Island tickets, a LEGO set, a Dog Man basket, and more.

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

Thank you to our 2023 sponsors, who have donated coupons or raffle prizes to this year's program: The Buckeye Lady, City of Upper Arlington, Columbus Museum of Art, Cover to Cover Books for Young Readers, Cub Shrub, Grandview Theater & Drafthouse, Kings Island, Littleton's Market, McDonald's, Ohio Renaissance Festival, The Original Goodie Shop, Piada Italian Street Food, and Rita's.

Of course, a big thank you to the Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library, who made this year's program possible.



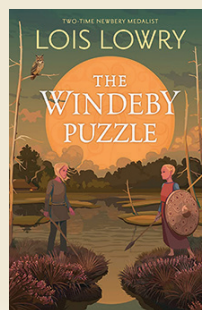
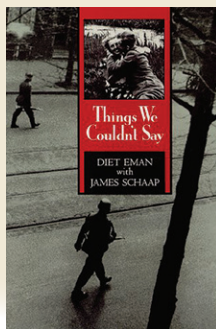
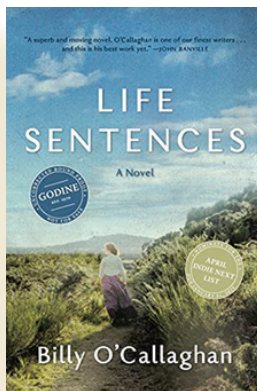
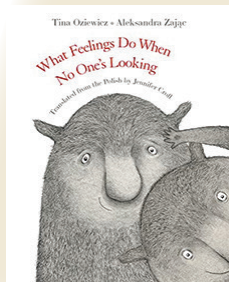
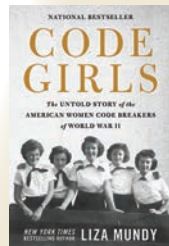
## OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

### Things We Couldn't Say

By Diet Eman

A powerful true story told firsthand by a young Dutch woman who spent years helping Jews hide from the Nazis during the occupation of Holland during World War II. The author shares excerpts from her personal journal as well as letters to and from her budding love interest during this time as they bravely navigate the underworld of the resistance movement. If you've read *The Hiding Place* by Corrie TenBoom, this is a similar take written by another faith-led rebel who also survives imprisonment and a Nazi-run work camp for her role in aiding Jews during this dangerous time.

-Nancy Byron, Miller Park



### Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II

By Liza Mundy

Until recently, this story was largely unknown to most Americans. During World War II, the US Army and Navy recruited 10,000 women to help them break the coded messages being sent among the Germany and

Japanese military forces. While the men were drafted and sent into combat, these southern university and ivy league co-eds were secretly sent to Washington D.C. to work exclusively on decoding enemy war messages and plans. Working long hours and doing meticulous work, these women clearly shortened the war and saved thousands of lives. Author Liza Mundy dove into the military archives to finally tell the story of these brave women. It's a fascinating and inspiring read.

-Scott Potter, Adult Services

### Life Sentences

By Billy O'Callaghan

*Life Sentences* follows three generations of an Irish family told through the narration of individual family members. The story doubles as a look into Ireland's history as the family struggles through the famine of the late 1800s, battles with the aftermath of World War I, and finds hope for a brighter future in the latter half of the 1900s. O'Callaghan's beautifully crafted prose and stories based on the experiences of his own family keep the reader engaged and eager to dive into the lives of each character.

-Maklayne Vitovich, Miller Park

caregiver and child or, for the solitary reader, to introspection. Readers of any age will appreciate the book's adorable artwork and universal theme.

-Nicole Leavitt, Youth Services

### All Systems Red

By Martha Wells

*All Systems Red* is set in an interplanetary society dominated by corporations and told from the perspective of a self-aware security construct who goes by "Murderbot" - though only to itself. Murderbot is content to avoid facing its own feelings of anxiety by watching hours of space dramas and limiting interaction with humans. However, when the dangers of the planetary mission strike, Murderbot commits to do everything it can to protect its human team. What ensues is a fast-paced adventure that explores identity, belonging, and what it means to be alive. A wonderful balance of gritty action, intrigue, and humor.

