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Community Center Photo Mosaic

As the UA Community Foundation Capital Campaign nears its \$8M goal, residents have the opportunity to be part of a donor photo mosaic

While you might not have heard much in the way of updates about the UA Community Center in recent months, work is continuing behind the scenes to finalize the detailed designs in readiness for starting the construction bid process early in the New Year. If all goes according to schedule, we anticipate inviting the community to a groundbreaking ceremony this spring, so watch for details in the weeks ahead.

Concurrently, the Upper Arlington Community Foundation, with the help of the Upper Arlington Community Center Capital Campaign Committee, is nearing its \$8 million goal.

"The level of support from the community has been impressive to say the least," stated Campaign Co-Chair, Margie Pizzuti. "Since announcing our lead gift of \$2 million from the late Loann Crane in honor of her late husband Bob Crane back in August of 2021, the campaign team has been truly amazed by the positive response and the resulting level of support."

Matching Challenge

Thanks to an anonymous donor, recent efforts have focused on securing donations of \$5,000 or less that are then doubled by the donor's matching grant. This matching challenge runs through the end of December or until a total of \$250,000 in pledges has been reached.

Photo Mosaic Opportunity

Throughout the campaign, the committee has been considering creative ways to recognize and involve community members in this momentous



fundraising effort. This has previously included opportunities to secure an iconic blue brick from the former Lazarus/Macy's building.

The donor photo mosaic provides an opportunity for the community's involvement in a personal and memorable way. By gifting \$250 during this phase of the campaign, donors can submit a family photo that will then be incorporated into a large bear photo mosaic to be installed on the wall of the stairwell on the main level (example shown above).

Anyone who participates in this exciting opportunity by December 31 will also be taking advantage of the matching challenge, essentially doubling their pledge.

A limited number of photo spots are available and mosaic pledges and space reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visit www.uacommunityfoundation.com/uacc-mosaic/ to learn more and to make your pledge today!



**UPPER ARLINGTON
COMMUNITY CENTER
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**



2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Following Council approval of the City's 2023-2024 budget last December, plans for the 2023 Capital Improvement Program are moving into high gear. As has been typical since the City expanded its program to 10 years in 2014, all signs indicate that 2023 will be another busy construction season.

Street Reconstruction Program

Street reconstruction projects comprise full pavement replacement, new curb and gutter and driveway approaches. For 2023, the following streets are scheduled for this extensive work, with an estimated cost of approximately \$1.4 million:

- Haviland Road - Winfield to Windermere
- Malvern Road - Waltham to Club
- Merriweather Drive - Kirkham to Fishingier
- Oakridge Court - cul-de-sac to Oakridge
- Suffolk Road - Andover to Northwest
- Welsford Road - Northam to Ridgeview

Street Maintenance Program

Sections of 13 streets are scheduled for street maintenance work, which comprises street resurfacing and spot curb and gutter repairs, per the following list, at an estimated cost of \$814,000:

- Abington Road
- Adner Court
- Ashdowne Road
- Barrington Road
- Canterbury Road
- Greensview Drive
- Somerford Road
- South Parkway
- Westover Road
- West Devon Road
- Wickford Road
- Wickliffe Road
- Willowbrook Road

Wakefield Forest Traffic Calming Measures

The Wakefield Forest neighborhood by the UA High School will receive additional traffic calming measures totaling approximately \$435,000. This includes permanent improvements to the intersection of Trentwood Road and Mount Holyoke Road, pedestrian crossing improvements at the intersection of Northwest Boulevard and Trentwood Road, traffic-calming on Brandon Road and Mount Holyoke Road, and one-way westbound roadway geometry improvements at Northwest Boulevard and Trentwood Road.

Fishingier Road Reconstruction & Waterline

Long awaited improvements to Fishingier Road began toward the close of 2022, enhancing the connectivity and aesthetics of this major thoroughfare. Phase I runs from Mountview Road to Tremont Road. Phase II - scheduled to begin in 2023 - will complete the project, running from Mountview to Riverside Drive. The two phases include full street reconstruction, new curb and gutter, improved LED streetlights, new sidewalks and a shared-use path. Concurrent with these improvements, a new waterline will be installed along this entire section of Fishingier. Combined, the Fishingier Road construction and waterline improvements will cost more than \$18 million, however the City has been successful in its efforts to secure alternate funding sources of more than \$10 million to offset the City's investment.



Other Highlights

- A shared-use path will be installed along the north side of Lane Avenue, between Asbury Road and Riverside Drive. This will connect to a future shared-use path heading south on the west side of Riverside Drive to the Trabue Road bridge, providing direct access to the Quarry Trails Metro Park. Budgeted at \$555,000, the City has secured a \$330,000 State Capital Grant to help fund the project.
- With the first five-year cycle completed in 2022 for the City's Sidewalk Maintenance Program, the second cycle is expected to result in fewer repairs and a substantially lower cost.
- The 2023 Sanitary Sewer repairs will complete improvements based on City video inspections.

Full details of the 2023 Capital Improvement Program can be found on our [Construction Projects](#) page at upperarlingtonoh.gov. This page includes a storymap showing project locations and providing timely updates as construction season gets underway in earnest. If you have questions about the City's 2023 Capital Improvement Program, contact engineering@uaoh.net.

FROM CHAMBERS | Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

2023-2024 Budget

As typically occurs during even-numbered years, Council took a deep dive into plans for the 2023-2024 budget cycle as 2022 drew to a close.

Despite current challenges, such as inflationary market conditions, our position remains healthy. The budget reflects conservative revenue projections and flexibility, enabling the City to maintain a high level of service while reinvesting in infrastructure and parks.

The City's income tax continues to trend upward. At the December 12 Council Meeting, Finance Director Brent Lewis was pleased to report that by the end of November, 2022 income tax receipts had reached \$40 million, ahead of projections.

Thanks to resident support of the .5% income tax increase in 2014, combined with various economic development investments, approximately \$43.1 million has been invested directly back into the community. Meanwhile, General Fund reserves continue to grow, projected to reach approximately 61% in 2023 - double Council's policy for maintaining at least 30%. Looking ahead to 2023, we are projecting a 2.75% increase of \$41.6 million in income tax receipts.

The two-year budget continues an impressive record of cost control. Total proposed appropriations for 2023 operating expenditures are 3.13% above the 2022 budget projections, with all City departments continuing to manage resources and contain overtime costs.

2023 expenditures include:

- \$40,000 for community grants, such as the Community Relations Innovations Small Grant Program.
- A \$285,000 increase in the City's contract with NRECC for emergency/911 dispatching services.
- \$105,000 for various streetlight improvements on arterial streets.
- \$60,000 to fund the Parks & Recreation Department's new Integrated Turf Management Program.



