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



UA COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

Early in the year, the community was invited to review and provide input on an initial set of renderings depicting the UA Community Center. Since that time, the design team has been refining and further developing floor plans. By June, they were ready to provide an update on their work with City Council and the community.

At the June 13 City Council Meeting, Staff and the design team shared various slides depicting how the plans have evolved, along with two exterior finish options (option 1 is shown above). The presentation included a discussion on the financials, and concluded with a review of the anticipated construction schedule, which remains on track to begin late in 2022, running through the fall of 2024.

The presentation was recorded and is available for viewing on the UA Community Center website, at uacommentarycenter.com. Continuing our commitment to keeping the

community involved in this process, we encourage you to watch the presentation and share your thoughts and questions with us.

UACC Parking

An area that emerged requiring additional consideration pertains to parking. As the design team drilled into options for the proposed underground parking spaces, it became clear that due to the constraints of the site and building, the underground parking garage would not be as maneuverable and easy to use as initially intended. In response, the team has been considering options that could better accommodate our community members - with a focus on senior patrons and those with special needs.

A series of meetings focused on parking for the UA Community Center were scheduled for late June, per the following schedule:

6-7 pm, Monday June 27 - In person & Zoom

Location: 3600 Tremont Road
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89741514699>
Meeting ID: 897 4151 4699
Passcode: 642415

Noon, Wednesday, June 29 - Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81471813858>
Meeting ID: 814 7181 3858
Passcode: 422970

2-3 pm, Wednesday, June 29 - In person & Zoom

Location: 1945 Ridgeview Road
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84470308876>
Meeting ID: 844 7030 8876
Passcode: 465815

Full details of the UA Community Center project can be found at uacommentarycenter.com.

UA Community Center Capital Campaign Announces Matching Grant

The Upper Arlington Community Foundation has partnered with the City to help take the UA Community Center from vision to reality, through its Upper Arlington Community Center Capital Campaign. The campaign committee has set its sights on raising \$8 million in private funds to support this exciting project and they are well on their way to achieving their goal, thanks to the generosity and support of numerous community members.

This summer, the campaign has opened to all in the community. To help build some momentum for this phase, an anonymous donor has generously committed \$250,000 in matching funds for all donations up to \$1,000 in value. Now through the close of 2022 - or until the \$250,000 target has been reached - is an incredible time to show your support and to become part of the community building toward the UA Community Center, since your donation will be doubled.

Together...
Community Starts Here

UPPER ARLINGTON
COMMUNITY CENTER
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In Partnership With the Upper Arlington Community Foundation

Togetherua.org/give

Watch for UA Community Center Capital Campaign updates, with various ways to support this effort scheduled to roll out in the coming weeks.

To learn more about the UA Community Center Capital Campaign and how you can become involved, visit togetherua.org/give today!

2022 Community Survey

Every so often, the City surveys residents to gauge how we're doing in terms of the services we provide, and to identify where adjustments might be needed to stay in tune with the desires of the community. We are currently in the implementation stages of the 2022 Community Survey process.

In mid-late-June, 1,500 randomly selected households were scheduled to receive a letter from the City inviting them to participate in the survey. This letter will provide a user passcode and direct residents to complete the survey online. A follow up letter, with a hard copy of the survey included, will be mailed to households that do not complete the online version.

Once our survey consultant has received a sufficient number of

responses to proceed with detailed analysis of the statistically valid findings, we will invite the rest of the community to complete a second online version of the survey that will be open to everyone. The data obtained from this second survey tool will provide supplemental information but will not be included within the statistically valid analysis.

As the returning data is analyzed, the emerging opinions and themes will be used in a variety of ways - aiding City Council as it sets direction for the City and as it prioritizes projects for inclusion in the 2023-2024 budget. In addition, our City departments will use the data to determine satisfaction with existing programming and services, possibly obtaining new ideas or suggestions for improvement.

Survey consultant, Illuminology, is undertaking the community attitude survey on the City's behalf, so that the survey content and resulting data provides an accurate snapshot of community sentiment on a number of issues.

If yours is among the households selected to participate in the 2022 Community Survey, the City encourages you to do your part by responding and making your opinions known. Please allow approximately 12 minutes to complete the survey on behalf of your household.

For additional survey details, contact Emma Speight, Community Affairs Director, at 614-583-5045 or espeight@uaoh.net.

Integrated Turf Health Management Program

UA has long enjoyed a vibrant youth sports program, thanks to the volunteer efforts of several community members who serve as administrators and coaches. Over time, the high use of the City's athletic fields for sports, general park user activities and community events has resulted in turf conditions that hinder the safety and playability of playing surfaces.

During the 2018 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan process, it was determined that the conditions of the athletic fields were below acceptable standards, with resident input indicating that improvements should be a priority.

Since then, the City has taken a number of steps to meet that goal, including:

- Creation of a Parks & Forestry (Turf) Specialist position

- The prioritization of capital improvements for athletic fields
- Enhanced protocols within the existing maintenance plan
- Creation of a Field Use Policy designed to maximize field use in a sustainable manner

While these steps resulted in some improvements, it was determined that a more extensive maintenance program was needed to make lasting change. To that end, the Parks & Recreation Department conducted research on potential maintenance approaches and tools for providing consistent quality fields. This process included researching industry and peer-community best practices, community engagement, and discussion with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

An Integrated Turf Health Management Program was identified as the best approach. The program was approved by City Council, following a series of hearings in May and June.

The backbone of the program will be to take a field-specific approach, based on frequent assessments, using an objective, comprehensive and systematic checklist for measurable items that affect a field's safety and playability. This assessment will generate an overall rating score that, in turn, will govern which maintenance level is followed and which of the available tools - some combination of cultural practices (such as seeding and aeration), fertilization and pest management - should be prescribed and used for each field.

The Integrated Turf Health Management Plan can be found on our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov - just look for the **Parks Projects** section of the **Parks & Recreation Department** webpage. Moving forward, this page will serve as the repository for providing implementation updates to the community.

If you have questions, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department, at 614-583-5300 or parks@uaoh.net.

Juneteenth Established As A City Observance



On June 13, members of City Council and the Community Relations Committee (CRC) were joined by community members to commemorate UA's adoption of Juneteenth as a City holiday and to raise the Juneteenth flag for the remainder of the month at the Municipal Services Center.

Juneteenth is an annual holiday that marks the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans in the U.S. Juneteenth was first recognized and celebrated on June 19, 1865 in Galveston, Texas when African-Americans were informed of their freedom and that the Civil War had ended. The holiday has since received its name by combining June and 19, it is also referred to as Liberation Day, Black Independence Day, and Freedom Day.