-Kayla Toon, Community Relations

### The Windeby Puzzle

By Lois Lowry

Lois Lowry was intrigued by the story of the 1952 discovery of a bog body near Windeby, Germany. Because of the body's slight build, it was first thought to be the remains of a teenage girl. Later DNA testing concluded that it is actually a boy dating from between 41 BC and 118 AD. Elements of the burial inspired Lowry to tell two different, but interconnected stories about how the body ended up in the bog. One of a girl struggling to prove that she can be a warrior in a tribe where gender roles are strictly enforced; and one of an orphan boy fighting to survive despite his disabilities. Includes nonfiction sections explaining how peat bogs preserve bodies and how the author approached the writing process.

-Laura Griffin, Tech Services

### What Feelings Do When No One's Looking

By Tina Oziewicz

Originally written in Polish, *What Feelings Do When No One's Looking* is the kind of picture book that is as much for adults as it is for children. With simple illustrations that personify a range of emotions - including ones that can be difficult or painful to talk about - Oziewicz reveals a series of poignant truths about the feelings we feel. The sparse text lends itself to discussion between



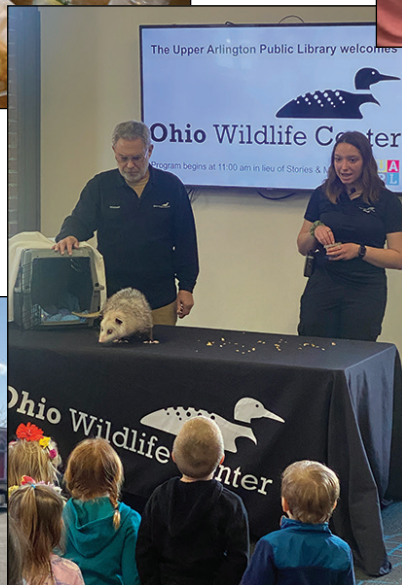
# Explore...GATHER...grow!!



Technology and Media Librarian Donna Maturri hosts pop culture trivia at Somewhere In Particular Brewery on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.



Kids made pet rocks at our Lane Road Branch.



Our Sustainability Fair was a big success! More than 1,000 people visited to learn about green initiatives, make a craft, and meet some animals.

# NewsBITES

## LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

### Return of Meeting Room A

After an extended closure, Meeting Room A at the Tremont Road Branch will again be available for public use beginning in May. Meeting Room C in the Youth Department will be converted to staff-only space. Visit our website at [ualibrary.org](http://ualibrary.org) to book one of our rooms for your next meeting.

### Sandwich Stroll

Look for us at the City of UA's annual Sandwich Stroll on Tuesday, May 2 from 10:30 am-12 pm in Sunny 95 Park. Our librarians will be on hand to demonstrate health-related technology, and to introduce you to our memory care kits and light therapy lamps.

### Friends Book Sale

Visit our Tremont Road Branch between May 7-21 to shop the Friends of the UA Library Sale. Friends members can shop the members-only presale on May 7 from 11 am-1 pm. The sale opens to the public that day at 1 pm. It's open during regular library hours thereafter, but shuts down 15 minutes before the library closes each day. The Friends will put out new items as they come in, so stop by throughout the sale and look for the "New Arrivals" sign. The members-only bag sale will be held on the final day, Sunday, May 21 from

11 am-1 pm. Members can fill one of our shopping bags with books for just \$5. The fill-a-bag sale will be open to the public from 1-3 pm that day at a cost of \$10 per bag. The items on the store's shelves are eligible for the bag sale, but items in the glass cases are excluded.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Donate blood at the Tremont Road Branch on Friday, June 2 from 11 am-4 pm. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code UAPL to make an appointment.

### Holiday Closings

All three of our branches will be closed on Sunday, May 28 and Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. We'll also be closed on Monday, June 19 for the Juneteenth holiday.

### Friends Donation Days

Donate your unwanted books without ever leaving your car. The Friends of the UA Library will be in the Tremont Road Branch's parking lot on Sunday, May 28 from 1-3 pm, and on Friday, June 23 from Noon-2 pm. Friends volunteers will even unload your car for you! Please box or bag items if possible.

### Author Joshilyn Jackson Visits May 3



We're thrilled to host New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Joshilyn Jackson for a talk about her new book, *With My Little Eye*. She'll visit our Tremont Road Branch on Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 pm. Join us for a 30-minute talk, followed by Q&A and a book signing.