FROM LEFT: Michaela Burriss, Jim Lynch, Brendan King (President), Kathy Adams, Brian Close (Vice President), John Kulewicz, Ukeme Awakessien Jeter

- \$2.5 million for capital equipment, such as a new medic unit, police vehicles, a bucket truck and utility turf sprayer.
- Renovations for public facilities include a new heat pump at the Public Service Center, a generator at Station 71, and a generator and restroom renovations at the Municipal Services Center.
- Several positions will be added: a Communications Specialist in the City Manager's Office, primarily in preparation for Community Center marketing needs; a Systems Administrator in the Information Technology Department to support Police and Fire innovations and the Community Center; two civilian positions in the Police Division in response to the recommendations of the Police Operations Study - a Professional Standards Coordinator and a Crime Analyst position; and expansion of a part-time Aquatics Manager position to fulltime.

Call for Board & Commission Applicants

Application Deadline: February 1, 2023

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 by City Council to address specific community issues. In return, these individuals are afforded the opportunity to help shape their community.

Several vacancies are slated to occur early in the New Year, including:

- Board of Zoning & Planning
- City Tree Commission
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

To learn more about these boards and other vacancies, visit our Boards and Commissions portal at

<https://onboard.upperarlingtonoh.gov>.

On the portal, you can sort data to identify current vacancies, upcoming term expirations for seats and more. You can also access the application form - which you are welcome to complete at any time to express your interest in serving the community in this way. When completing an application, it's possible to select and prioritize more than one Board or Commission.

Council Approves Rezoning Amendments for Henderson Road Office District

Following an extensive public engagement and review process and an endorsement by the Board of Zoning and Planning, on December 5 City Council approved zoning amendments

Kingsdale Redevelopment Project

for a portion of the ORC Office and Research District located on the south side of Henderson Road.

Large, single-use office complexes like this district have become outdated and unpopular, especially if they are not in prime locations with direct access to highways and resources. To attract and retain quality employees, companies are increasingly blending office spaces with convenient amenities and housing.

Effective early January 2023, the district will be rezoned as a Planned Mixed Office District (PMOD), with the intent of retaining a significant amount of office space within the district, while allowing for a limited number of additional uses, such as residential and retail, as future redevelopment projects occur. Included in the rezoning are a series of building setback or “no build” areas and a transition in allowable building heights from the exterior of the district into its core.

The City has experienced success with several mixed-use projects in recent years. Combining a mix of uses within an efficiently designed footprint is a proven and desirable model that makes financial sense for developers and property owners – fulfilling the market demand for live/work communities and creating a 24/7 synergy. It also achieves an important goal for the City – that of retaining and expanding professional and medical office uses within our commercial districts, since they are a primary source of income revenue.

Moving forward, any proposed redevelopment projects in this district will be subject to the City’s public review process for major site plans. This would include public outreach and the Board of Zoning and Planning’s formal review and approval process.

For full details, visit our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov, where you can find information under **Community Projects**.

If you’re curious about the construction taking place at Kingsdale and wondering what will be going where, this aerial of the site has the building footprints superimposed. You can see the almost finished senior living building top left, the start of the apartment building to the right, and the placeholder for the Community Center, bottom left.



2022 Community Awards Nomination Deadline: Friday, January 20

Each year, we seek nominations of the many worthy individuals and groups that have helped make our community better in some way, through our annual Community Awards Program. We have mixed things up a little for the 2022 awards, adding a Community Relations award in place of Safety, and incorporating a new diversity element to our Business Award. Now is the time to submit your nominations for the following categories:

- **Business** - recognizes a business that is actively involved in the community or brings other significant benefits through its presence in Upper Arlington. This could be by utilizing environmentally friendly business practices, through support and participation in community service projects, by providing financial or in-kind support for various causes, or as a leader in workplace diversity.
- **Community Enrichment** - presented to an individual or group that has spearheaded or is involved in a project or program that enhances the City’s quality of life through the arts, education, recreation, cultural diversity or enhancement of the natural environment.
- **Community Relations** - presented to an individual or group that is actively involved in programming that increases a sense of belonging for all members of our community, enhances knowledge, understanding and appreciation of diversity within UA, raises awareness of or improves the overall health and safety of the community, or for a significant one-time act to help others in the community during their moment of need.
- **Senior** - awarded to an individual who is actively involved in his/her community through volunteer service, taking a leadership or participatory role in community programs.
- **Youth** - presented to a youth individual or group actively involved in volunteer service, or the participation in and development of community programs to benefit others.

Visit upperarlingtonoh.gov for additional details and to fill out our online nomination form by the January 20 deadline.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Steve Schoeny



A Round of Applause for Our Exceptional City Staff

As I write this month's column, we are in the midst of an incredible week of recognition and celebration for many members of our City team.

At the final City Council Meeting of the year, three exceptional employees were honored:

- After an incredible public service career spanning 57 years - with both the UA Schools and the City - Lee Spitzer is retiring from his role as Aquatics Manager. It's no exaggeration to say that Lee has positively impacted the lives of thousands of residents over the years and he will be greatly missed.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Brennan Woods was awarded the 2022 Dr. Mary E. Fontana Distinguished Service Award for his work on the specifications and timely set up for the Fire Division's new medic truck.



- Firefighter/Paramedic Matthew Jividen received the 2022 Firefighter of the Award in recognition of his team leadership abilities and recent efforts to design and build some training equipment in-house.

The next day, we gathered with members of the Police Division to present a check for more than \$10,000 to the OhioHealth Foundation for cancer research and patient support initiatives. The donation was made possible through the division's Movember fundraiser, which this year honored two City employees with family members currently undergoing treatment for cancer.

At week's end, we gathered for our annual employee holiday lunch, which included two annual award presentations:

- Officer Ty Hamilton (Police), Craig Stevens (Clerk of Court), Darren Shulman, Darlene Pettit, Joe Roush and Tonya Wampler (City Attorney's Office) received our Notable Team Project Award for their creation of the Warrant Forgiveness Days Program. Every Thursday in October, it was possible for individuals with outstanding traffic or non-violent misdemeanor warrants to have their warrants canceled and to reinstate their cases for processing through Mayors Court.
- EMS Captain Chris Moore, Firefighter/Paramedics Michael Jones and Joe McCabe, and CARES Manager Christine Leyshon received the Exceptional Customer Service Award in recognition of the work they are doing to help aging residents remain safely in their homes. In the past six months alone, they have worked with 144 referrals, made 152 in-home visits, installed 109 grab bars,



and launched a homebound COVID vaccination program.

While these were our winners, there were 12 other nominations and countless additional employees nominated for this year's awards. This not only highlights the exceptional work that is being done across the organization, it highlights the pride that we all have in the work that we do, since it's the employees who nominate their colleagues for these awards.