The ceremony also marked one of the first community activities to be organized by members of the CRC, as part of efforts to raise their profile in the community and to meet with residents to

discuss their goals for advancing UA as a welcoming community for all.

CRC members will be at the following events this summer, and they invite you to stop and visit with them:

- **July 14 Music in the Parks Performance by The Mighty Troubadours** - 7 pm, Thompson Park South
- **July 21 Summer Celebration & Music in the Parks Performance by the NACHO Street Band** - 6-9 pm, Thompson Park
- **July 28 Arts on Arlington event, featuring performances by Red Healer & the Urban Jazz Coalition** - 6-9 pm, The Mallway
- **September 5 Labor Day Arts Festival** - 10 am-4 pm, Northam Park

To learn more about the CRC, visit uacommentaryrelations.com.

FROM CHAMBERS | Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

Proposed City Manager Policy on Neighborhood Compatibility

The beauty and quality of UA's homes and neighborhoods are a source of pride for residents. As the homes have aged and UA's desirability as a premier residential community remains strong, some property owners choose to invest in major home additions or to raze the old and invest in a new-build home that better meets their needs.

In recent years, the Community Development Department has experienced an uptick in permit submittals for substantial additions and replacement homes. In response, the City has taken steps to strengthen its regulations so that these projects better fit the character of existing neighborhoods. However, some residents feeling the impacts of the changes taking place around them believed that more could be done and asked the City to revisit the issue as part of a broader community discussion.

In the Spring of 2021, the City facilitated a series of discussion group meetings with community members to better understand what issues and questions exist and the level of intensity surrounding these concerns. A series of key findings emerged - with both positive and negative perceptions of the City's neighborhood compatibility ordinance and how it is applied emerging.

From this feedback, Staff has developed a proposed City Manager Policy on Neighborhood Compatibility. The policy aims to provide a clearer understanding of the standards and regulations already in the City's zoning code and provides additional clarity on how neighborhood compatibility will be assessed when substantial additions or replacement homes are proposed. The proposed policy was shared with the Board of Zoning and Planning at the end of April, made available on the City's website, and a series of open house ses-



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

sions were scheduled enabling residents to learn more, ask questions and provide feedback.

The draft policy was scheduled to be shared with City Council at its June 27 City Council Meeting, prior to the start of summer recess. Council will revisit the issue this fall to determine the next steps relative to implementation.

Full details can be found on the City's website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov. Just look for the **Community Projects** icon on the homepage.

Boards and Commissions Update

UA is fortunate to be called home by many engaged, residents who embrace the opportunity to volunteer on behalf of their community. This includes serving on the various Boards and Commissions formed by City Council.

Council recently enacted legislation designed to simplify the oversight of these entities. Historically, terms were established as each Board or Commission was formed. As a result, the start and end dates for members' terms were spread out throughout the year, making it challenging to track.

This housekeeping step will transition the expiration dates for all Board and Commission seats to June 30, while

allowing for the continuation of staggered terms. The benefits that will be realized from this transition include:

- A streamlined onboarding and offboarding process for members.
- A simplified process for promoting the call for appointments as terms expire.
- Applicants may express interest in more than one Board or Commission.
- A simplified process for tracking member terms.
- A streamlined application, interview and selection process for Staff and Council Leadership.

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Celebrating Independence Day - UA Style!

It's no secret that UA knows how to put on an incredible Independence Day celebration, thanks to the hard work of the all-volunteer UA Civic Association (UACA). With this year's theme - Stars Stripes and Trailblazers, featuring U.S. Army Veteran Mr. John Bergmann as the 2022 Parade Grand Marshal - the community's Fourth of July traditions are not to be missed. Read on for an overview of the day's activities, and some logistics and programming updates.

Parade

The parade begins at 9 am, heading south on Northwest Boulevard from Kingsdale down to North Star Road.

Inclusive Zone

UACA has added an area in front of Holy Trinity Church toward the end of the parade route that is available for community members with mobility and sensory issues. The space will include a covered tent and access to parking for individuals with mobility issues. This space will also provide a quieter version of the parade, with participants asked to reduce the volume of their music and other noises by at least 50 percent as they pass by. This Inclusive Zone is spearheaded by the Red Oak Family Foundation.

Parade Traffic & Safety Restrictions

The Police Division is implementing some parade route traffic and safety adjustments, placing non-movable barricades or City vehicles at the streets intersecting Northwest Boulevard. Local traffic will not be able to cross or use Northwest per the following schedule:

- **6:30-7 am** - all streets between Zollinger Road and Lane Avenue will be closed at Northwest Boulevard.
- **7-7:30 am** - all streets between Lane Avenue and North Star Road will be closed at Northwest Boulevard.
- Lane Avenue will remain open to traffic until 8:30 am.
- All streets are expected to be reopened by approximately 1 pm.



Party in the Park

Doors open at 5 pm at Northam Park, featuring The Conspiracy Band and culminating in an exciting display of fireworks at 10 pm.

Northam Park Layout Changes

Following recent stormwater improvements, a portion of the turf has been reseeded and is fenced off while the new grass can become established. As a result, the Party in the Park layout has been adjusted, shifting the reserved table area closer to the Tremont Library. A portion of the Tremont Road Parking Lot will be reserved for the general public, in addition to the southeast corner of the park (next to St Agatha).

Additionally, another portion of the park is fenced off for a gas line replacement project by Columbia Gas. This area is on the south end of the park adjacent to Northam Road and the Wexford Road intersection.

Fireworks Safety

This year, the State of Ohio has allowed the sale and use of some consumer-grade fireworks around certain holidays, while giving local governments the option to ban the discharge of and/or sale of fireworks. UA City Council opted to reaffirm its existing ban on sales and

usage with one caveat: party poppers, smoke devices, snappers and sparklers may now be used, but on private property only. Therefore, no consumer-grade fireworks, not even sparklers, are permitted in the parks.

A word of caution: sparklers burn at upwards of 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit. That is hot enough to burn skin or set grass or leaves or houses on fire. Please be careful. If you choose to use them, keep your distance from anything, or anyone, that could catch fire and have a hose handy to immediately extinguish anything that ignites.

