

## Community Center Feasibility Task Force Narrows Site Options to Two



ABOVE: Building program concept for the Municipal Services Center site.

RIGHT: A similar concept for the former Macy's site at Kingsdale.



## CCFTF Focused on Two Locations

After a 10-month Phase I study process which affirmed that many residents want and need a community center, the Community Center Feasibility Task Force (CCFTF) has transitioned to Phase II. During this phase, the Task Force is drilling into details such as what facilities to include, where a community center might be located, and the costs for construction, operations and maintenance.

### Location

To accomplish its review of potential sites, the Facilities Subcommittee directed the consultants to develop a site criteria matrix and scoring system that included:

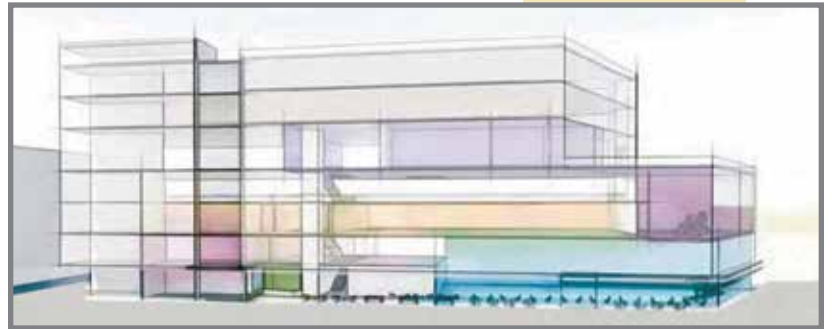
- **Acreage** – to be eligible, sites needed to be a minimum of five acres with adequate parking.
- **Site Control** – each site was scored based on current ownership and usage, acquisition costs, zoning and neighborhood compatibility.
- **Location and Access** – Phase I feedback showed a strong desire for a central location and easy access.
- **Preservation of Existing Parkland** – Phase I feedback also showed a strong desire to preserve existing park uses.
- **Availability of Creative Funding Options** – sites were also evaluated based on their potential for the use of creative funding mechanisms, such as Tax Increment Financing (TIF) or partnership opportunities.

The goal of the Subcommittee was to narrow its options to two locations so that the consultants could develop high level concepts of what a building might look like, in terms of its footprint and height, space allocation for the various desired uses, as well as access and parking considerations.

From an initial, high-level discussion of 15 locations, the search was narrowed to eight sites: Fancyburg, Northam, Northwest Kiwanis/Burbank, Reed Road, Sunny 95 and Thompson parks, the former Macy's site at Kingsdale, and the Municipal Services Center. The subcommittee reviewed the site criteria matrix in depth in September. Kingsdale and the Municipal Services Center emerged as the highest scoring locations.



"Massing and stacking" diagrams show how the proposed programming for a community center could be organized within building footprints at a combined community center/municipal services center (above) or on a portion of the former Macy's site at Kingsdale (below).



Kingsdale received the highest score for reasons that included: a central, accessible location; the recent announcement of Continental Real Estate Companies' pending purchase of the site and their willingness to explore a public use with the City as part of redevelopment plans; the potential for creative funding and partnership opportunities; and the fact that it would not impact existing parkland.

The Municipal Services Center scored higher than Kingsdale on the issue of site control and the same for creative funding and partnerships potential, but lost points as a slightly less central and less accessible location, as well as the potential impact on existing greenspace.

### Building Program

The Facilities Subcommittee concluded they had the information they needed to focus on these two sites moving forward, directing the consultants to begin development of building concepts for each option. These high-level designs were shared with the subcommittee in early October, and with residents at a Community Meeting on October 8. Both meetings were recorded and can be viewed on the CCFTF website, along with various presentation documents.

The proposed building program portrayed in the two building concepts evolved from Phase I, which had included a review of existing recreation facilities and programming in the community, market trends, facilities in peer communities, and feedback obtained through the community engagement activities and a statistically valid survey.

These elements include:

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

At the Community Meeting, residents indicated a high level of satisfaction with the proposed programming, but further insight from the community on programming elements will be sought in the coming weeks.

## Business Plan

The Finance Subcommittee is focused on the development of a comprehensive overview of the costs associated with a community center, such as:

- Construction estimates
- Operations and ongoing maintenance
- Revenue estimates and cost recovery models
- Funding mechanisms for construction and operations that could include tapping into existing revenue streams, as well as exploring partnership opportunities,

private donations, and economic development tools such as Tax Increment Financing.

## What Do You Think?

In the month of November, the Task Force will be seeking feedback on the emerging proposal to help them formulate a recommendation to City Council.

A statistically valid survey will be fielded by telephone in mid-November. If your household is contacted and asked to participate, please know that your input will be a critical component of the final decision-making process.

An online version of the survey will also be available, giving all members of our community a chance to share your thoughts with the Task Force.

Residents can also provide input via email, at [parks@uaoh.net](mailto:parks@uaoh.net).

Last but not least, all meetings of the Task Force and its subcommittees are open to the public, with opportunities for public comment at the end of each meeting. Visit the **News, Meetings & Events** page of the Task Force's website, at [uacommunitycenter.com](http://uacommunitycenter.com) for the schedule.

## Final Report to City Council

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

## Arbor Day Ceremony



While UA's Arbor Day Celebration was a few months later than usual, September 30 was a special day for retiring Parks & Forestry Superintendent Steve Cothrel, as members of Council, the City Tree Commission, past and present members of staff, and residents gathered at Northwest Kiwanis/Burbank Park to plant five elm trees. Steve can rightfully be proud of his impact on one of our community's most endearing qualities - our trees. Thanks to his expertise and vision, UA enjoys the beauty and many health and environmental benefits of a mature, diverse and healthy urban forest. Steve will be missed, but he leaves us knowing that he has developed a strong urban forestry program that will endure in the decades ahead.





## CITY MANAGER UPDATE

**Steve Schoeny**

### A Memorable First Year as UA City Manager

The first year on any job is usually memorable. To say that my first year as Upper Arlington's City Manager has been memorable is an understatement. Sure enough, the fall of 2019 was typical first year stuff. It's when 2020 began that things took an interesting turn.

When I stop to consider all that we have accomplished in one short year – especially when viewed through the lenses of pivotal national issues, such as the pandemic, economic uncertainty, civic and political unrest – it's impressive.

So, in no particular order, here are some of the things I'm especially proud of from my first year.

The former Macy's site at Kingsdale is under contract, marking the beginning of very real change for this obsolete and underutilized piece of prime real estate. As you can see on the cover of this issue, as well as on pages 2 and 7, this news has far reaching ramifications, enabling the Community Center Task Force to fully explore the potential for including a community center at this site. And regardless of the outcome of the community center feasibility study, the existing shops, restaurants and professional service businesses in the area – and our community as a whole – stand to benefit from the new life that will be breathed into our most central commercial district.

Speaking of the Community Center Feasibility Task Force, the team of 16 volunteer residents charged with exploring this important community issue have made great strides in their work, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. They are on track to bring a recommendation to Council by year's end, and have done a remarkable job directing the work of the consultant team and staff, while making

sure this process remains transparent and filled with opportunities for resident feedback.