Last but definitely not least, we celebrated the Police Division's annual awards recipients - Joe Kelly, our Officer of the Year, and Aaron Greenberg, our Civilian of the Year. AND we recognized Jodi Osborne, the City's Cultural Arts Manager, for organizing the City's first Arts on Arlington special event last summer, which went on to receive First Place for Historical & Cultural Arts Programs from the Ohio Parks & Recreation Association.

My thanks to all of my colleagues here at the City for an incredible year of service to the Upper Arlington community. I can't wait to see what we can accomplish together in 2023.



Community Relations Committee Expands its Programming

Since its formation in late 2020, the Community Relations Committee (CRC) has been working to support UA as a welcoming community and to promote understanding, mutual respect and a sense of belonging among all residents.

In December, CRC Co-Chairs Farida El-Hennawy and Jason Sayat provided an update to City Council on the committee's progress and plans for 2023. A video of this presentation can be found on the CRC website, at uacommunityrelations.com.

2023 Innovation Small Grant Program

Application Deadline: January 13, 2023

The City recognizes that fostering and promoting a welcoming community cannot be done by government alone. To that end, with guidance from the CRC, the Community Relations Innovation Small Grant Program was established in 2022 to support community-based, innovative approaches to fulfilling the CRC's Purpose, Mission and Vision.

The City is currently accepting applications for the 2023 grant cycle. Successful applicants will receive grants ranging from \$1,000-\$5,000 for projects that will achieve one or more of the following goals:

1. **INFORMATION:** Increase UA residents' knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of diversity within UA and throughout Central Ohio.
2. **INVITING:** Increase the number, type, and quality of positive interactions by non-residents with the UA community.
3. **INCLUSION:** Increase the sense of belonging and inclusion of all UA citizens with special focus on non-majority residents and those without pre-existing connections to UA.

Applications will be accepted through Friday, January 13, 2023. Successful applicants will be announced

at the February 23 Community Relations Committee Meeting.

Annual Observances Calendar

The CRC website now houses a 2023 Observances and Holidays Calendar that includes national holidays, significant celebrations and observances for different religions, and notable national, month-long observances.

We encourage UA civic groups, businesses and residents to refer to this calendar when scheduling meetings, events or other activities.

The calendar is not a complete listing of all observances, but represents the CRC's best attempt at providing a listing that reflects and serves the primary nationalities and cultures of our community members. If you believe an item should be added to the calendar, please send an email to community.relations@uach.net.

Education Series

Each month, the CRC invites different groups to provide presentations on topics that align with the work of the Committee. Since the meetings are held in a hybrid format, we have recently begun the practice of providing videos from these presentations on the CRC website. To date, topics include: the findings of the 2022 Community Survey; Central Ohio Demographics presentation by United Way's Senior Vice President of Community Impact, Michael Wilkos; information about US Together, a non-profit that provides comprehensive immigration services for the immigrant community in Central Ohio.

Visit uacommunityrelations.com to view these and other presentations as they come available.

Seasonal Employment Opportunities



It may be the start of the New Year but UA's Parks & Recreation Department is already focused on securing the many seasonal employees needed for a successful summer of youth camps, days at the pool, tennis programming and more. Opportunities exist for teens, college students and teachers looking to fill their summers with rewarding experiences and a useful paycheck, as well as for adults and recent retirees with some extra time on their hands who would like to support their community and enjoy the great outdoors.

Seasonal positions exist in the following areas:

- **Pools:** management positions, lifeguards, office support (lifeguard certification courses are provided)
- **Summer camps:** various camp leader and manager positions
- **Parks maintenance:** various three-nine month opportunities
- **Tennis:** various facility operations support positions
- **Rental facilities:** various support positions
- **Safety Town:** teachers and classroom assistants
- **Senior Center:** facility support

Check out our seasonal recruitment video on the Employment section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov. To submit an application, visit www.governmentjobs.com/careers/uach/seasonal

NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

City Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Monday, January 2** - New Year's Day (observed). No Solid Waste delays
- **Monday, January 16** - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No Solid Waste delays.
- **Monday, February 20** - Presidents Day. No Solid Waste delays.

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. If you are interested in receiving City Council meeting agenda updates, send us an email, at city.council@uaoh.net.

Sunday Swim at UAHS

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

Sunday Swim lap swimming will be available at the UA High School Natatorium from 1-3 pm most Sundays through May 21. For details and to register, visit parks.uaoh.net.

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 updates from Parks & Recreation
- **Sentinel** - monthly program updates from the Senior Center

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

2023 Wall of Honor Nominations

uahistory.org

Each May, a new bronze plaque is added to the limestone wall of the Municipal Services Center Plaza to honor a deceased UA resident who had a positive impact on the community and beyond through their professional, philanthropic, volunteer or public service. Nominations are being accepted for the 2023 Wall of Honor, a partnership of the UA Historical Society and the City's Parks & Recreation Department. Nomination forms are available at www.uahistory.org. The

deadline is Friday, January 13, 2023. The 2023 induction ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 21.

Friends of UA Parks

friendsofuaparks.com

The Friends of Upper Arlington Parks coordinate monthly gatherings from 9 am-Noon on Saturday mornings, helping clear invasive species from UA parks and to assist with tree planting efforts. All tools are provided, wear long pants and closed-toe shoes. Upcoming dates include:

- January 21 - Thompson Park
- February 11 - Fancyburg Park

2023 Community Calendar

upperarlingtonoh.gov

As a service to the community, the City provides an online Community Calendar of special events on its website. These event listings are oftentimes promoted by the City via other means, as space and scheduling permits. Now is the time to send us details of qualifying community events for 2023. Visit our **Events** section, at upperarlingtonoh.gov, where you will find submission details.

Tobacco Free Parks

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

Continuing Upper Arlington's commitment to protecting the health and welfare of its residents, the use of

Community Special Event Applications

An application and permitting process is in place for community special events that require use of City property and/or City logistical and planning support. Event organizers are encouraged to start their applications early.

An online application form is to be used for all event proposals that involve use of public streets, parks or other City property. It can be accessed at <https://upperarlingtonoh.viewpointcloud.com/>.

Separate applications are available for Block Parties, Mobile Demonstrations and Car Washes.

Application Timeline

City Staff will review event applications per the following schedule:

For Events Held:	Application Deadline	Review Date
April 1 - June 30	January 17	February 6
July 1 - September 30	April 17	May 3
October 1 - December 31	July 17	August 2
January 1, 2024 - March 31	October 16	November 1

Additionally, a Park Use Permit is required for groups wishing to hold small activities in a City park that won't disrupt typical park uses.

If you have questions, contact Parks & Recreation at 614-583-5300. For walks and runs, contact the City Manager's Office, at 614-583-5040.

High School Parking Update

The City has been working with the UA Schools for several years to accommodate High School parking needs during and following construction.