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

Pools & Northam Tennis Holiday Hours

Sunday, July 3

- Northam Tennis - Closes at 3 pm
- All 3 pools - open Noon-9 pm

Monday, July 4

- Northam Tennis - closed
- Tremont Pool - closed
- Devon Pool & Reed Road Water Park - open Noon-5 pm

Tuesday, July 5

- Northam Tennis – Regular 7 am opening will be delayed by firework cleanup
- Tremont Pool – Opens at 1 pm (as long as fireworks/park cleanup is complete)

Gratitude

Planning and staging events like these is no small feat and it all happens thanks to the volunteer efforts of the UACA. This year's coordinators are:

- Event Chairs Sam and Sandi Porter
- Parade Chairs Michelle and Steve Gdovin
- Float Chairs Susie and George Pattison
- Judging Chairs Katie and Andrew Widing
- Fireworks coordinator Bill Hall
- UACA President Nichole Montgomery

When these "Fourth of July" teams first take on the role of Judging Chairs, they are committing to a four-year cycle of increasing responsibilities, ending as Chairs for the entire day. UA is fortunate to have residents willing to undertake the planning and logistics involved in enriching our community in this way.

We also have City employees who are indispensable in the day's events:

- Police Division—security, traffic
- Fire Division—safety, fireworks, first aid
- Parks & Forestry—assistance with event setup and breakdown
- Public Works—placement of barricades, banners and signage
- Electrical—power and lighting assistance
- Community Affairs—event liaison

As you enjoy what will certainly be a fantastic celebration, please give our City workers and UACA volunteers a word of thanks.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE**Steve Schoeny****June Power Outages**

It's no secret that I love my job and appreciate the exceptional team that has been built here over the years. That appreciation grows tenfold during times of challenge, as was recently the case during the series of power outages that rolled across the region in mid-June, following severe storms that occurred during the overnight hours of June 13.

The team immediately began to assess conditions in the community, to set up generators and temporary stop signs at signalized intersections that had lost power, and to map out a plan of action should the situation worsen, while also taking steps to help keep residents informed.

Our buildings were also affected by the outages but we were able to set up a cooling and recharging station for residents. Our CARES team began reaching out to older adults in the community who might be in need of assistance, and our Fire Division put an extra EMS vehicle in service to meet any increase in medical runs resulting from the heat. Throughout this challenging time, our Parks & Recreation team kept pivoting to adjust programming as the outages came and went, managing to keep at least two of our pools open at all times so that the community could cool off. And we made sure we had extra food waste containers at our three drop-off locations, and supplied dumpsters at two of our parks so that residents could dispose of any spoiled food items.

As I write this, we are in day three of the outages, so while it's not clear how

much longer we will be experiencing these intermittent outages, I am hopeful we are nearing the end as temperatures start to cool back down and AEP's crews work to catch up on the damage caused by the storms. Either way, I am confident that the team at the City will continue to monitor and adapt to the situation as it evolves, and I wish to thank everyone who has played a role in this effort.

Won't You Be Our Neighbor? Podcast

In case you haven't heard, there's a new way to learn about City happenings in town that's perfect for anyone who doesn't like to read or who only has time to tune in to what's going on in the world and their community when driving in their car. Yes, this is another shameless plug for the podcast that I recently co-founded with my partner in crime, City Attorney Darren Shulman – *Won't You Be Our Neighbor?*

We're not only having fun, we're meeting with some fascinating members of our community – such as Jeni's Splendid Ice Cream founder, Jeni Britton Bauer, and UA Schools Superintendent, Paul Imhoff – and we're learning new things about City programs directly from the professionals on staff who make it all happen.

The podcasts typically run two times a month and the entire library of shows can be found at upperarlingtonoh.gov – just look for the link on the **Trending** section of the homepage.

We're on the hunt for topic and guest suggestions from the community. Shoot us an email at fanmail@uaoh.net or hatemail@uaoh.net (your choice) and then tune in to hear what's going on in UA from two kooks who think they're cool.

NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Independence Day** - Monday, July 4. Solid Waste collection is delayed by one day for all zones.
- **Labor Day** - Monday, September 5. Solid Waste collection is delayed by one day for all zones.

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.

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.

Summer Utility Invoice

Payment Deadline: Friday, July 22

FINANCE 614-583-5291

The second semi-annual utility invoice from the City was sent to UA households in late June. This includes fees for Solid Waste, the Stormwater Utility and, in some cases, a Neighborhood Lighting Utility fee.

Prescription Drug Disposal

POLICE 614-583-5150

With the start of renovations to the Police Division offices at the Municipal Services Center, the Drug Collection Unit has been decommissioned and the division

is no longer accepting old or unused prescription drugs. The closest alternative is at the CVS pharmacy at Kingsdale. The division will still be participating in the Fall and Spring DEA Drug Take Back drop-off events.

Finance Awards

FINANCE 614-583-5291

The Finance Department has been notified that the City is the recipient of the following financial awards from the Government Financial Officers Association (GFOA):

- Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2020 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting. This marks the 34th consecutive year that the City has received this award.
- Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for the 2020 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). This is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for the preparation of state and local government

popular reports. This marks the 16th consecutive year that the City has received this award.

- Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2021-2022 budget.

Calling all Upper Arlington Businesses! Join the Water Quality Partnership

www.franklinwcd.org/water-quality-partner-program

Join the Water Quality Partnership to learn how your business can help prevent stormwater pollution and improve water quality in local streams and rivers.

Pledge by August 31 to join the 2022 partnership!



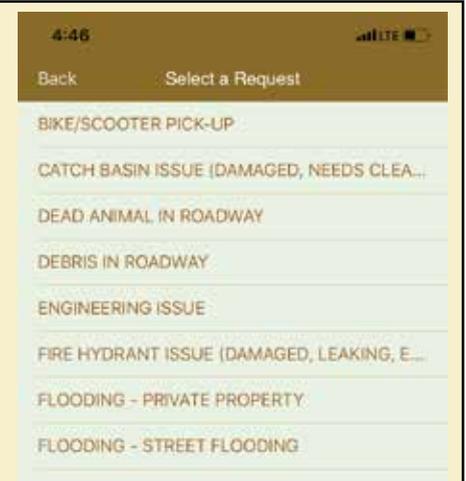
Leadership UA Class of 2022-23

leadershipua.org

For three decades, Leadership UA has been guiding its adult students through the ins and outs of UA's history, government, education and community services. Throughout the course—which runs from September through April—participants are afforded incredible networking opportunities while engaging in hands-on leadership development exercises and practices that prove invaluable both professionally and personally once they emerge as Leadership UA graduates. The program is currently accepting applications for the 2022-23 program.

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.





UPPER ARLINGTON WALL OF HONOR
In May, the families of cinematographer and professor, Dr. Robert W. Wagner, and artist, Donald Lawrence Dodrill, gathered with community members as their fathers were inducted onto the Wall of Honor.