While we had already begun engaging both with residents and internally on issues of diversity, equity and inclusion and ways to further our community as a place that is welcoming for all, the events of this summer highlighted the importance of creating a safe space for difficult conversations. In September, Council appointed nine members of our community to serve on the newly formed Community Relations Committee (see page 6 for details), and to say that I am excited to begin working with this Committee is an understatement.

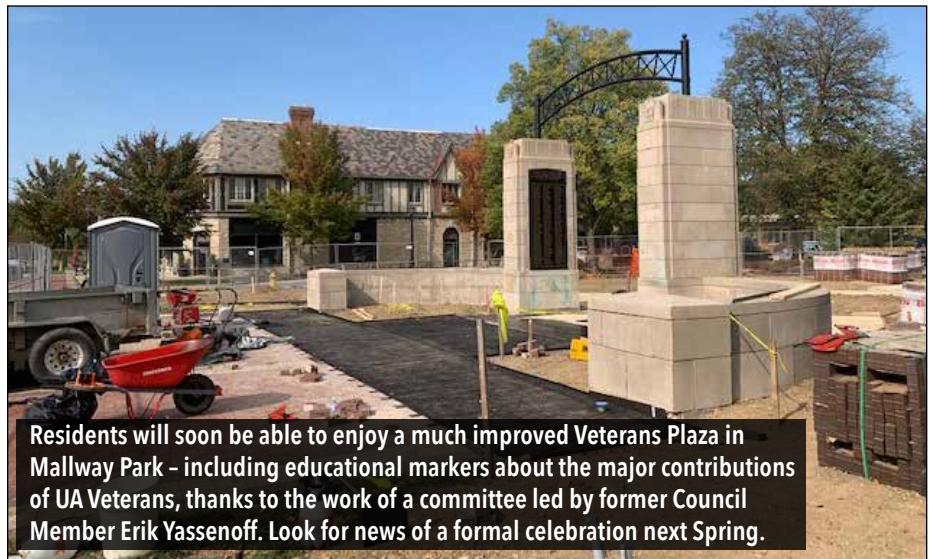
The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged our organization and our community in ways we couldn't have imagined. I'm so proud of how we collectively rose to the challenge, finding new ways to get the job done and support each other through these difficult months. Within our organization,

I'm proud to say that, to date, our employees have remained healthy and we've been able to continue, even enhance, our services to the community.

Of special note, while communities everywhere were canceling summer recreational programming and activities, Debbie McLaughlin and her team in Parks & Recreation got creative and found ways to safely open our pools, Northam Tennis and summer camps. And they teamed with the CARES program in the Fire Division to undertake an impressive outreach effort for our community's older adults, making sure they were safe and had access to basic needs and services.

Looking forward, I believe that the next 12 months will help define UA for the next 20 years. Do we build a community center? How do we get the community to reflect the openness, diversity and pride that lives in our residents? How do we find ways to support our businesses, especially our small businesses, as they adjust to a world that will never be what it was? Those are just a few of the questions that we will be puzzling through over the next 12 months, and we look forward to working with you to put all of the pieces in place.

## Veterans Plaza Improvements



Residents will soon be able to enjoy a much improved Veterans Plaza in Mallway Park – including educational markers about the major contributions of UA Veterans, thanks to the work of a committee led by former Council Member Erik Yassenoff. Look for news of a formal celebration next Spring.

**Food Waste Composting Program Expanded**  
Public Works Division .....614-583-5350

- **New Year's Day:** Friday, January 1, 2021 - No delays
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:** Monday, January 18 - No delays (City observance only)
- **Presidents' Day:** Monday, February 15 - No delays (City observance only)
- **Memorial Day:** Monday, May 31 - **All zones have a one day delay**
- **Independence Day:** Monday, July 5 (observed) - **All zones have a one day delay**
- **Labor Day:** Monday, September 6 - **All zones have a one day delay**
- **Veterans Day:** Thursday, November 11 - No delays (City observance only)
- **Thanksgiving Day:** Thursday, November 25 - Thursday zone collected on Friday
- **Christmas Day:** Friday, December 24 (observed) - No delays
- **New Year's Day:** Friday, December 31 (observed) - No delays

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### 2021-2022 Budget Hearings

The fall of each even numbered year marks a busy time for the City as departments develop their proposed budgets for the next two years. The results of that effort come before Council starting in November, with a series of public hearings that look at the different budget components.

Despite a year of economic uncertainty resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the City's financial position remains strong. This is a result of several interrelated factors that include:

- The leadership of past and present City Councils that have guided reviews, updates and adherence to strong fiscal policies and financial accountability practices;
- The cumulative effect of a proactive economic development program, which is diversifying and strengthening the business community;
- Voter support in 2014 of an increase in the income tax rate to fund capital improvements.

The proposed 2021-2022 budget is reflective of conservative revenue projections in response to the current economic climate, while positioning the City to be able to continue providing a high level of services while continuing the City's reinvestment in its 10-Year Capital Improvement Program, relative to streets, sidewalks, waterlines, sewers, parks and other public infrastructure.

Dates for the budget hearings are as follows:

- **6 pm, Monday, November 2 Council Conference Session** – first budget discussion (capital projects)
- **7:30 pm, Monday, November 16 Council Conference Session** – second budget discussion (operating budget)
- **7:30 pm, Monday, December 7 Council Conference Session** – third budget discussion (open items)
- **7:30 pm, Monday, December 14 City Council Meeting** – Council vote



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

At this time, Council meetings are typically held remotely via Zoom Videoconference. Residents are advised to check the City Council section of our website, at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov), for the most up-to-date information on each meeting, including access details and how to submit a speaker slip.

For additional budget process details, contact our Finance Director, Brent Lewis, at 614-583-5288.

### Community Relations Committee

In mid-September, Council formalized its creation of the new Community Relations Committee, and appointed nine residents as its founding members:

- Floyd Akins, Chair
- Farida El-Hennawy, Vice-Chair
- Hana Abdelbaki
- Ukeme Awakessien Jeter
- Jean-Philippe Dorval
- Karen Heiser
- Judy Kase
- Jason Sayat
- Howard Warner

Creation of this Committee evolved from a desire by many residents to advance Upper Arlington as a place that is welcoming, cohesive and inclusive. The process began in 2019 with two workshops and an online survey. In the fall, Council formed a temporary committee to develop a framework for next steps. In early December, the temporary commit-

tee recommended that Council form a Community Relations Committee.

The Committee's purpose is to promote understanding, mutual respect and a sense of belonging among all residents to affirm the value of each individual and foster a culture of shared community. It will work to identify, encourage and facilitate programs and activities that support the following primary goals and objectives:

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

To help them in their work, the Committee will welcome and encourage meeting attendance and participation in initiatives from residents and civic entities engaged in diversity, equity and inclusion education and training opportunities, community programs and events.

The Committee held its first meeting on October 22, at which time members reviewed the charge from Council and the guiding framework document created by the temporary committee. The Committee also discussed its initial goals, and various housekeeping matters, including its regular meeting schedule moving into 2021.

For details on the history leading to the formation of the Committee and highlights of upcoming projects, look for the Community Relations Committee webpage, at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov).