During construction, a series of school-hour parking restrictions were removed in the surrounding neighborhood, since parking was extremely limited on the school site. Concurrently, the Schools instituted measures to encourage car pooling by students.

Construction of the new parking lots was completed in time for the 2022-23 school year. The number of onsite parking spaces has increased, including extra spaces along Brandon Road immediately adjacent to the High School. The Schools have also continued

to encourage car pooling and to educate students on responsible parking practices.

In light of these improvements, other than marking parking spaces on some additional streets, our Public Service Department has not seen a need to reinstate the previous parking restrictions. It is also hoped that a series of traffic calming improvements in the Wakefield Forest neighborhood surrounding the School will further mitigate issues, so that we can maintain parking access on all public streets.

The City and Schools will continue to monitor the area regularly to see if any issues need to be addressed. If you have any questions on this issue, please contact Public Service, at 614-583-5350.



all nicotine products are prohibited in the City's public parks. This includes cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes and vaping devices.

Citizen Camera Partnership POLICE 614-583-5150

The Police Division's Citizen Camera Partnership is an opt-in program designed to build a database of properties with video cameras. By registering, residents and businesses are simply letting the division know that cameras are in use on their property, with Police only requesting access to video footage following a crime or other notable safety incident in the immediate area. The database is secure, with participants' information kept private and confidential. Visit the *Police* section of the City's website to register.

2023 Income Tax Filings Deadline: Tuesday, April 18 www.ritaohio.com

All residents aged 18 years and over must file an annual income tax return with the City, regardless of whether any tax is due. The City uses the services of the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) for the processing of UA income taxes.

As an extra service for RITA taxpayers, RITA provides municipal income tax return assistance each spring free of charge. Agents can answer questions, take payments and assist with RITA municipal income tax preparation.

Help Keep Sidewalks Clear This Winter

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

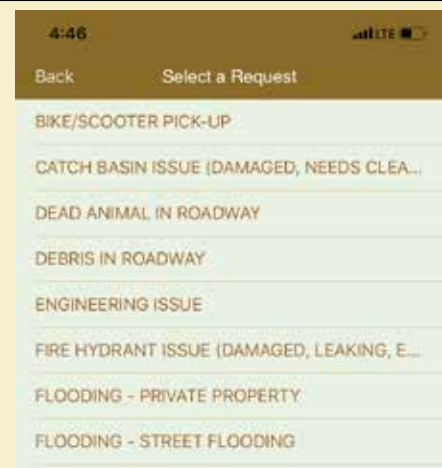
a few extra moments to help clear their sidewalks too.

Fire Hydrants in Winter FIRE 614-583-5100

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

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.



SchoolsⁱNSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

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UA Voters Approve Issue 5 to Maintain Academic Program

The Upper Arlington community has endorsed Issue 5 to maintain the high-quality academic program in the Upper Arlington Schools and fund daily operations.

The 6.9 mill operating levy on the November 8, 2022, ballot passed with a vote of approximately 54% for and 46% against.

"We are truly grateful for our community's commitment to excellence in education for the students of Upper Arlington," Board of Education President Lori Trent said. "The passage of Issue 5 ensures that we will be able to continue to provide a comprehensive academic program, extracurricular opportunities to enhance our students' experience and the support that they so need to succeed in school and in life."

Issue 5 followed decisions by the Board of Education to postpone an operating levy request twice – first in the summer of 2020 and again in the summer of 2021 – and to seek out proactive solutions to stretch the district's budget in the absence of additional operating funding.

"The majority of our district's funding goes directly to the classroom, and this allows us to keep that focus on what matters most – supporting our students and the excellence of our school district," said Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

Moving forward, Upper Arlington Schools will continue our focus on being a good steward of the community's investment in education, because that is a strength of the relationship between the schools and the community.

"We are excited about the future for our schools and our community as we continue to work together to make our schools even better than they are today," Trent said. "We'll continue our work that stems from the Listen Learn Lead community engagement process, and a key part of that will be continuing our focus on financial efficiencies and accountability for our community."

Both Trent and Imhoff thanked the residents who volunteered with the Citizens for UA Schools to support Issue 5.

"This is indicative of the support we've seen over many years in our community for our schools," Imhoff said. "I speak for the entire UA Schools staff when I say your support means the world to us."

Board of Education selects Dr. Jenney to Serve as Interim Superintendent

As the search for the next superintendent of Upper Arlington Schools continues, the Board of Education has finalized that Kathy Jenney, Ed.D., the current associate superintendent of human resources and operations for the district, will serve as interim superintendent.

Dr. Jenney will step into the interim role in January when current Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D., retires. She will be the first woman to serve in the role of superintendent in the history of Upper Arlington Schools.

"I am thrilled that Kathy is willing to take on this role on a temporary basis," said Board President Lori Trent. "Between her previous experience as a superintendent and her 10 years of leadership here in the district, she is more than qualified to keep the district running smoothly during this transition."

Trent shared that the search for the next superintendent of the Upper Arlington Schools continues, as search firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA) works to identify interested and qualified candidates that align with the leadership profile for Upper Arlington Schools. Trent also shared that the Board of Education will provide additional updates as they are available.

When the new superintendent is selected, Dr. Jenney will be available to assist in the transition up until her retirement on July 31, 2023.

"This feels like the right way to wrap things up," said Jenney. "It really has been an honor to work in Upper Arlington Schools, so I'm happy to be able to assist as the next superintendent is selected and gets settled in."

For more information on the search process, please visit www.uaschools.org/2022SuperintendentSearch.aspx.



Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

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



This document is updated every May and November, providing our district with an important check-in point so that we can keep a clear view on our future impacts and needs.

The new forecast reflects a significant shift in the immediate financial outlook for the district, and that is due to the passage of Issue 5 on the November 8, 2022, ballot. Because additional operating funding will be coming into the district beginning in 2023, the new forecast now shows the district in a stable financial position over the next few years.

We are very grateful to our community for their support of our schools, and we do not take that support for granted.

As we move forward, we will continue to focus on being a good steward of our community's investment in our schools. A key part of that will be continuing our focus on financial efficiencies and accountability, and communicating our work in this area in a transparent and clear manner as well. We will be sharing more about this in the coming months, as our work stemming from the Board of Education's Listen Learn Lead community engagement process continues.

It's important to note that the new forecast does reflect the typical levy cycle of a suburban school district like Upper Arlington. Due to school funding laws in the state of Ohio, generally speaking, suburban school districts like Upper Arlington return to voters every three to four years in order to keep up with inflation and maintain the current level of school operations.

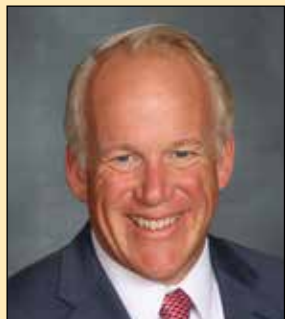
To review the new five year forecast and other financial documents, please visit our website at www.uaschools.org/treasurer.aspx.