LEFT: Jon and Jennifer Wagner
RIGHT (from left): Dena Giana, Davan Dodrill, Jon Dodrill



Mosquito Prevention

Like clockwork, a rainy spring followed by warm weather brings mosquitoes out just in time for summer. Mosquitoes are not only a nuisance, they are a potential health risk as transmitters of diseases such as West Nile, La Crosse Encephalitis and St. Louis Encephalitis.

There are several ways to eliminate potential mosquito habitats. Make a habit of emptying, removing, covering or up-ending receptacles with the potential to hold water. Clean out gutters, bird-baths, pets' water dishes and toddler pools, and take measures to treat and seal any rainwater barrels. You can treat these areas with Mosquito Dunks® - a natural bacteria toxic only to mosquito larvae.

From mid-May through September, Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) sets traps to identify areas where there are high numbers of mosquitoes or areas where mosquitoes are carrying West Nile Virus. If necessary, FCPH uses adulticiding (spraying) to reduce mosquito populations.

FCPH uses Merus 3.0—a natural botanical pyrethrin listed with the Organic Materials Review Institute. Pyrethrins are botanical insecticides derived from chrysanthemum flowers that can be applied in and around organic gardens. FCPH has also improved its website, making it easier for residents to make online requests, complete a Do Not Spray form

(which must be completed annually), and registration for beekeepers to help protect honey bee populations.

When FCPH decides to spray, here are some precautions you can take:

- Bring pets indoors
- Remain indoors with windows closed for about 30 minutes after spraying has occurred
- If you come in contact with any pesticides, wash with soap and water
- Bring laundry inside or rewash items if you were unable to bring them in before spraying occurred
- Wash any exposed fruits or vegetables from your garden before using them
- Allow about one hour to pass before allowing children to play in areas that have been treated

If adulticiding is necessary, the City typically receives at least 24 hour notice of areas to be treated, and in turn, we use our website, email database and social media to inform affected residents. It's also possible for residents to register for Mosquito Spraying Updates directly from FCPH. Check out our Mosquito Control page at upperarlingtonoh.gov for full program details.

Garage/Yard Sales

CODE COMPLIANCE 614-583-5070

Residents may conduct one garage/yard sale during any six-month period, not to exceed three consecutive days or two days on two consecutive weekends.

Sales may be held from 8 am–8 pm, with items placed for display in a garage or backyard. Any signage should be placed on private property only and should not exceed eight square feet.

Special Events Applications

Deadline for October 1-December 31

Events: July 18

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

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

Grass/Weed Control Guidelines

CODE COMPLIANCE 614-583-5070

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

Schools[★]iNSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

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Financial Update

After delaying an operating levy request for the past two years, the Board of Education has signaled its intention to place a 6.9-mill operating levy on the November 8, 2022, ballot to provide needed funding to maintain the district's high-quality educational program.

The Board voted unanimously on the evening of May 24 to approve the first of two resolutions required to place an issue on the ballot. The Board anticipated voting on the second resolution on June 21, which had not been held as of publication. As part of the Board of Education's commitment to transparency, any decision to move forward with the request will be followed by a letter mailed to all Upper Arlington households, and updates will be available at www.uaschools.org.

Over the past few months, the Board of Education has been reviewing the district's future financial needs and the anticipated impacts on our finances – historic inflation, enrollment growth, and the two-year delay of the operating

levy request due to the pandemic and the economic situation.

"Amid the difficulties that families and residents have faced over the past two years, our school district has been good stewards to our community by creatively stretching our financial resources so that we did not have to return to voters until this fall," said Board of Education President Lori Trent. "It has been five years since our last operating request – which is two years beyond the typical levy cycle for a suburban school district like ours."

In the absence of new operating funding, the district has taken proactive steps to stretch resources, such as reducing the budget reserve; seeking out approximately \$4.6 million in cost reductions, primarily through a three-year hiring freeze on new positions; and utilizing additional COVID-related funding made available to school districts.

"Even with these proactive steps, our expenditures are already outpacing

our revenue – which reflects a typical levy cycle for a suburban school district," Treasurer / CFO Andrew Geistfeld said. "It's why suburban school districts like Upper Arlington usually go back to voters every three years to request new operating funding."

The 6.9-mill request would provide needed operating funding for the district to continue offering high-quality academic programs for students while also taking steps to rebuild the budget reserve that had been reduced amid the financial constraints of the pandemic. The budget reserve, currently at 13% of annual expenditures, would gradually increase to 17%, or two months' worth of annual expenditures, by fiscal year 2026. Prior to the pandemic, the Board of Education maintained a budget reserve of 25%, or three months' worth of annual expenditures.

"As a business owner and a member of this community, I strongly believe in

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Parent-Teacher Organizations Enhance Experiences for Students

At the heart of each school community in the Upper Arlington Schools is a parent-teacher organization that provides volunteers, educational opportunities and resources, and a sense of connection for students, staff and families.

Families have many opportunities to participate in their school's parent-teacher organization, or school association – starting with signing up to be a member of the PTO in the fall. The money raised through annual membership dues, as well as fundraisers throughout the school year, goes directly to support and enhance the day-to-day experience for students and staff.

By joining their school PTO, families will also be able to access their online school directory.

Joining the PTO is “a great way to get to know other parents and students at your child’s school,” said Courtney Neckers, the Barrington Elementary School PTO co-president. “You feel more connected, and I think that helps the children feel more engaged in the school community as well.”

There are additional ways parents/guardians can get involved through volunteering, attending a social fundraising event, leading a committee or even joining the executive board.

The PTOs help to fund scholarships for students; mini-grants for teachers to support things like service-learning projects and classroom enhancements; annual events and activities such as multicultural celebrations, field days or tailgates; and educational opportunities such as field trips and author visits.

Find your PTO online!

- Barrington PTO: barringtonpto.com
- Greensview PTO: greensviewpto.org
- Tremont School Association (TSA): www.tremontpto.org
- Wickliffe PTO: www.wickliffepto.org
- Windermere PTO: uawindermerepto.org
- Hastings PTO: hastingspto.org
- Jones PTO: jonespto.com
- Upper Arlington High School PTO: uahspto.org

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the district’s long-standing practice of having a conservative budget reserve fund. It helps protect our schools - and our kids - in case of financial challenges in the future,” said Board of Education member Lou Sauter. “By taking a gradual approach to rebuilding our budget reserve, we are honoring our commitment to be fiscally responsible while also respecting the financial challenges our residents may be facing with rising household costs.”

The 6.9-mill operating levy would add approximately \$241.50 a year in property taxes per \$100,000 of home valuation as determined by the Franklin County auditor. For an Upper Arlington home valued around \$400,000, that would amount to an additional \$966 per year based on calendar year 2022 tax valuations.