# BUILDING BLOCKS

## Kingsdale Mixed-Use Project

Proposed senior living complex fronting Tremont Road



Following a September announcement of its intent to purchase the former Macy's site at Kingsdale from The Kroger Co, Continental Real Estate, Inc. submitted a Preliminary Development Plan to the City for review by the Board of Zoning and Planning. At press time, BZAP action on the proposal was pending at its October 19 meeting.

The proposal places an emphasis on alternate housing options, reflective of current development trends and to complement the existing retail/restaurant and office space at Kingsdale and would be comprised of:

- A six-story building with 104 senior housing units, on the northwest portion of the site, with a 6,000 square foot restaurant, including outdoor dining, on the ground floor facing Tremont Road.
- A seven-story building to the east/center of the property, along Northwest Boulevard, with five floors of 383 apartments and two amenity courtyards over a two-story parking garage.
- \*A nine-story building on the southwest corner, with 75 two-bedroom apartments, 50,000 square feet of office space on the top two floors, and structured parking. **\*NOTE: This area has been identified as a potential location for a community center, subject to the Community Center Feasibility Task Force study process that is currently underway.**
- Eight, two-story townhouses fronting Northwest Boulevard that would back up to the two levels of structured parking for the seven-story building.
- The two structured parking arrangements, combined with surface parking, would comprise a total of 755 new spaces. Additionally, Continental has secured a shared-use agreement for up to 150 existing parking spaces at the north end of the Giant Eagle Market District parking lot.

## Lane Avenue Planning Study Update

The Lane Avenue Planning Study was initiated by City Council in the summer of 2019, to help the City better understand the impacts of growth within this busy and evolving commercial district, and to put in place a frame-

work to guide this growth in a way that benefits the district and community as a whole, while providing appropriate transitions into the surrounding neighborhoods. The study included:

- Three phases of citizen engagement.
- A review of existing guiding documents and past studies, such as the Master Plan and Unified Development Ordinance.
- The development of streetscape standards to enhance the appeal of the district, with a focus on pedestrian activities, accessibility, outdoor dining, and opportunities for public art and public gathering spaces.
- A review of and recommendations for modifying the City's commercial design standards.
- A comprehensive traffic evaluation of Lane Avenue from Riverside Drive to SR 315.

The resulting Lane Avenue Study Report was first shared with Council in the summer, and was adopted by Council on September 14.

A revised and greatly enhanced Lane Avenue Planned Mixed Use District zoning document has been prepared to clearly set forth the City's guidelines and requirements for future redevelopment within the district. At press time, these proposed code amendments were scheduled for final review and action by the Board of Zoning and Planning at its October 19 meeting. Thereafter, it is scheduled for City Council review and action per the following schedule:

- **Monday, November 16 Council Conference Session** – initial discussion (public testimony is not typically taken at Conference Sessions)
- **Monday, November 23 City Council Meeting** – First Reading, Public Hearing
- **Monday, December 14 City Council Meeting** – Second Reading, Public Hearing, Council Action

Full details of the Lane Avenue Planning Study, including the proposed zoning code amendments can be found on the City's website, under the **Community Projects** section.



The new five-story, 116-room TownePlace Suites Hotel opened on schedule in early October.

# NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

## Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Wednesday, November 11** – Veterans Day. Solid Waste service is not affected.
- **Thursday, November 26** – Thanksgiving Day. Thursday's Solid Waste collection zone will receive service on Friday.
- **Friday, December 25** – Christmas Day. Solid Waste service is not affected.
- **Friday, January 1, 2021** – New Year's Day. Solid Waste service is not affected.

## City e-News

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

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

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

## Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery®

**Sunday, November 1**

As Daylight Savings Time comes to a close, clocks "fall back" one hour at 2 am on Sunday morning. This is also a good time to change the batteries in your home's smoke alarms. Alarms should also be tested once a month and if an alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

## City Designated as an Ohio Green Fleet

The City has been designated as a One Star Ohio Green Fleet by Clean Fuels Ohio's statewide Ohio Green Fleets program, recognizing our fleet's efficiency and environmental performance. Designated Ohio Green fleets provide a community service by improving air quality and reducing Ohio's dependence on imported petroleum. Fleets are evaluated based on policies they have implemented to reduce vehicle emissions and reliance on petroleum fuels. The City has purchased two all-electric Nissan leaf vehicles and installed eight charging ports that are accessible to the public.

## Fire Division Awards

**FIRE**

**614-583-5100**

UA's Fire Division is pleased to announce the recipients of two awards:

- **2020 Dr. Mary E. Fontana Distinguished Service Award** – Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Lyday is the recipient of this year's award. He was selected because of his disciplined devotion to his chosen profession. He has been involved in many committees focused on equipment needs, evolving EMS protocols and training.
- **2020 Firefighter of the Year** – Lieutenant Mark Weade has been selected, in recognition of his professionalism and dedication to his profession. Lt Weade played an integral role in the formation of the CARES program, is a member of the Central Ohio Strike Team and serves as a continuing education and CPR instructor for the division.

## SCRAM! Wildlife Control

**[www.SCRAM!Wildlife.org](http://www.SCRAM!Wildlife.org)**

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

## UA Click2Fix

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



## CityiNSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE CITY OF UPPER ARLINGTON

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## Election Sign Recycling

**8-11 am, Saturday, November 7**  
**Bill McDonald Athletic Complex**  
**4990 Olentangy River Road**

SWACO is hosting a collection of used political signs. If you can't make this event, you can drop signs off at the Municipal Services Center (by the Police bay at the south end of the building) any time before 5 pm, Friday, November 6, and the City's Code Compliance team will recycle them for you.

## 2021 Wall of Honor

[uahistory.org](http://uahistory.org)

Typically at this time of year, the UA Historical Society and City seek nominations for the Wall of Honor program. Since the 2020 induction ceremony was delayed, then ultimately canceled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, next year's ceremony will honor the 2020 inductees - Ken Thompson and Linda Readey - therefore no additional nominations are being sought at this time. Look for details of the 2021 ceremony in the spring. And we hope to resume our regular nomination process next fall.

## Grants & Loans Provide Significant Funding for CIP ENGINEERING

**614-583-5360**

Since the City expanded its Capital Improvement Program to a 10-year cycle, starting in 2014, our Engineering Division has done its due diligence to maximize the community's reinvestment in its streets and underground infrastructure. A recent summary shows that more than \$15.4 million in grants or low/no interest loans has been secured to help fund projects from 2015-2023. This includes grants totaling more than \$7.5 million for the upcoming improvements on Fishinger Road (scheduled for 2022 and 2023).

## Public Meetings

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

A full list of public meetings can be found on our **Events** calendar, at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov). Highlights of upcoming Council agendas are shared

on Facebook, with meetings live-streamed. Follow @CityofUA for updates!

## Firefighters for Kids Toy Drive

**Station 71, Arlington Avenue**  
**Station 72, Reed Road**

**FIRE**

**614-583-5100**

Help the UA Fire Division make the Christmas holidays memorable for Central Ohio kids in need, by dropping off new toys at either firehouse. Beginning November 28, toys can be dropped-off at the front entrance (on Lytham Road).