Sign up to Receive UA Schools e-newsletters!

Upper Arlington Schools remains committed to keeping all stakeholders informed of what is happening throughout the district and receiving and responding to feedback from stakeholders.

Community members can sign up to receive the monthly district e-newsletter that is currently sent to families and staff at the end of each month. Please visit www.uaschools.org/emailsignup.aspx to subscribe to the e-newsletter. Current families with children in the schools and current staff members do not need to take any action, as they are automatically subscribed to these emails.





SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

Service Learning a Year-Long Commitment in Our Schools

Throughout my years in the Upper Arlington Schools, one of the things I have been most proud of has been our commitment to service-learning throughout the year. This is a tradition that stretches back decades, and it is something that is top of mind during a time a year when community needs may be greater.

Service learning gives students an opportunity to meet a real community need that connects back to what they're learning in the classroom. They gain an understanding about things that are bigger than themselves and are able to take away a lifelong lesson about the importance of serving others – all while incorporating academic skills in areas such as literacy and language arts, math, science and social studies.

Service learning is an important part of our academic program and whole learning, a priority in the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan for Upper Arlington Schools. This learning is occurring all the time in our schools.

Our staff and students at Hastings and Jones Middle Schools have a long-standing tradition of celebrating and honoring veterans in our community through their Veterans Day programs. These events allow our eighth-grade students to expand their knowledge about the role of veterans in American history while recognizing the service and sacrifice of those who have served their country.

Over the past several years, Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School has also built a tradition of learning about and honoring veterans through their Veterans Day town hall meeting. Students have expanded this tradition after learning about the work of the national nonprofit organization Canine Companions, which provides service dogs to individuals with disabilities including veterans.

To support Canine Companions, these enterprising students have sold handmade dog treats during lunch and asked their peers to bring in excess Halloween candy to donate to a “buy-back” program that pays \$1 per pound of candy and sends the extra treats to troops overseas. In the past two years, nearly \$1,000 has been raised to support Canine Companions.

At Tremont Elementary School, the longtime service-learning focus for first grade classes has been access to clean water. Through this project, students have gained an understanding of how

important access to clean drinking water is for children around the world and in our own country as well. This year, these young students led their entire school community in a “Walk for Water” to raise awareness about the issue while also raising money for Navajo Water Project, which brings clean water to homes across the Navajo Nation in New Mexico, Utah and Arizona that do not have access to water or sewer lines.

In addition to service-learning, our students are engaging in acts of service all the time – through volunteer opportunities at their schools and in the community and simple acts of kindness, such as providing nonperishable items for Thanksgiving meals for members of their school community or the greater Columbus community that need some extra support this year.

Our students, staff and families are truly committed to supporting those in need and living out our vision of uniquely accomplished students prepared to serve, lead and succeed. That commitment is something I will always treasure from my time here in Upper Arlington.

With this being my final column as superintendent of the Upper Arlington Schools, I want to close with a thank you to the entire Upper Arlington community. It has been a privilege to serve you for the past 10 years. While I am retiring as superintendent, my family and I will continue to be proud residents of Upper Arlington and proud Golden Bears! Thank you for the best years of my career – and, as always, Go Bears!

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D., is superintendent of Upper Arlington Schools.



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SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Kindergarten Registration Begins in February

The Upper Arlington Schools community is looking forward to welcoming the Golden Bears Class of 2036! Children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2023, are eligible for kindergarten during the 2023-2024 school year.

The district is pleased to offer a full-day kindergarten program. Full-day kindergarten in Upper Arlington Schools gives our younger learners more opportunities to learn and grow socially, emotionally and academically.

Before registration begins, all five elementary schools will offer kindergarten information nights to provide families with more information about the kindergarten program and registration process.

- **Barrington Elementary School** – Thursday, January 26 at 6:30 pm.
- **Greensview Elementary School** – Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30 pm.
- **Tremont Elementary School** – Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 pm.
- **Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School** – Thursday, February 9 at 6:30 pm.
- **Windermere Elementary School** – Thursday, February 2 at 6:30 pm.

Families interested in enrolling their child or children may do so beginning Monday, February 13, 2023, through an online registration form that will be available at www.uaschools.org/kindergarten.aspx. We strongly encourage families to complete the registration process between Monday, February 13 through Friday, March 24, 2023, for staffing and planning purposes.

For more on kindergarten registration and a map of the elementary attendance areas, visit our website.



Water Polo Repeats Championship Sweep

Upper Arlington High School swept the water polo state championships for a second consecutive year, with back-to-back wins for the boys and girls teams on Sunday, October 30.

In the state final matches at Cincinnati Princeton, the girls team led the way with an 11-1 victory over the Cincinnati Mavericks. The UA boys team followed up just a couple of hours later by defeating Toledo St. Francis 15-6.

It is the fourth consecutive state championship for the girls and their 20th state championship overall, including eight in the past 10 years. The boys team claimed their second championship in 10 years and their ninth state title overall.



UAHS Students Receive Academic Recognition

Upper Arlington High School recognizes 53 students who have qualified as candidates and anticipated candidates in the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. Twenty seniors have completed the rigorous requirements to be considered

candidates for an IB Diploma upon graduation in 2023, and 33 juniors are anticipated candidates for an IB Diploma when they graduate in 2024.

The International Baccalaureate Programme is one of three ways that Upper Arlington High School students can pursue college-level coursework. Upper Arlington Schools is #1 in the state in the percentage of students participating in International Baccalaureate coursework and #1 in the state in the combined percentage of students enrollments in Advanced Placement and IB courses.

Uniquely Accomplished

Congratulations to these Upper Arlington Schools students on their unique accomplishments!



- Tremont Elementary School fifth-grader Mengde Dai took first place out of 1,125 students in the Kids Code Global Hackathon this fall – which qualified him to compete with the best of the best in the North American finals.
- Four Upper Arlington High school students – Laila Knight, Lukas Skoracki, Steven Lao and Tyler Harrison – were selected for the Bowling Green State University High School Honor Band. Additionally, Tyler Harrison was selected with two other UAHS students, Ryan Hastings and Richard Frenken, to attend the Capital University Band Festival. These programs offer students the opportunity to perform with other talented high school musicians and further their skills through master classes and instruction with guest artists and collegiate-level instructors.

District, SWACO to Take the Lead on School Recycling

Upper Arlington Schools is partnering with the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio to pilot a districtwide school recycling program, with the goal of it becoming a model for other school districts in the Columbus area.

“Having a consistent program, preK-12, provides a platform for students to learn and carry through their educational experience in Upper Arlington,” said Chris Potts, chief operating officer of

the Upper Arlington Schools. “It also provides opportunities for our students to teach each other and be mentors.”