2022-23 SCHOOL DATES

Staff convocation and meetings
Friday, August 12

Staff in-service day
Monday, August 15

First day for students (grades 1-6 and 9)
Tuesday, August 16

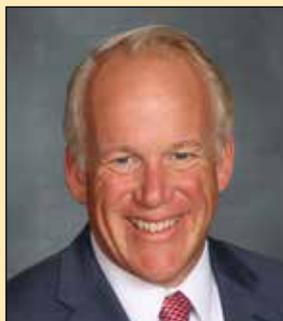
Kindergarten orientation
Tuesday, August 16 and Wednesday, August 17

Classes in session for grades 1-12
Wednesday, August 17

All students in session
Thursday, August 18

No school for students and staff: Labor Day
Monday, September 5

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



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

Summer Filled With Learning, Planning and Next Steps In Listen Learn Lead Process

Over the past few weeks, we have said our goodbyes to the remarkable Upper Arlington High School Class of 2022 – our 98th graduating class – and celebrated the accomplishments of all of our students. While the 2021-2022 school year has ended, there is much to do in our schools as we work on final preparations for the upcoming school year and continue to provide academic and well-being support for our students through our summer programs.

This summer, we are thrilled to have more than 1,000 students taking part in Summer Academy, Summer Reading for grades 1-3 and our extended school year program. These are great opportunities for our students to grow their academic skills, earn middle school or high school credit, explore their passions and foster meaningful relationships.

Our teachers and principals are also busy finalizing student schedules, engaging in professional learning, and wrapping up their plans for the upcoming school year. We have a truly exceptional staff – whose commitment to challenging and supporting students is second to none.

This summer, we are also taking a deeper look at all of the feedback that has been gathered during the Listen Learn Lead community engagement process. You may recall that this process was launched back in March by the Board of Education, with the goal of helping our schools and our community be the best they can be.

This was a thorough process, with multiple opportunities for parents, students, staff members and community members to share their thoughts. This

spring, we hosted seven community roundtable discussions and separate small-group student conversations at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

In late April, we launched a community survey, which was designed to strengthen our understanding of what was learned from the roundtables, gain clarity on contradictory themes and provide another opportunity for everyone to weigh in and have a voice.

I am thrilled to share that we have totaled approximately 1,800 touchpoints throughout this process – from the community roundtables through the community survey. I'd like to thank everyone who has taken the time to share their thoughts!

The next step in the Listen Learn Lead process is a report to the Board of Education at their June 21 meeting. That meeting hadn't been held as of the deadline to submit this column, but by the time you receive this issue of UAiNSIGHT in your mailbox, you will be able to find the report posted on our website at www.uaschools.org/ListenLearnLead.aspx. Based on the findings, the Board of Education will determine any action steps to take. We'll continue to share updates on our website and in the next issue of UAiNSIGHT.

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D., is superintendent of Upper Arlington Schools. You can follow him on Twitter @imhoffpaul.

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. In general, the meetings begin at 6 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Some exceptions apply, and last-minute scheduling changes are possible. Please refer to www.uaschools.org for the most up-to-date information.

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, August 9, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, September 13, 6 pm – Council Chamber

For additional information on the members of the Board of Education and its policies, please visit www.uaschools.org/board.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022!

As the 2021-2022 school year came to an end, Upper Arlington Schools students, staff and families celebrated important milestones for those moving on to their next step – whether it's middle school, high school, college, career or the military.

"Our students are truly exceptional, and every year we are so proud to celebrate the unique accomplishments of each and every one of them," said Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D. "The Upper Arlington High School Class of 2022 – our 98th graduating class – truly stands out, and every member of this class has so much to be proud of during their time here."

Upper Arlington Schools' 98th annual commencement ceremony capped off the celebrations for the approximately 490 members of the Class of 2022, as they walked across the stage in the Schottenstein Center to accept their diplomas and officially joined the ranks of Golden Bear alumni.

After graduation, the members of the Class of 2022 are headed off for college, the military and some other destinations, too. They will be attending 112 colleges and universities across the country. Five very special graduates have committed to serving our country



in the military and ROTC programs, and some students are making other plans, whether it's a gap year, career or another path.

"This is an exceptional group of young people who truly reflect our vision of uniquely accomplished students prepared to serve, lead and succeed," said Upper Arlington High School Principal Andrew Theado. "It's no surprise these graduates have big plans for the future. Their long list of achievements speaks for itself."

Of the Class of 2022 graduates, there are nine National Merit Finalists and 16 Commended Scholars, and nearly 100 members of the prestigious Cum Laude Society. The class has 16 students who have shown a remarkable commitment to service, receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award for individually contributing 50 or

more hours of service to the community. There are accomplished artists who have won state and regional awards, athletes who have competed at the highest level, and individuals who have explored their passions through the performing arts and extracurricular activities like mock and moot trial, Science Olympiad and robotics.

"We wish these students the best and are so excited to continue to watch them grow as they go on to their next step in life," Theado said.



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BITES From the Apple



SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



92 UAHS Students Receive Service Awards

With a combined total of more than 11,000 hours of service, 92 Upper Arlington High School students were honored this spring as recipients of the 2022 President's Volunteer Service Award. These awards are given in two categories, Young Adult and Teen, based on the graduating class of the recipient. Congratulations to this year's recipients!

Young Adult Awards Gold: 250+ hours

– Rebecca Chen, Nicholas Eggleton, Meredith Hanosek, Nayeon Kang, Tyler Reed and Alana Sayat

Young Adult Awards Silver: 175+ hours

– Nathan Adams, Ryan Baxley, Ellie Ford, Avery Golowin, Riddhi Gupta, Kylie Kissler, Ryan Sivakumar, Zachary Yoakam and Aida Yoder

Young Adult Awards Bronze: 100+ hours

– Alana Becker, Kennedy Beebe, William Campbell, Brayden Daubenmier, Mia Doron, Susan Hodson, Marlee Jupp, Catherine Kanel, Hayden Kegg, Maya Khelashvili, Megan Kiehl, Krish Mawalkar, Gracey Miller, Sophie Miller, Caitlyn Moloney, Carter Moore, Katherine Murphy, Nathan Nardelles, Natalie Potts, Lija Reynolds, Shane Roth, Neila Sarkis, Jiwon Son, Tova Stewart, Daley Straub, Sebastian Swary, Audrey Szollosi, Jackson Townes, Emily Vanderhorst,