## 2021 Community Calendar

[upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov)

As a service to the community, the City provides an online Community Calendar

of special events on its website. These event listings are oftentimes promoted by the City via other means, as space and scheduling permits. Now is the time to send us details of qualifying community events for 2021. Visit our **Events** section, at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov), where you will find submission details.

## Snow Angels

**FIRE**

**614-583-5123**

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

## Temporary Fairy Trail at Smith Nature Park



Thanks to resident Lauren Wilson, Smith Nature Park is currently home to a Fairy Trail. As a mom of two youngsters, Lauren and her family started visiting various Central Ohio parks as a way to stay busy and socially distanced during the COVID-19 pandemic. During their explorations, she discovered the Infirmary Mound Park Fairy Trail in Granville and decided she would like to create something similar in UA, concluding that the wooded ravines of Smith Nature Park would be the perfect setting. After receiving the go ahead from our Parks & Recreation Department, Lauren connected with other families to create and place approximately 20 fairy-sized houses in the park. The playful houses are hidden in and among the trees, rocks and logs, and visitors are encouraged to explore the park to see how many they can find. But don't delay, the fairy homes will be leaving the park shortly after Thanksgiving.

## Contact an Advocate Program

The issue of domestic violence can be hard to effectively address since it typically occurs within the privacy of a home, is commonly committed by a family member, and it escalates over time through increasingly manipulative behaviors, while often going unreported due to a fear of repercussions.

For many years, our City Attorney's Office has provided a series of support and referral services for residents experiencing interactions with the municipal court system, from community service programs, counseling and substance abuse treatment programs for qualifying probationers to diversion programs tailored for specific offenses such as traffic violations for adults and youth, and code compliance issues.

A key area of focus addresses support for victims of domestic violence or other crimes. This includes a Victim's Assistance Program, the provision of extensive information on victims' rights,

and access to numerous resources and support programs.

Onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting "stay at home" directives heightened concern among national advocate groups that those individuals experiencing domestic violence would likely be at greater risk during a time of increased stress and interaction with their abuser. In light of this, and thanks to the suggestions of City Council Member Michaela Burriss, the Office explored ways to further strengthen the support offered to community members experiencing domestic violence.

The Contact an Advocate Program is now available, providing an additional resource for individuals that may need contact with an advocate to assist with concerns about domestic violence. This is an information and referral service and provides an additional means for victims of domestic abuse to communicate with an advocate.

Anyone with questions about domestic violence is encouraged to send a text to **614-398-1540** or to send an email to **uatext1@gmail.com**. The City's victim advocate within the City Attorney's Office will then help guide you to the appropriate resources. You should expect a response within 48 hours or the next business day.

It is important to note that the Contact an Advocate Program is not a substitute for emergency services and is not monitored 24 hours a day. If you are experiencing an emergency situation, text or dial 911 for immediate assistance. If sending a text while in the midst of a threatening situation, type a brief message with your location and the nature of the emergency, and be sure to indicate if you do not want a text back from dispatchers confirming receipt. Then delete your text as soon as you have sent it.

## 2020 Community Awards

### Nominations are now being accepted!

Each January, residents are invited to join with City and community leaders at our annual State of the City Address, for a recap of accomplishments from the past 12 months and a look ahead to a new year of exciting projects. While the details of what this event will entail during a time of COVID-19, the 2021 Address is scheduled for the evening of Monday, January 25.

An integral part of the event is our Community Awards program. Each year, we seek nominations of the many worthy individuals and groups that have helped make our community better in some way. Now is the time to submit your nominations for the following categories:

- **Business** - Involved in community service projects, provides financial or in-kind support for various



causes, or brings other significant benefits to the community.

- **Community Enrichment** - Individual or group involved in programs to enhance the City's quality of life, in areas that include the arts,

education, recreation, cultural diversity and the natural environment.

- **Community Safety** - Individual or group involved in activities to raise awareness of or improve the overall health and safety of our community.
- **Senior** - Individual actively involved in the community through volunteer service, taking a leadership or participatory role in community programs.
- **Youth Award** - Youth individual or group involved in volunteer service or community programs to benefit others and setting a positive example to fellow UA youth.

Details and nomination forms can be found at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov). The deadline is Monday, January 11, 2021.

Then, mark your calendars for our 2021 State of the City Address - format TBD - on Monday, January 25.

# Schools<sup>★</sup>INSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

NOVEMBER | DECEMBER 2020



## Students Return for Hybrid Learning

In-person learning is back in session in Upper Arlington Schools. Students in the school-based pathway have returned to all school buildings in the district – including the new and renovated elementary learning spaces – for face-to-face instruction with additional health and safety precautions in place amid the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

“It’s been wonderful for our entire staff to see our school-based students in person again, and to continue to connect with our Online Academy students remotely,” said Andy Hatton, Ed.D., the associate superintendent of learning and leadership. “We have been especially excited to welcome our elementary students into their new and renovated schools.”

The new Greensview, the new Wickliffe, the Tremont renovation and addition project, and the new addition at Barrington were completed on schedule and on budget for the start of the school year. The new Windermere, the new high school and the renovation of the existing part of Barrington also remain on budget

and on schedule to be completed for the fall of 2021.

Back in August, Upper Arlington Schools started the school year with all students in the school-based pathway learning remotely in the Enhanced Distance Learning mode. Meanwhile, the Board of Education had been closely following the improving health data and anticipated making a change to the in-person hybrid learning model. This is a blend of in-school and remote learning for students that allows for a reduced number of students (approximately 50 percent) in the buildings at any time and 6 feet of physical distancing. The hybrid transition plan brought all students in the school-based pathway back to school the week of September 21.

Families also had the option of enrolling their children in the UA Online Academy, the district’s online-only learning option for the school year. More than 900 students enrolled in the Online Academy for the first half of the school year – which makes it the district’s

second largest “school building” behind only Upper Arlington High School.

### Health Data and Expertise

In order to make fully informed decisions, the district has expanded available health data specific to the Upper Arlington community and formed a Medical Advisory Team of experts in the areas of public health and infectious disease to help interpret the data.

“We are very fortunate to be one of a few school districts involved in a pilot project with The Ohio State University, Franklin County Public Health and Columbus Public Health that allows us to track health data and trends among the full population living within our attendance boundaries,” said Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D. “We’re grateful to also add the expertise of the Medical Advisory Team to that of the state and local health officials who

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## Archaeological Work Completed on Litchford Cemetery Site

Upper Arlington Schools is continuing to work with descendants of Pleasant Litchford to determine appropriate next steps following the discovery of human remains during a planned investigation of the Litchford family cemetery site adjacent to the current Upper Arlington High School.

In late August, an archaeological team found one fully intact grave with a complete set of remains, along with two partially exhumed graves and three fully exhumed graves. The archaeological team carefully removed the remains, which are being safely held in its lab while the district works with descendants of the Litchford family and families who may have had ancestors buried at the site to determine how to properly honor those individuals and to commemorate the site.

This represents a significant step in a collaborative effort to bring more awareness to the story of Pleasant Litchford and the importance of his contributions and those of other people of color to the community that would become Upper Arlington.

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

Following his death in 1879, Mr. Litchford's land was divided up between his heirs. Decades later, in the 1950s, the school district acquired the piece of land



that was home to the cemetery in order to build a high school. Approximately 30 bodies were exhumed and moved to other cemeteries in the area.