In preparation for the launch of the program, a team of students and staff members, including custodians and teachers, known as the District Recycling Champions Committee has come together to help the district identify what has worked and what hasn’t worked with current or past recycling initiatives in individual school buildings. This will help Upper Arlington Schools and SWACO identify how to successfully implement and communicate a consistent district-wide program, likely sometime in 2023.

Potts sees the program as an opportunity for students to expand their learning.

“Education is at the core of everything we do,” Potts said. “Teaching about how to protect the environment, preserve natural resources and reduce landfill waste creates a hands-on lesson and raises broader community awareness.”

2022 UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM LEFT: Nancy Drees, President Lori Trent, Vice President 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.

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

- Friday, January 6, 3:45 pm – UA High School, 1625 Zollinger Road

The schedule of meetings for the 2023 calendar year will be set by the board at the January 6 meeting. Please visit www.uaschools.org/board to view the schedule for the 2023 calendar year following the January meeting. For additional information on the members of the Board of Education and its policies, please visit the website listed above.

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Thirteen students from Hastings and Jones middle schools were selected to participate in the 2022 OSTA District XV Middle School Honors Orchestra.



Sixteen Upper Arlington High School student-athletes signed their letters of intent on National Signing Day to continue their academic and athletic pursuits at the college level.

Hour of Code

Upper Arlington High School computer science students, in partnership with the Elementary Explorations teachers, brought Hour of Code to every K-5 classroom over two weeks in November and December. This provided an opportunity for approximately 3,000 elementary students in the district to learn foundational computer science skills for their futures. The high school students leading the activities alongside Upper Arlington educators were also able to grow their skills as teachers and leaders. This is the fifth consecutive year Upper Arlington High School has led Hour of Code activities in the district.



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Windermere Elementary School hosted its second annual Thanksgiving Parade, with students designing their parade floats and steering them along the parade route using Sphero robots.



The Barrington and Wickliffe elementary school communities celebrated 50 years of the informal educational program in the Upper Arlington Schools with open house celebrations.

Celebrating Veterans

Upper Arlington Schools students were thrilled to welcome current and former service members for the annual Veterans Day celebrations at Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School and Hastings and Jones middle schools. These opportunities not only serve as a way to celebrate veterans in the community but also offer a deeply impactful learning experience for students. By sharing time with veterans and listening to their stories, students learn about their significance and importance to our community and our country.



Longest Table Provides Inspiring Community Conversation

More than 200 students, staff members and members of the community gathered on the evening of November 16 over a shared meal to celebrate our unique stories. The Longest Table was a collaborative effort of the Upper Arlington Schools and Upper Arlington Education Foundation (UA+Ed), with funding support from the City of Upper Arlington's Community Relations Innovation Grant Program. During the event, guests met new people and listened to and learned from different perspectives in the UA community. Guests engaged in guided conversations surrounding two prompts:

- When you imagine a community that respects and honors diverse backgrounds and points of view, what does that look like?
- What is the best way to welcome new students and their families to the community?

The conversation left guests feeling hopeful, grateful, connected, inspired and heard. Read on for a sampling of some of the feedback guests shared about the experience.



"I learned about many new people in our community I wouldn't have met otherwise, I learned about different peoples backgrounds and that we all have the same end goal: to be a welcoming community where everyone feels like they belong."

"I was one of 5 people at our table and had never met the other 4. I learned a lot about their personal lives, our schools and our community. I loved the entire conversation and would gladly have stayed longer conversing with this group."

"I met two of the most delightful residents, and had it not been for this event, our paths would have never crossed. Their openness, wisdom and compassion will stay with me for a long, long time."

"It is important to continue to have these conversations to make a positive impact on our community. Our table recognized that these conversations may have never happened 3-5 years ago and we are making progress toward positive changes. It was incredible having so many people from the community in the same room together brainstorming how we can be better and make UA more welcoming for all."

"It was wonderful to connect with so many new people within our community and that we all have a yearning for a better and diverse community. But there are a lot of hurdles and conversations that need to be had. It was so nice to be intentionally heard, as a person of color."

"I learned that in the right atmosphere, I could get to know someone new in ways that I would not expect. I gained appreciation for the work that others do to make UA a better place to live. This gave me hope and encouragement."

"It was enlightening, inspiring, and filled me with hope. I loved every minute of it and wish our table had more time together."

2022-23 SCHOOL DATES

Winter Break

Friday, December 23, 2022 - Tuesday, January 3, 2023

**No School for Students; Staff Report Per Schedule
Wednesday, January 4**

**No School for Students and Staff; Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 16**

Early Dismissal (Grades K-12)

Wednesday, January 25

Dismissal at 1:00 p.m. for elementary students; 1:30 p.m. for secondary students

Elementary Early Dismissal (Grades K-5)

Thursday, February 16

Dismissal at 11:05 a.m.

**No School for Students and Staff; Presidents' Day
Monday, February 20**

**For the full 2022-2023 school year calendar, visit:
www.uaschools.org/calendars.aspx**

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BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Upper Arlington Author Series Welcomes Madeline Miller

The Upper Arlington Author Series returns this spring with a presentation by Madeline Miller, author of *The Song of Achilles* and *Circe*.

Miller will speak on Sunday, March 5 at 2 pm. Tickets will go on sale January 15 at www.ualibrary.org. The venue will be announced soon.

The UA Author Series is a partnership of the Upper Arlington Public Library and the Upper Arlington Community Foundation. Since its beginning in 2012, the series has featured distinguished authors including Alexander McCall Smith, Anthony Doerr, Amor Towles, and Samin Nosrat.

Madeline Miller grew up in New York City and Philadelphia. She attended Brown University, where she earned her BA and MA in Classics. She has taught and tutored Latin, Greek, and

Shakespeare to high school students for over 15 years.

She has also studied at the University of Chicago's Committee on Social Thought, and in the Dramaturgy department at Yale School of Drama, where she focused on the adaptation of classical texts to modern forms.

Her first novel, *The Song of Achilles*, was awarded the 2012 Orange Prize for Fiction and was a *New York Times* Bestseller. Her second novel, *Circe*, was an instant #1 *New York Times* bestseller, and won the Indies Choice Best Adult Fiction of the Year Award and the Indies Choice Best Audiobook of the Year Award, as well as being shortlisted for the 2019 Women's Prize for Fiction. *Circe* also won The Red Tentacle Award, an American Library Association Alex Award, and the 2018 Elle Big Book



Award. It is being adapted for a series with HBO Max.

Miller's novels have been translated into over 25 languages including Dutch, Mandarin, Japanese, Turkish, Arabic and Greek, and her essays have appeared in several publications including the *Guardian*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*.