Eleanor Watson, Julia Wilson and Caroline Wu

Teen Awards Gold: 100+ hours – Luke Ashby, Spencer Ashby, Shervin Bajestani, Abby Black, Angelo Bowman, Josh Brown, Skylar Burkle, Natalia Caruso, Joey Conroy, Ashley He, Hannah Hiller, Joon Kang, Matthew Lederer, Kathryn Overmyer, Ben Pettigrew, Alea Ramsey, Karoline Sheehan, Fred Zeng and Frederick Zuckerman

Teen Awards Silver: 75+ hours – Avah Anderson, Kathryn Brooks, Fabi Corso, Logan Daubenmier, Claire Geistfeld, Adelaide Petras, Elizabeth Townes, Corina Vilena-Aldama and Keita Watson

Teen Awards Bronze: 50+ hours – Preston Bernard, Shira Bohrer, Graham Efhird, Olivia Elvers, Isaac Fosler-Lussier, Max Golembiewski, Drew Golowin, James Gray, Aaron Hong, Wendy Jiang, Bella Klisovic, Logan Magliery, Sally Oh, Jack Peterson, Alexander Skoracki, Cynthia Song and Layla Swartz

Geistfeld Honored as Treasurer of the Year

Upper Arlington Schools Treasurer / CFO Andrew L. Geistfeld has been named the 2022 Ohio Outstanding Treasurer of the Year by the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) – leading

the way among more than 600 school districts across the state.

Geistfeld is a Golden Bear through and through. He graduated from Upper Arlington High School in 1990 and returned to Upper Arlington Schools in November 2005 as the treasurer / chief financial officer.

"This recognition for Andy reflects what we've known for a long time – we have the best treasurer in the state of Ohio," Upper Arlington Board of Education President Lori Trent said. "We could not be more proud of Andy receiving this award – which truly reflects his commitment to fiscal responsibility for our community."



Under Geistfeld's leadership, the treasurer's office has successfully managed a \$230 million in bond funding for the first phase of the facilities master plan – ensuring that the community's new high school and five renovated or rebuilt elementary school projects remained on budget and on schedule. In addition, Geistfeld's office proactively took on a bond refunding project this year, which netted a gross savings of approximately \$24 million for Upper Arlington taxpayers over the life of those bonds.

The district also consistently earns a clean audit opinion and the Auditor of State Award, most recently in 2022, recognizing its commitment to effective and accountable financial practices for the community, and continues to be one of a handful of Ohio school districts to have the highest bond rating – AAA – from S&P Global due to strong financial planning and community support.

Golden Apple Awards

Each spring, the Upper Arlington Civic Association recognizes outstanding staff members at Upper Arlington's public and private schools with Golden Apple Awards. UACA directors solicit and review public nominations, then select a deserving staff member in each school. Congratulations to the 2022 Golden Apple Award winners from Upper Arlington Schools!

- Burbank Early Childhood School: Holly Witzel, preschool teacher
- Barrington: Kelli Wilcox, kindergarten teacher
- Greensview Elementary School: Mary Rappaport, paraprofessional
- Tremont Elementary School: Angela Morway, kindergarten teacher
- Windermere Elementary School: Jodi Palmer, physical education teacher
- Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School: Dr. Felice Kassoy, school counselor



- Hastings Middle School: Amanda Walton, sixth-grade language arts teacher
- Jones Middle School: Chris Lape, orchestra teacher
- Upper Arlington High School: Dr. Leah Miller, language arts teacher
- District: Todd Fessler, band director

Uniquely Accomplished

There were so many unique accomplishments to celebrate as the school year came to an end! Here are some highlights.

- The cast and crew of the Upper Arlington High School production of *42nd Street* was honored as the best musical production at the CAPA Marquee Awards, which celebrates high school musical theater in central Ohio. UAHS rising senior KK Murphy, who played Maggie Jones, received best actress in a supporting role, and rising senior Edith LeBlanc, who served as stage manager, received the award for outstanding technical execution.
- Upper Arlington High School made moot court history by winning the state moot appellate court competition for two consecutive years.
- Eleven fifth-grade students from Greensview Elementary School received medals for their performance on the National Mythology Exam. Among these students, Alina Krishnasetty earned

a gold medal for a perfect score.

- Four students from Hastings Middle school were recognized for winning entries in the Max May and Lydia May Memorial Holocaust Art and Writing Contest. Congratulations to writing winners Elena Zhu (first place), Zoe Kourlas (third place) and Marion Robertson (honorable mention); and art winner Cindy Ju (second place)!
- UA for Ukraine – a service-learning project that started with one teacher and seven students at Upper Arlington High School and ballooned into a multi-school partnership – raised nearly \$13,500 for the humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.

Golden Bear Bash!

The Upper Arlington Education Foundation (UA+Ed) invites you to celebrate the 16th annual Golden Bear BASH! September 4th, the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. This year's FUNdraiser will once again be held at the Amelita Mirolo Barn.

Proceeds from the BASH benefit UA+Ed's mission to provide meaningful opportunities for each and every student. Learn more about becoming a sponsor and purchasing tickets at UAEducationFoundation.com.

Be sure to follow UA+Ed on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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School Year Send-off

As the 2021-2022 school year came to a close, our schools hosted some very special celebrations for students in recognition of a successful year and all of their accomplishments. From field days at the elementary schools to outdoor games and team-building activities at the middle schools, students packed a lot of fun into the final days of the year. For the graduating Class of 2022 and fifth and eighth graders moving on to middle school or high school, there were special celebrations including senior receptions at the elementary schools, clap-outs, and promotion ceremonies celebrating these classes.



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Upper Arlington High School junior Ethan Samora qualified for the state tournament in tennis and finished in the final eight in the state in boys singles.



The Upper Arlington High School boys lacrosse team captured their 17th state championship with a 12-10 win over Dublin Jerome on June 4. This was already a historic year for the team as they celebrated their 50th year as a program.



The Upper Arlington High School track and field team finished the season with multiple school records and six student-athletes qualifying for the state championship meet.



The Upper Arlington High School girls lacrosse team ended their year state runners-up after a 13-12 overtime loss to New Albany.



The Upper Arlington Board of Education honored 23 retirees for the 2021-2022 school year – including seven in attendance at the May 24 meeting – for their decades of service to Upper Arlington Schools.



Hastings and Jones middle school students who had just completed their seventh and eighth grade years kicked off the summer break with an orchestra trip to Chicago – where they performed at the Field Museum and participated in clinics at VanderCook College of Music.