While the Litchford family's story remains well-known in the history of central Ohio's Black community, it had long ago been left out of Upper Arlington's history in our schools and community. When local authors Diane Kelly Runyon and Kim Shoemaker Starr released their book, *Secrets Under the Parking Lot*, in early 2017, many residents were unaware of the Litchfords and their contributions to the area.

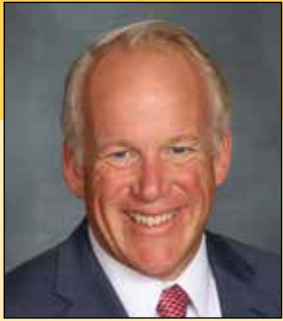
The book raised concerns that some of those laid to rest in the Litchford cemetery may have been left behind. The goal of the archaeological investigation in July and August of this year was to identify if any graves still remained and if any artifacts, such as headstones, from this important time in our history could be found.

The work began in late July, with the crew pulling back the asphalt and top

layers of soil in an area of the parking lot adjacent to the existing building. That search turned up only remnants from decades-old construction projects at the current high school. In late August, the archaeological team returned to the site to excavate an adjacent area and located the remains.

A memorial near the site of the cemetery is just one of the projects planned. There will also be historical displays in the new high school, which is under construction north of the cemetery site, on the corner of Ridgeview and Zollinger roads. In addition, the district has worked with the authors and a team of volunteers to create historical timelines to support an expanded history curriculum.

"This is an important part of our community's history, but it wasn't being taught in our schools. That has to change," said Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D. "Our students deserve to learn the full history of our community."



## SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

### Students, Staff and Residents Take Part in Selection Process for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Position

This fall, our school district is putting the expert guidance and experience into place in order to move forward in our work on all aspects of diversity, equity and inclusion.

As I have shared with you, this is a journey – there is a tremendous amount of work that we must do to eliminate racism, prejudice and intolerance, and ensure that every student feels welcomed, respected, supported and celebrated in our schools. Under the leadership of the Board of Education, we are taking crucial and concrete steps to continue this work.

I am pleased to share that we now have our Equity Advisory Board in place, and they have already gotten to work by providing crucial feedback in our selection process for a new executive director of diversity, equity and inclusion.

The Equity Advisory Board was created at the request of the Board of Education, with the goal of bringing together the voices of students and recent alumni, staff members, parents/guardians and professionals with experience in the areas of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) to help the district move forward in its DEI commitment.

During the summer, we requested applications from individuals interested in serving in this volunteer role. The response was amazing. With the help of three community members with DEI expertise and experience, we reviewed all of the applications and narrowed in on the membership.

Serving on the Equity Advisory Board are nine community members, four current Upper Arlington High School students, one recent UA alumnus, and eight representatives from the

Board of Education, our schools and the district. The advisory board will be led by two co-chairs, both of whom have personal and professional experience in these areas.

Going forward, the advisory board will play a supportive role in driving the diversity, equity and inclusion priorities for the district and will work in collaboration with existing DEI teams at the building and district level.

More immediately, the advisory board is serving in a crucial role as we move forward in the feedback and hiring process for our new executive director of diversity, equity and inclusion.

This process has been underway since the summer. During the month of July, we facilitated five virtual focus groups to gather feedback from students, staff members, parents/guardians and community members to inform the priorities and hiring process for this new position.

Based on that feedback, we have narrowed in on finalists for this position,

and those individuals have participated in a robust interview process involving the Equity Advisory Board, current Upper Arlington High School students, and parents/guardians and community members. Our goal is to take our recommendation for the new executive director of diversity, equity and inclusion to the Board of Education very soon. Please watch our website, [www.uaschools.org](http://www.uaschools.org), for an announcement. We are grateful for everyone in our community who has taken part in this process. We are looking forward to continuing on this journey with this leadership and expertise of our new DEI executive director and the new Equity Advisory Board.

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# BITES From the Apple



SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



*Congrats!*

Upper Arlington High School Class of 2021  
NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

## 14 UAHS Students Named National Merit Semifinalists

Fourteen Upper Arlington High School students have qualified as Semifinalists in the 66th annual National Merit Scholarship Program, giving them the opportunity to compete for college scholarships in recognition of their academic achievement.

These members of the UAHS Class of 2021 are among approximately 1.5 million high school students across the country that entered the National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Of those entrants, approximately 16,000 high scorers – or the top 1 percent – qualify as Semifinalists.

Semifinalists represent the highest scores on the PSAT/NMSQT. The Upper Arlington students named National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists are: Defne Ceyhan, Soohyun Cho, John Davis, Paul Gonciulea, Victor Gu, Alamus He, Ryan Huntley, Brent Ju, Weiho Li, Isabelle Petersen, Sofia Sivilotti, Peter Spofforth, Benjamin Underwood and Rena Zhao.

Beginning in March, the National Merit Scholarship program expects to

notify about 7,600 Semifinalists that they advanced to Finalist status after fulfilling several requirements, including having a record of a high academic achievement in grades nine through 12 and earning a high score on the SAT. The Finalists will receive Merit Scholarship awards totaling \$30 million.

## Broadcast Theory Students Win Statewide Award

Upper Arlington High School broadcast students have been honored with a Mark of Distinction award from the Ohio School Public Relations Association for a video they created about a Tremont Elementary School service-learning project on Alzheimer's disease.

The students in last fall's Broadcast Theory class, the first course in the broadcasting sequence at the high school, produced the video for the regional Critical Issues Summit, organized by Partnerships Make a Difference, a nonprofit organization that provides schools with service-learning and project-based learning training and resources. Titled "Comfort and Spirit: Making Memories Together, A Service-Learning Project," the video highlighted the first-grade class of Tremont teacher Pam Bergen and their service-learning project involving the residents of Danbury Senior Living and the Central Ohio Alzheimer's Association.

"The goal was to show that service learning can inspire students to make a positive difference in the community all while developing real-world skills and effectively mastering relevant content standards," said Amanda Fountain, who teaches the broadcasting classes at Upper Arlington High School. "It was an incredibly meaningful experience for the students – elementary and high school alike – and became a moving video for the summit attendees."

"Comfort and Spirit" is available on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/I9CJDZhrPMo>.





## UAHS Athletic Hall of Fame to Welcome 9 Inductees



The Upper Arlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame, in its fifth year, is welcoming six alumni, two retired coaches and a team physician for their outstanding contributions to the impressive history of the school's athletic program.

- **Simon Fraser**, Class of 2001 – football
- **Bo Hoag**, Class of 2007 – golf
- **Grant Jones**, team physician and a member of the Class of 1984
- **Peter Linn**, coach (1982-1988) – swimming
- **Greg Lopez**, Class of 2002 – baseball
- **Emily Mikac (Oakley)**, Class of 2005 – field hockey and track
- **Dan Rohrs**, Class of 1979 – track and field
- **Mackenzie Tesner (Skellan)**, Class of 2002 – soccer
- **Ted Wolford**, coach (1990-2015) – lacrosse

In addition to these inductees, the Athletic Hall of Fame will honor the state championship teams from 1990 through 1999 – in baseball, girls cross country, boys golf, gymnastics, boys lacrosse, boys and girls tennis, and boys and girls water polo.