Memory Care Kits Now Available

The UA Library has debuted six Memory Care Kits designed to help those experiencing memory loss as well as their loved ones and caregivers.

We've created kits centered around specific themes - all with a nostalgic bent to encourage reminiscing and connecting. Themes are travel, fashion, home & garden, sports, pets & animals, and movies & music.

Each kit contains an assortment of nine to 12 items to create meaningful and positive interactions. Sample items include simple games, puzzles, books, sensory activities, CDs and DVDs. The items are



stored in a purple tote bag labeled "MEMORY CARE KITS," and a photo inventory of each kit's contents is attached to the bag to easily discover what's inside.

Each bag can be checked out for 28 days with one automatic renewal if no one else has requested it. Patrons may check out just one kit at a time but may place holds on up to three of them.

All check out and returns of the kits must be done in person at the

UA Main Library.

Look for them in the atrium or Adult Department of the Main Library, or visit uapl.me/MemoryCareKits to place a hold.

Program Highlights

Disney with Dana and Annamarie

Planning a trip to Disney World, Disneyland, or a Disney Cruise? Librarians and Disney superfans, Dana and Annamarie, have visited the parks and sailed on Disney cruise ships numerous times. Come to the Main Library on Thursday, January 5 at 6:30 pm to get tips for a great Disney experience.

Stuffed Animal Doctor Visit

Prepare your child for an upcoming doctor visit with pretend play at the Main Library on Monday, January 30 at 3 pm. Kids ages 2-8 can bring a stuffed animal and make them feel all better with pretend shots, getting a band-aid, and a quick check-up.

Winter Reading Club Continues Through January 31

There's still time for you to join our Winter Reading Club and earn weekly prizes and entries for our grand prizes!

Stop by any Upper Arlington Public Library location to pick up a reading log. Read for seven days and track your time on a narwhal coloring sheet, or set your own personal reading goals and check them off on a written log. Pick up a new sheet each week!

Once you've finished a sheet, bring it to one of our locations to receive a prize. Visit ualibrary.org/winterreadingclub to enter a grand prize drawing.

Many thanks to this year's Winter Reading Club sponsors: the Friends of the UA Library, Scene 75, Cover to Cover Children's Books, Chocolate Café, Busy Bees Pottery & Arts Studio, Chiller, Chicken Salad Chick, Chipotle, Grandview Theater & Drafthouse, and Wild Cat! Gift and Party.

All ages can join the fun! Learn more at ualibrary.org/winterreadingclub.



Understanding Black History Through Black Music

Ted McDaniel, Professor of African-American Studies and Music at The Ohio State University, visits the Main Library on Thursday, February 9 at 6:30 pm to discuss how Black music has often served as a barometer of the times and lives of Black people. He'll use recorded music to explore aspects and periods of black history, including the worksongs and spirituals of slavery through the rap of modern urban times.

Meet the Bugman!

Explore the big beautiful world of bugs with Mark Berman and his crew of crawly critters. You can even get up close and personal with some bugs! Join us at the Main Library on Saturday, February 11 at 2 pm.

Nutrition for Cancer Prevention

February is Cancer Prevention Month. Join Registered Dietitian Jenny Lobb at the Main Library on Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 pm to learn about cancer prevention recommendations from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Marble Run Mania

Join us at the Lane Road Library on Thursday, February 23 at 4 pm to create your own marble run. Experiment with different materials like straws, paper towel tubes, cardboard boxes, and marbles. Learn about the laws of physics while having fun! Please note: some children might need parent or caregiver assistance. For grades K+.

Try Our Adult Reading Challenge

Challenge yourself to do more reading in 2023 with our "50 Books" program.

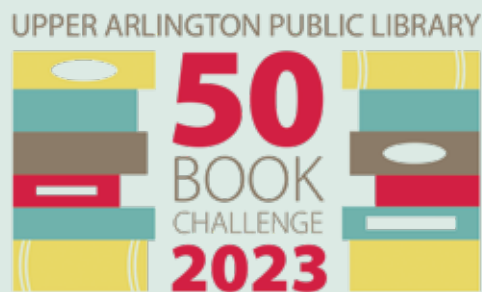
This new program starts January 3 and runs until the end of the year.

Stop into any UA Library location and pick up a reading log, or just keep track in your own way.

Once you've read 50 books, eBooks and/or audiobooks, bring your list into the library to receive a prize. Prizes will be ready for pick up in early spring and will be available through the end of December 2023 or while supplies last.

Looking to connect with other UA readers? Join our Goodreads "UAPL Adult Services" group. We'll have monthly online discussions dedicated to reading 50 books in 50 weeks. Anyone can share their progress and what they've been reading.

We can't wait to see how many people meet the challenge!



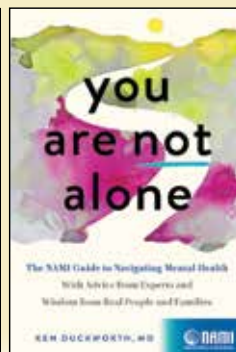
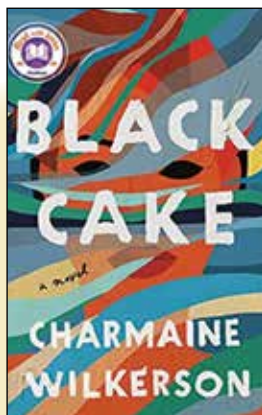
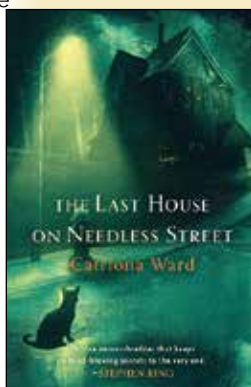
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

Wind Riders Series

By Jen Marlin

Max and Sofia's lives are changed when they find a magical sailboat that takes them around the world to save animals and their troubled environments. Each book is an adventure that highlights how to protect the world around us, sharing fun facts that any animal lover will devour. This early chapter book series begins with *Rescue on Turtle Beach* and is the perfect next read for the *Magic Treehouse* fan in your life.

—Alexx Burris, Youth Services



Attack of the Black Rectangles

By Amy Sarig King

When Mac is assigned to read *The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen in class, he does not understand why certain words are covered with black rectangles. Mac and his friends discover their teacher censored parts of the book. Spurred on by a supportive mother and forward thinking grandfather, Mack and his friends challenge this censorship. Mac also grapples with the actions of his father, as his father deals with mental health issues. A timely and poignant book that captures the maturity and depth of 12-year-olds who decide it is always necessary to find the truth.

—Tammy Slater, Miller Park

Black Cake

By Charmaine Wilkerson

Black Cake starts with the death of a woman named Eleanor who leaves behind a puzzling inheritance for her two children – a black cake made from a family recipe with a long history. A voice recording from Eleanor tells a story of an extraordinary life that will challenge her children's shared family memories.