2022 Cum Laude Awards

Membership in the Cum Laude Society is the highest academic recognition a high school student can achieve on a national level. The society was established in 1906 to recognize academic excellence, justice and honor. It was modeled after Phi Beta Kappa. The Upper Arlington chapter of the Cum Laude Society is supported by the Dr. Charles Wade Moulton Fund of the Upper Arlington Education Foundation. Congratulations to our 2022 scholars!

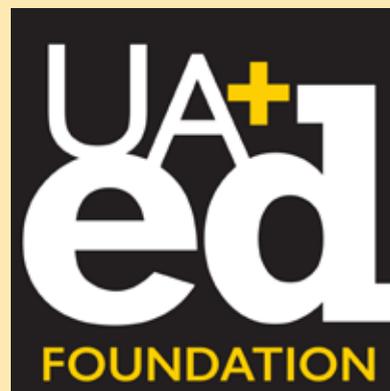


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Reva Baste-Bania
Kyle Baugh
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Lydia Britton
John Burky
David Butz
Caroline Campbell
Leah Cashin
Avery Catalano
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Lucy Cheng
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Sarina Ghadiali

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Megan McKinney
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Julia Molnar
Caitlyn Moloney
Emma Morris
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Ryan Nichols
Lucy O'Brien
Taryn O'Brien
Jack Olson
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Amanda Peters
Callia Peterson
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Nathan Varda
Jennifer Vogt
Steventon Wagner
Walter Waligura
Alexander Wilkins
Caroline Wu
Evelyn Wu
Kaiwen Wu
Maxen Yerington
Zachary Yoakam
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BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Summer Reading Club Continues Through July 31

Our “Oceans of Possibilities” Summer Reading Club continues through July 31. Pick up a reading log at any UA Library, or download one at read.ualibrary.org. For each day you read, color in a sea creature on your reading log. After you’ve colored seven sea creatures, bring it back to any UA library for a prize. Your first completed sheet will earn you a coupon packet and an entry in our grand prize drawings. With your second sheet, you’ll earn a book and a drawing entry. With your third sheet, you’ll get a drawing entry and a sticker.

Our selection of grand prizes includes something for readers of all ages, including Kings Island tickets, LEGO sets, gift cards to local businesses, a 2023 Upper Arlington family pool pass, and many more. Grand prize winners will be notified on August 1.

All reading counts! Attending storytimes, reading aloud together, listening to audiobooks – all types of reading count for everyone from babies to adults.

Thank you to our 2022 sponsors, who donated coupons or prizes to this year’s program: Arby’s, Brush Crazy, Buckeye Lady, City of Upper Arlington, Clay Café, Cover to Cover Books for Young Readers, Cub Shrub, Jeni’s Splendid Ice Creams, Kings Island, Original Goodie Shop, Original Pancake House, Piada Italian Street



Food, McDonalds, Star Lanes Polaris, and Thurber House.

A huge thank you to the Friends of

the Upper Arlington Public Library, who have sponsored Summer Reading Club for many years. They provide funds for prizes, performers, printing and more.

Dive Into These Activities

Be sure to visit our libraries for programs and experiences that will have you feeling like a sea explorer. Kids can make shark crafts at Miller Park Library on Friday, July 1 from 10 am-Noon. Our Lane Road Library has a Sea Creatures Scavenger Hunt from July 1-31. Our Main Library will host Shark Week activities daily at 2 pm from July 25-29. While you’re here, check out the ocean life floor path and sea-themed photo booth, then take the quiz in the vestibule as you exit to find out what sea creature you are.

StoryWalk

Visit the playground at Fancyburg Park to read this summer’s StoryWalk book, *Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea* by Jan Peck. A child encounters different sea animals while exploring underwater. At the end of the StoryWalk, scan the QR code of your favorite animal for a special message.

The StoryWalk book changes each quarter and is made possible through a partnership of the Library and the City of Upper Arlington, with funding from the Friends of the UA Library, the UA Rotary, and Northwest Kiwanis.





A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Beth Hatch

On behalf of all of us at Upper Arlington Public Library, I'd like to express our appreciation and gratitude to voters for your support of our local operating levy.

The levy passed on May 3 with an overwhelming 76% voting in favor. The new levy begins in January 2023, and will generate revenue for the next 10 years. The funding increase will allow us to maintain our hours and services, retain our highly trained and dedicated staff, fix and improve our buildings that are in need of critical maintenance,

and expand our outreach services.

I must also thank the many volunteers who shared their love of the Library and worked to ensure we would have the funding we need to continue to serve the community. Thank you to campaign co-chairs Stacy McIntire and Gloria Heydlauff, fundraising chair Sue Ralph, and the rest of the team for their hard work and dedication.

Thanks to the support of so many, we look forward to retaining our status as a 5-Star Library. We take pride in being a place that provides expert staff who offer personalized guidance



through abundant resources, including access to millions of books, movies, music, research databases, technology and programs.

As always, we will continue to be excellent stewards of taxpayer dollars ensuring that these funds will sustain operations for the next decade. Thank you for allowing us to continue to enrich the lives of those in our community.

Program Highlights

Red, White and Bikes

Decorate your bike for the 4th of July! Visit any UA Library Sunday, July 3 from 2:30-3:30 pm and get your bike ready for the parade or your own party. Materials available while supplies last.

Balloon Sculpting Workshop

Learn how to transform balloons into cool creations. Erica Carlson visits the Lane Road Library Thursday, July 21 at 2 pm to teach kids how to make basic twists and coach them through sculpting their very own masterpiece. Registration required (ages 7 & up).

Talking to Your Kids About Difficult Subjects

Talking with children about difficult topics can be hard. Behavioral health educator Allie DePoy from Nationwide Children's Hospital discusses ways to

prepare for conversations about tough stuff with children of all ages. At the Main Library on Wednesday, July 27 at 6 pm.

Scuba Diving in Bonaire

Scuba instructor Gabe Walsh visits the Main Library on Thursday, July 28 at 6:30 pm to talk about his recent dive in Bonaire. This island in the Dutch Caribbean is known as the "shore diving" capital of the world.

Baby Olympics

Show off your baby's talents at the Main Library's Baby Olympics on Tuesday, August 2 at 10:30 am. Kids ages 0-3 will perform a variety of physical feats such as balance beam walking, tunnel crawling, and ball pit digging. Don't skip the main attraction: can your baby win the highly competitive Diaper Dash? Medals and winner photo ops for all.

Kindergarten Storytimes

Is your child entering kindergarten this fall? Join us for special storytimes just for them! We'll share a story about starting school, and you can meet your school librarian. Each school has its own storytime, so everyone will have a head start on making friends. Tremont: Monday, August 8 at 6 pm at the Main Library. Greensview: Monday, August 8 at 6:30 pm at Lane Road Library. Barrington: Monday, August 8 at 10:15 am and 11:15 am at the Miller Park Library. (Barrington storytimes require registration.) Wickliffe: Tuesday, August 9 at 6 pm at the Main Library.