Joshilyn Jackson writes page-turning suspense novels that revolve around timely women's issues, raising questions about justice, motherhood, career, class, and the thorny mechanics of redemption. She previously penned eight works of Southern fiction, all of which have a murder mystery or thriller lurking inside the family drama. Her critically acclaimed work has been translated into more than a dozen languages, and Jackson is also an award-winning audiobook narrator.

Register for this special event at [uapl.me/joshilyn](http://uapl.me/joshilyn).

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

All meetings of the Board and its committees, with the exception of executive sessions, are open to the public.

### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, May 16 at 5 pm
- No June meeting



2023 Board of Trustees

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

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Concourse Gallery

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

## Ben Shahn in Ohio: The Summer of 1938

May 3-29

Step back in time and view Ohio through the eyes of photographer Ben Shahn (1898-1969), who captured images of the farms, small towns, and people of the South and Midwest during The Great Depression.

## Undesign the Redline

June 1-July 7

Reception: Thursday, June 1 | 5-7 pm

Explore the history of structural racism caused by the 1938 redlining maps and view the YWCA's collection by local artists, portraying themes inspired by the effects of redlining in Columbus. See pg 10 for more.

## St. Mark's Church Culture & Artisans Fair

10 am-3 pm, Saturday, May 6

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

2151 Dorset Road

This new event will feature artisans selling handmade items from all over the world, along with food and music and an opportunity to interact with the artisans and hear their stories.

## Northam Tennis Open House

1-5 pm, Saturday, May 6

UA Parks & Rec | [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov)

## UA Farmers Market

3-6 pm, Wednesdays

May 17-October 25

Littleton's Parking Lot, Tremont Center

[commongreenohio.org/upper-arlington](http://commongreenohio.org/upper-arlington)

UA's popular Farmers Market will be held every Wednesday, rain or shine at its new location.

## Spring Fling

11 am-2 pm, Saturday, May 20

Sunny 95 Park

UA PARKS & REC | 614-583-5300

Activities for all ages, including inflatables, a fishing derby, Touch-A-Truck, arts & crafts, and live music. Free event.

## Wall of Honor

3 pm, Sunday, May 21

3600 Tremont Road

UA Historical Society | [uahistory.org](http://uahistory.org)

## Heart of UA

6:30-9:30 pm, Sunday, May 21

Scioto Country Club

UA Community Foundation | [uacommunityfoundation.com](http://uacommunityfoundation.com)

## UACA Memorial Day Run

Begins 9 am, Monday, May 29

Reed Road Park Shelter

UACA | [www.uaca.org](http://www.uaca.org)

Pre-registration required

## History Speaks Series: Why Preservation?

7 pm, Wednesday, June 7

Jones Middle School

UA Historical Society | [www.uahistory.org](http://www.uahistory.org)

Free event, pre-registration required.

## UA Performance Series

UA PARKS & REC | 614-583-5300

See pg 10 for more on this exciting series.

## Party on the Plaza

6-11 pm, Thursday, June 8

MSC, 3600 Tremont Rd

Featuring performances by Sydney McSweeney and Honey & Blue, food trucks, alcohol sales until 10 pm, and a 9 pm Movie in the Park showing of "Respect"

## Music at Miller

6-9 pm, Thursday, June 22

Miller Park, 1861 Cambridge Blvd

Family-focused concerts featuring Musicologie, Snack Time and School of Rock Columbus, with a variety of food trucks.

## Movies in the Parks

UA PARKS & REC | 614-583-5300

Respect (PG-13) - 9 pm, Thursday, June 8  
3600 Tremont Road

Clifford the Big Red Dog (PG) - 7:30 pm, Friday, June 9

Mountview Baptist Church - 2140 Fishinger Rd (drive-in movie)

## Upper Arlington Pride

1-5 pm, Sunday, June 11

Mallway Park

Rainbow UA | [rainbowua.org](http://rainbowua.org)

Third annual Pride event featuring entertainment, exhibitors, refreshments and more. Free admission.

## UACA's Fourth of July Celebrations Tuesday, July 4

UA Civic Association | [www.uaca.org](http://www.uaca.org)

Don't miss the 9 am parade along Northwest Blvd and the evening's Party in the Park plus fireworks at Northam Park. See pg 3 for event details.