For more information, please visit [www.uaschools.org/uahsathletics](http://www.uaschools.org/uahsathletics).

## Construction Progressing on 3 Remaining Projects

Construction is continuing on the remaining projects in the Upper Arlington Schools facilities master plan – the Barrington Elementary School renovation project, the new Upper Arlington High School and the new Windermere Elementary School.

The first projects at Greensview, Wickliffe and Tremont elementary

Windermere Elementary construction site



schools were completed on budget and on schedule in August – and the new classroom addition at Barrington was up and running as well.

At Barrington, there has been a lot of activity in the older parts of the building as the renovation project continues. At the high school, the new building will be dried before winter, and framing and drywall work are well underway in the academic areas of the building. Over at Windermere, crews have completed the building pad and are digging footers and laying the block foundation.

These projects are all on budget and on schedule for completion for the fall of 2021. The high school site will continue to be developed over the course of the 2021-2022 school year.

For video tours of the completed projects and photos of all projects, please visit [www.uaschools.org/facilities](http://www.uaschools.org/facilities).

## Athletics Notice for Spectators

The state order allowing school athletics to move forward greatly limits the number of spectators at upcoming events for health and safety reasons. Closely following this order will provide our students the best opportunity to enjoy their full season.

With this in mind, the Upper Arlington High School Athletic Department has determined that for the fall season tickets are available only for purchase by the family of each student-athlete, marching band member or cheerleader taking part in the event. Season passes,

senior citizen passes and walk-up tickets will not be available or honored due to these protocols.

Please visit [www.uaschools.org/uahsathletics](http://www.uaschools.org/uahsathletics) for updates for the winter season.

## 2020-21 SCHOOL DATES

**End of First Trimester  
(Kindergarten-Grade 5)  
Monday, November 2**

**General Election Day:  
No School for Students ; staff report  
per schedule  
Tuesday, November 3**

**Thanksgiving Break  
Wednesday, November 25-Friday,  
November 27**

**End of Second Quarter and First  
Semester (Grades 6-12)  
Tuesday, December 22**

**Winter Break  
Wednesday, December 23 - Friday,  
January 1**

**No School for Students ; staff report  
per schedule  
Monday, January 4**

**For the full school year  
calendar, please visit  
[www.uaschools.org/calendars.aspx](http://www.uaschools.org/calendars.aspx)**

## Alumni Spotlight

### Cindy Tang, Upper Arlington High School Class of 2018

#### Notable achievements at UA High School

As a proud member of the Class of 2018, I was heavily involved in many projects and student organizations while at UAHS. Beginning my sophomore year, I joined Culture & Diversity Club and discovered an opportunity and an imperative for change within the district. Going on to become a student leader of UAHS' annual Culture Fair, supporting the district's cultural competency professional development, and, today, serving as a member of the district's inaugural Equity Advisory Board, I have found continued purpose and drive to do what I may to foster belonging for all students in UA.

During my junior year, I had the privilege of joining two incredibly formative communities: Upper Arlington Idea Day (UAID) and Speech & Debate. As a member of UAID's inaugural team, I worked closely with a dedicated and entrepreneurial group of students and mentors to put on UA's first iteration of Idea Day.

As a graduating senior in 2018, I was honored to speak as my class's Cum Laude speaker. The opportunity to reflect, share and connect with so many members of my class was truly an invaluable experience.

#### College / Career Experiences

I am a continuing third-year student at University of California, Berkeley, pursuing a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Berkeley Haas School of Business, a bachelor of arts degree in sociology, and a minor in human rights. Over the past two years, I have had the privilege to serve as a resident assistant and, presently, as president of the Berkeley Forum, a non-partisan student organization that brings notable speakers to campus.

Continuing the pursuit of my passion in the equity, inclusion and diversity space, I have served as a member of the Chancellor's Undergraduate Student Diversity Project's Student Advisory Board



and am presently the Internal DEI Lead within Berkeley Haas' student government.

Career-wise, I have held a strong interest in the intersection between people and business and hope to continue this pursuit post-undergrad. I have held two previous internships within the human resources realm and am presently pursuing management consulting in my next steps forward. I eventually hope to obtain a graduate degree in public policy to further my potential impact in both the public and private sectors.

#### How did UA Schools prepare you for success?

As I continue to learn and grow with each year of college, I unceasingly value the relationships built and lessons learned while in high school. I continue to dream big and lead with both my heart and my mind and have become increasingly confident in my ability to incite positive change. Daily, I leverage my toolbox of skills such as public speaking, time management, empathy and collaborative entrepreneurship that I gained throughout my various high school endeavors, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to grow so much in UA.

In mindset and in practice, I am drawn, again and again, to Madame Julia Voegt-Brooking's words from my sophomore year: that ignorance is not bliss, and that when we see inequity around us, we must seek action to create change. In my go-forward, and I encourage any reader the same, I will continue to critically assess the status quo, seek new ways forward, and keep hope and joy top of mind in whatever I pursue.

### Responsible Restart Plan *Continued from Page 11*

continue to offer their guidance and support."

The district is meeting weekly with the Medical Advisory Team to evaluate the latest Upper Arlington health data from the pilot project. That data, as well as district-specific data on confirmed cases among staff and students, are available on a new online COVID-19 data dashboard.

#### Five-Day Plan

"We are all incredibly anxious to return to a five-day a week schedule for all of our students on the school-based pathway," Imhoff said. "We are committed to moving forward with that,

with health and safety precautions in place, when it is safe to do so."

In early October, the district and the advisory team began discussing the parameters for safely making a transition to the five-day-a-week learning model.

"We're looking at which indicators we should refer to, and what threshold those indicators would need to meet and for how long," Imhoff said. "After we finalize those details, we will also be discussing what indicators and thresholds would send up a red flag and indicate that we need to consider a switch back into a different learning model if the data were to get worse."

Please visit [www.uascshools.org/UArestart.aspx](http://www.uascshools.org/UArestart.aspx) for the latest health data and details of all of the possible learning modes.

## Three Educators Receive Grants from new Joanie Dugger Educators of the Year Fund

Three outstanding Upper Arlington educators – Upper Arlington High School intervention specialist Steve Colahan, Hastings Middle School health teacher Allison Tomlin and Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School reading specialist Carrie Williams – will each receive a \$1,000 grant from the newly established Joanie Dugger Educators of the Year Fund with the Upper Arlington Education Foundation (UA+Ed).

The \$1,000 grant will provide funding for projects of their choice to enhance the education of their students during the 2020-2021 school year.



Established in 2020, The Joanie Dugger Educators of the Year Fund will support three educators annually who have been recognized by Upper Arlington Schools as "Educators of the Year." The three honorees will include one elementary school educator, one

middle school educator, and one high school educator.

The fund was created in loving memory of Joanie Dugger by her husband, Glen, and three children, Sarah Jane (Germain), Ted and Abby. Joanie retired as executive director of the Upper Arlington Education Foundation in 2018 after 17 years of dedication to "Enhancing What Matters Most."

"I knew that I wanted to establish a fund in Joanie's memory, but it took me and my family a little time to come up with an idea because, if you knew Joanie, you know that she would not want any focus on her, but rather on the educators who are making a difference in the lives of students," said Glen Dugger.