A beautiful debut novel of how the inheritance of secrets and memories may or may not be a betrayal.

—Vita Marinello, Adult Services

You Are Not Alone: The NAMI Guide to Navigating Mental Health with Advice from Experts and Wisdom from Real People and Families

This book is for those with mental illness and for their families. It starts by asking the question, "Do I need help?" From there, the reader can learn about types of mental illnesses, how to find help, what the path to recovery may look like, and the often-complicated family relationships that life with mental illness can create. It doesn't need to be read cover-to-cover - you can find the relevant chapter, whether it be "helping your child, teen or young adult" or

"navigating the legal system" and go from there. It is written with compassion and understanding and is perhaps best suited for those at the beginning of

addressing mental health issues.

—Cindy Radford, Adult Services

The Last House on Needless Street

By Catriona Ward

The main suspect in the disappearance of a little girl, Ted lives with Lauren, his out-of-control daughter, and Olivia, his very religious cat. It may take you a while to get into the rhythm with this book, but the twists and turns are unimaginable and worth the wait. Did Ted really kill the little girl with the popsicle? If he is falsely accused, it belies

the question: who did it? Introduce Dee, the older sister of the missing girl and you've got a recipe for a dark, thrilling novel that will leave you stunned.

—Lyndsie Otto, Adult Services

Clackity

By Lora Senf

Evie is used to ghosts. She lives in Blight Harbor - the seventh-most haunted town in America - with her Aunt Desdemonda, an expert on the paranormal. When Des disappears into the abandoned slaughterhouse at the edge of town, Evie follows her. She discovers The Clackity, a creepy creature made of shadows. The Clackity strikes a deal with Evie - enter into a strange otherworldly portal and bring back the ghost of a long-dead serial killer in exchange for her Aunt. Evie discovers hungry witches, penny-eyed ghosts, and a memory thief, all while being chased by the very killer she has to catch to save her Aunt.

—Annamarie Carlson, Youth Services

Explore...GATHER...grow!!



Our '80s-themed Murder Mystery Night was totally rad! We're looking forward to doing more large-scale events in the future.



Our 50th Holiday Happiness celebration featured life-size Candyland, airbrush tattoos, juggling, balloons, and more.



Jake the Rabbit from Bring the Farm to You was a cuddly hit with visitors in November.

Visit the playground at Fancyburg Park this winter to read our latest StoryWalk, *Words to Make a Friend* by Donna Jo Napoli and Naoko Stoop.



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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Explore our Special Online Collections

You probably know about our books, movies, eBooks, music, magazines and other popular materials. But have you checked out our special online collections? ListenColumbus, at www.listencolumbus.org features nearly 100 albums by local bands. This collection was the first of its kind in Ohio.

HealthyUA, at www.healthyua.org is a one-stop shop for resources related to emotional, physical, social and spiritual wellness. It began life as a project of the 2014 LeadershipUA class, and has been maintained by the UA Library ever since. Through the UA Archives at www.uaarchives.org, the Library works with local organizations and individuals to digitally preserve historical images, documents and publications that tell the story of Upper Arlington's early years.

Passport Fair

Our Passport Fair on Sunday, January 8 from 9 am-Noon will be a one-stop shop to apply for passports. No appointment is necessary. Visit www.travel.state.gov or passportservices.ualibrary.org for

important information, including fees and what documents you'll need to bring.

Periodic Table of Black History

Stop by the Main Library's Youth Department anytime in February to check out our Periodic Table of Black History. Try our interactive displays and fun activities to learn about Black Americans who have made history in the U.S.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the UA Library will hold a book sale from February 19-March 5 in the atrium of the Main Library. The sale will feature a large selection of fiction and nonfiction books for all ages, plus DVDs, CDs, vinyl, magazines and more. A members-only presale will take place on February 19 from 11 am-1 pm. The sale opens to the public at 1 pm that day, and will close each day 15 minutes before the library closes. The final day of the sale will feature a bag sale, where shoppers can fill a paper grocery bag

with books for \$5 (Friends members) or \$10 (non-members).

Affordable Connectivity Program

The Affordable Connectivity Program is a Federal Communications Commission benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband needed for work, school, healthcare and more. The benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households. Those eligible can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price. For details, including eligibility criteria, contact a member of our Media Services staff. Look for in-person programs this spring for even more information.

One-on-One Tech Help

Struggling with a smartphone, tablet or eReader? We can help. Visit techhelp.ualibrary.org to submit your tech question or to book a one-on-one appointment with a Media Services staff member. We'll get you started so you can take advantage of our many digital resources, including eBooks and video or music streaming.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2022 Board of Trustees

From Left: President Peter Hahn, Sue Ralph, Kate Hare, William Shkurti, John Yesso, and Vice President Kevin Fix. Not pictured: Stephen Flynn



All meetings of the Board and its committees, with the exception of executive sessions, are open to the public. You can sign up to receive email notification

of upcoming Board meetings at www.ualibrary.org/pages/board-trustees.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- 5 pm, Tuesday, January 17
- 5 pm, Tuesday, February 21



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Concourse Gallery

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

Hidden Beauty in the Trees: Jane Heater

Thru January 20

Be transported away from the chaos of life into the details of nature through the photography of award winning artist Jane Heater.

Elementary Schools

February 1-24

Reception: Sunday, February 5 | 2-4 pm
Includes 2 pm performance by Lineage Dance Company

Middle Schools

March 1-24

Reception: Sunday, March 5 | 2-4 pm

Periodic Table of Black History Month of February

Tremont Library

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UA Stage

5 pm, Tuesday, February 14

UA High School

UA Civic Association

www.uaca.org

Annual event for seniors, offered in conjunction with the UA High School's Vocal Music Program. Reservations required, beginning late January.

History Speaks - The Story of James Preson Poindexter

6:30 pm, Wednesday, February 13

Friends Theatre, Tremont Library

UA Historical Society

www.uahistory.org

Reita Smith, UA resident and founder of the James Preston Poindexter Foundation will share

the story of Rev. Poindexter, a conductor on the Underground Railroad, and first Black member of Columbus City Council.



Beauty and the Beast

February 16-19

UA High School Performing Arts Center

www.uavocalmusic.org

The UA High School Vocal Music Program takes on another show-biz musical.



Cultural Arts Artists, Performers & Vendors Opportunities

PARKS & RECREATION

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The City is making plans for the 2023 event season, specifically its UA Performance Series and the Labor Day Arts Festival. The call is out for the following:

- **Band and performing arts participants** - deadline January 6
- **Food and refreshment vendors** - deadline January 6
- **Labor Day Arts Festival artist exhibitors** - deadline February 10

Additional details and links to the appropriate application forms can be found on the *Cultural Arts* page, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.