"I had the privilege of working beside Joanie at the foundation for many years and am so excited to launch this new fund in her memory," said Alice Finley, UA+Ed Executive Director. "I know she would like knowing that outstanding teachers in our district are receiving extra financial resources to provide their students with a program, project or experience beyond the district's budget."

These teachers will be celebrated at the UA+Ed's annual meeting in 2021 and will have an opportunity to share with donors and trustees how this grant impacted their students.

## UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

### 2020 Upper Arlington Board of Education

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



Thanks to a partnership with the City of Upper Arlington, Board of Education meetings take place in the Council Chamber of the City's Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road. In general, the meetings begin at 6 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Some exceptions apply, and last-minute scheduling changes are possible. In the event that the COVID-19 pandemic necessitates the Board of Education conducting a regular meeting via video-conferencing, a live feed of the regular meeting will be available on the Upper Arlington Schools YouTube account. Please refer to [www.uaschools.org](http://www.uaschools.org) for the most up-to-date information.

### Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, November 17, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, December 8, 6 pm – Council Chamber



# SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



The new Greensview Elementary School was a great backdrop for families on the first day of hybrid learning.



Staff members are excited to welcome back students into the new and renovated learning spaces at Tremont Elementary School.



The new classroom and media center addition at Barrington Elementary School opened to students for hybrid learning in September.



Windermere Elementary School students and staff members have made the old Wickliffe building their temporary home for this school year while their new school is being built.



Elementary media specialists are creatively bringing the library to students, with all of the necessary health and safety precautions in place.



The new Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School gets a thumbs-up from kindergarten students!



# SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Hastings Middle School welcomed new sixth-grade students for orientation days in September that were designed to help them get to know their new building, new teachers and new classmates.



Sixth-grade students at Jones Middle School walked through their in-person schedules on their orientation days in September.



Students in the Online Academy, the district's online-only K-12 learning option for the school year, celebrated the first day of the school year on August 19.



A new mentor program at Upper Arlington High School helped the freshmen in the Class of 2024 build community with older students.

## New Mural Shares Welcoming Messages

Thanks to a grant from the Upper Arlington Education Foundation (UA+Ed), Upper Arlington High School art students who formed a group named Art Take Over created a mural on the exterior of the current building, near the main entrance along Ridgeview Road. The mural highlights messages of kindness and the school district's values – Start With Heart, Strength in Team and Contagious Drive. The students who created this mural are working with the high school team and UA+Ed to create additional artwork inside and outside the high school during the final school year it is in operation.





# Library NOVEMBER | DECEMBER 2020 iNSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



## Library Open for Limited Services

The Upper Arlington Public Library has welcomed the public back inside the Main Library at 2800 Tremont Road. At press time, we're offering limited services in our Atrium during the following hours:

- 11am-7 pm, Mondays-Thursdays
- 11 am-5 pm Fridays
- 11 am- 4 pm Saturdays
- Closed on Sundays

Services available in the atrium include:

- Self-checkout of held items
- Browsing and self-checkout of a limited collection
- Computer access, photocopying and faxing by appointment only

These in-person services join our list of virtual offerings, including reference help and readers' advisory by phone or chat, and custom book and movie bundles by request.

In order to provide a safe environment for patrons and staff, all visitors must wear a mask and maintain social distancing. We also limit the number of people inside. The atrium, checkout and restrooms are open. Our Youth, Adult, Media and Reference Departments remain closed.

Curbside pick up of holds has been moved to the drive-up book drop lane, and is available 10-11 am Mondays-Saturdays.

Our Lane Road Library offers walk-up window service for the pick up of holds 11 am-4 pm Mondays-Saturdays. The Miller Park Library is closed at this time.



Book drops at the Main and Lane Road Libraries are open around the clock from 8 am Monday until 5 pm Saturday. For service updates, please visit our website at [www.ualibrary.org](http://www.ualibrary.org) or follow us on Facebook.

## Walk-Up Window at Lane Road

You can now pick up your held items at the Lane Road Library.

We've installed a walk-up service point in the window between the two entrance doors. Pick up your held items between 11 am-4 pm Monday-Saturday. Library staff members can check on account issues and check out your

items for you. You can browse a selection of book and movie bundles. Take-It-and-Make-It craft kits for children and adults are also available while supplies last.

To ensure your items are ready for you, be sure to choose "UA Lane Road" as your pickup location when placing a request for an item. You can also log in to your account at [www.ualibrary.org](http://www.ualibrary.org) and change the pickup location on previously requested items if they haven't yet been fulfilled.





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



The Main Library opened for limited services on September 28. Patrons can now browse and check out their holds inside the building. We've added a welcome desk and an additional service desk in the atrium. Curbside pick up has moved to the book drop lane for limited hours.



## OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

### Ways to Make Sunshine

**By Renée Watson**

Ryan Hart was named to be a leader, and in a year full of challenges, she will have to remind herself of this legacy often. From adjustments at home as her family moves to a smaller house to the pranks with her older brother to school pressures like the talent show, Ryan is a girl with spirit, heart, and optimism. This first story in a planned series will leave readers wanting more.

— Tracie Steele, Youth Services



### The Chelsea Girls

**By Fiona Davis**

Down-to-earth Hazel and flamboyant Maxine become fast friends when they meet at a USO Tour in Italy near the end of World War II. After returning to the U.S., Hazel works at becoming a playwright in NYC and Maxine heads to Hollywood seeking fame and fortune. They are reunited when they both end up living in the Chelsea Hotel, known for its famous guests and fabulous parties. Unfortunately, the party won't last long as many in the artistic community are being blacklisted for being suspected communist sympathizers, testing their friendship in ways they never imagined.

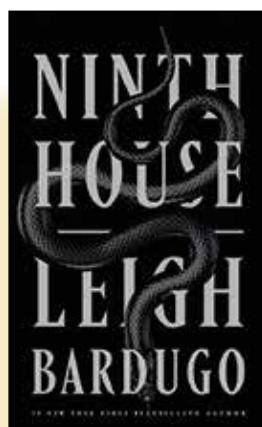
— Kris Stahler, Adult Services

### On Desperate Ground

**By Hampton Sides**

Hampton Sides' latest book is full of stories about American heroes fighting and dying for their country during the Korean War. Sharing their extraordinary stories, Sides focuses on several US Marine units and commanders fighting to take the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. These Marines endured snow, bitter cold temperatures and continuous attacks from the Chinese military while marching through miles of mountainous terrain. True heroes from a forgotten war.

— Scott Potter, Adult Services



### Wildfire

**By Rodman Philbrick**

While at summer camp in Maine, a forest fire forces everyone to evacuate... everyone except Sam who gets left behind. With the fire raging fast, he'll need to use all of his wits and advice from his dad to survive. The fire isn't the only danger he'll face. Hunger, bears, and a pair of unruly teenage boys determined to set the whole forest ablaze will put Sam's survival skills to the test. When he runs into a girl named Delphy, they'll form a bond of friendship that could only happen under these abnormal circumstances. Fast-paced and gripping at every page, fans of survival stories and adventure will love this escapade.

— Kelly Edwards, Youth Services

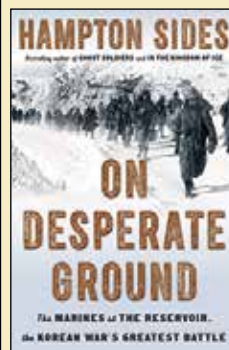
### Legendborn

**By Tracey Deonn**

Perfect for readers who love classic Young Adult tropes, like strong female

characters, love triangles, and secret magical societies, *Legendborn* blends Arthurian legend with Southern Black Girl Magic. The story starts with the main character, Brianna "Bree" Matthews, grieving after her mother's death. In order to get away from her grief, she goes to an early college program at UNC- Chapel Hill, but instead finds herself in the middle of a magical war between the descendants of King Arthur's knights and demons. Bree will have to decide how far she will go to keep the secrets of her magic and the real reasons she is infiltrating the secret Arthurian society.

— Emma Root, Lane Road



### Ninth House

**By Leigh Bardugo**

Alex Stern, named Galaxy by her mother, is attending her first semester of college at Yale, a world far removed from the shadowed drug dens and sun-baked streets of her home in Los Angeles. She's an outsider, an oddity, a latinx street tough in sterile eastern academia, which is all bad enough without the ability to see the spirits of the deceased. *Ninth House* is the author's first attempt at an adult title, and the result is a spine-tingling dip into the occult that is dripping with menace and mystery.

— Ben Claymier, Adult Services

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## New Resources for Readers

Our librarians often hear from patrons looking for their next good read. We recently debuted two tools that can help you – and your book club – find titles you'll enjoy.

In addition to these resources, you can call or start an online chat with us anytime to get ideas for great books for adults, teens and kids.

### Book Club Resources

Our website now features a page dedicated to serving book clubs. Visit [www.ualibrary.org/pages/book-club](http://www.ualibrary.org/pages/book-club) for help with choosing your club's next title.

The page includes a list of all 81 of our "Book Club in a Bag" kits. These bags contain 10 copies of a single title plus suggested discussion questions to keep your group engaged.

You'll also find numerous "If You Like..." bookmarks listing authors in various genres. These are great lists for finding a new-to-you author based on your interests.

We've also included a curated list of websites that can guide you to finding the right book for you. Examples include NoveList, Oprah's Book Club, Fantastic Fiction, and Dear Author.

### UAPL Book List

We recently rolled out a new original publication, UAPL Book List. Twice each month, our Adult Department staff compiles recommended titles. It's a great resource to refer to when you're not sure what to read next. A typical issue will include several suggested books with a common theme or genre, plus some staff favorites. Look for printed copies of UAPL Book List at the service points inside our Main Library.

## NewsBITES

### LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

#### Winter Reading Club

Our Winter Reading Club returns from December 14-January 30. Earn chances at gift card prizes for reading your favorite books. Look for more information on our website and social media in December.

#### Take It and Make It Crafts

Our popular craft kits for kids continues this fall. Look for a new craft each week at both our Main and Lane Road Libraries. We also recently introduced take-home book crafts for adults. Look for the red bookcase near our entrance and pick up a discard book and instructions for turning it into a work of art.

#### Red Cross Blood Drive

The Main Library will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, December 11 from 11 am-4 pm. Make your appointment to donate by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and using sponsor code "UAPL."

#### Tech Help by Phone

Schedule a one-on-one phone appointment with staff in our Media

Services department for remote help using our free digital resources. Each session is 30 minutes. Book your session by calling 614-486-9621 opt.1 or through our website at <https://ualibrary.libnet.info/v/assets/140>.

#### Service Hours for Teens

Teens who require service hours or who just like to help their community are invited to make greeting cards for senior citizens. Thanks to a partnership with the Upper Arlington Commission on Aging, you can drop off any cards you make in a box at the Main Library, and the Upper Arlington Commission on Aging will distribute them to local senior citizens. Every card you make will earn you 15 minutes of service credit. To verify hours, please send a picture of your card(s) to [teens@ualibrary.org](mailto:teens@ualibrary.org) before dropping them off.

#### Movie Bundles

When you're not sure what to watch next, request a movie bundle from our Media Department. Tell us what type of movie or television genre you want, and we'll pick five titles we think you'll enjoy. Call 614-486-9621, option 1, and

tell us which bundle you would like and what day you plan to pick it up. On your pickup day, visit our holds shelves and your bundle will be ready to take home. Special requests accommodated, too. For details, including the list of available genres, visit <https://bit.ly/3k6PDsl>.

#### Reference Database Updates

If you're a frequent user of our reference databases, including Consumer Reports Online and Value Line Research Center, you'll notice some changes. We recently updated links to our online resources to a new address. If you previously bookmarked these resources on our reference databases page, you'll need to update them to avoid error messages. Contact [reference@ualibrary.org](mailto:reference@ualibrary.org) if you need assistance.

#### Holiday Closings

We will be closed on Wednesday, November 11 for our annual Staff Development Day. We will close at 5 pm on Wednesday, November 25 and remain closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 26. Service resumes on Friday, November 27. We will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We'll close at 3 pm on New Year's Eve and remain closed on New Year's Day.





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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit our Community Calendar at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov)  
Or follow us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram for event updates

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

## UACA Veterans Day Run

**Saturday, November 7**

**Rolling Start: 8-9 am**

**UA Fire Station 72, Reed Road**

**[www.uaca.org](http://www.uaca.org)**

After postponing its annual Memorial Day Run, the UA Civic Association has rescheduled this popular event in honor of Veterans Day. Register at [uaca.org](http://uaca.org).

## Santa's Mailbox

**November 23-December 16**

**Municipal Services Center Kenny Road parking lot, 3600 Tremont Road**

Boys and girls who place a letter in Santa's special mailbox receive a letter from Santa. To guarantee delivery, include child's full name, address and an un-affixed postage stamp. One child's letter per envelope please!

## UACA Holiday Lights Contest

**Nominations Open: November 30-December 15**

**[www.uaca.org](http://www.uaca.org)**

Decorate your home for the holidays and enter this fun annual contest. Judging categories include "Clark Griswald,"

## HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

The Upper Arlington Flag features the Golden Bear – recognizable to all as the symbol of UA's proud heritage. The design also features two stars representing our community's cherished past and golden future, while discreetly paying homage to our most popular community celebration, the Fourth of July. In the countdown to the holidays, consider these two UA Flag gift options:

### UA Historical Society Holiday Ornament

**[www.uahistory.org](http://www.uahistory.org)**

The UA Historical Society has turned the flag into a holiday ornament for 2020, with a limited supply of 200 available. Cost \$12. Order online at the above link.

### City Flag

**[upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov)**

The UA Flag is available for purchase year-round via the City's website. Cost \$35.



"Best Front Door Display," "Neat as a Pin," "Inside Out," "Best Overall" and "Anything Goes." Judging takes place mid-December, with winners receiving yard signs December 19/20.

## Winter Festival Friday, December 4

A decision on this year's Winter Festival is pending. Please watch for updates, coming soon.

## UACA Christmas in the Park December 6-10

**Thompson Park**

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

Reservations required, with registration beginning November 12 at 6 am, at [parks.uaoh.net](http://parks.uaoh.net).