Fun Day Carnival

Kids will love Miller Park Library's free outdoor carnival on Thursday, July 28 at 6:30 pm. Play games and win prizes in a book walk, bean bag toss, parachute play and more.

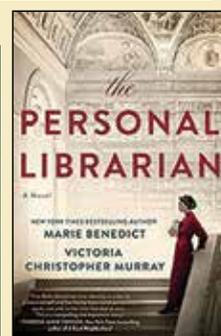
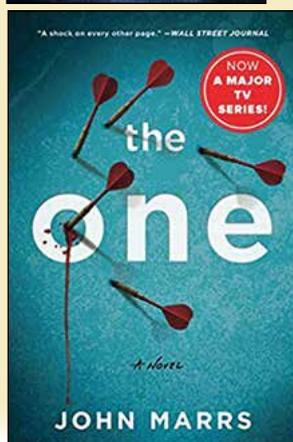
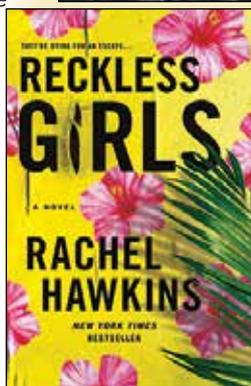
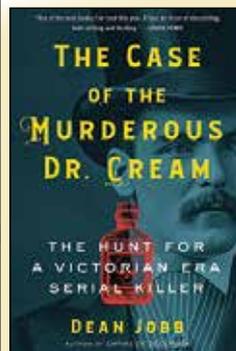
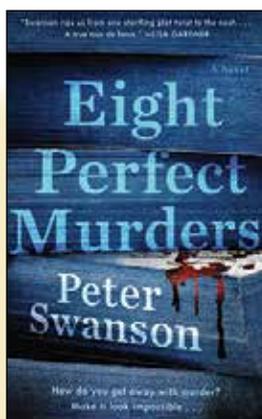
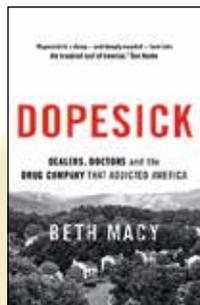
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

The One

By John Marrs

If a simple DNA test could lead you to your soulmate - the one and only person in the world genetically "matched" to you - would you do it? In this thought-provoking, dangerously close to real life novel, five individuals make the decision to give "Match Your DNA" a try and each is led to a very different set of circumstances. This is a modern thriller that will have you guessing at the next twist as you follow each character on their own captivating journey - all in the name of love.

— Nancy Byron, Miller Park



Reckless Girls

By Rachel Hawkins

Still hurting from the loss of her mother, Lux McAllister jumps at the chance for love and adventure when she meets a cute customer at her dead-end job. Nico plans to sail around the world and invites Lux to join him. The two head to Hawaii to ready the boat, but costly repairs put their dreams on hold. When two young women offer to pay them to sail to a remote island, they can't refuse. Meroe Island has a mysterious history of shipwrecks, cannibalism, and even rumors of murder. Soon each visitor's past comes back to haunt them, and they all begin to realize just how far from civilization they really are.

— Dana Grimes, Adult Services

The Personal Librarian

By Heather Terrell and Victoria Christopher Murray

Set in early 20th Century New York City, Belle da Costa Greene finds herself with the life-changing opportunity to work as financial tycoon J.P. Morgan's personal librarian. One would think this

task would entail searching for books for her esteemed boss to read, but her role could not be further from this, and the stakes are much higher. J.P. Morgan aims to build his Pierpont Morgan Library into the world's foremost collection of rare books, art and manuscripts, and he appoints Belle to bring his dream to fruition. As his librarian, not only is Belle thrust into a high-profile position at a time when women were still fighting for the right to vote, but part of her identity must remain hidden for her to survive.

The Case of the Murderous Dr. Cream: The Hunt for a Victorian Era Serial Killer

By Dean Jobb

Dr. Thomas Neill Cream was a serial killer before the term was even known. He poisoned as many as 10 people in three countries over 15 years. Focusing on his murder trial in 1892 in London, when he

was finally caught and brought to justice, this book explores his crimes, detection methods (or lack thereof) during the

Victorian era, and who his victims were. Intertwined with history, this book not only brings this killer's crimes to light, but also shows what life was like for those living on the edge of society.

— Matilda Davis-Northrup, Technical Services

Eight Perfect Murders

By Peter Swanson

Years ago, Malcolm Kershaw put together what he considered fiction's most unsolvable murders and titled the list "Eight Perfect Murders," sharing it on his bookstore's blog. Suddenly, he becomes involved with the FBI,

seeking his help on several unsolved murders that follow similar patterns to the murders outlined in the stories on his list. As Malcolm becomes more involved, the danger builds as well as the body count.

— Briana Rough, Administration

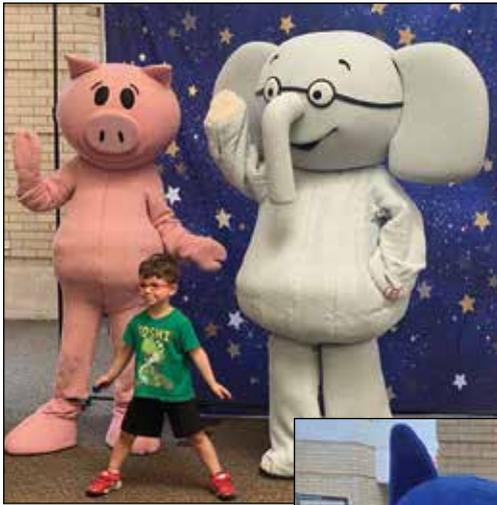
Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Company that Addicted America

By Beth Macy

Dopesick explores the small coal mining towns of Virginia and West Virginia that became the launch sites for Purdue Pharma's powerful opioid, Oxycontin, in the mid 1990s. Macy dives into the history of Purdue Pharma, the Sackler Family, and the path of destruction Oxycontin has forged. It also chronicles how opioids have reshaped rural towns through personal stories and struggles with addiction that community members have faced for over 20 years. This is a great introductory read into the beginning of America's opioid crisis and why we are still searching for a solution.

— Maklayne Vitovich, Miller Park

Explore...GATHER...grow!!



Summer Reading Club kicked off at the Main Library with a magic show by The Alans and a dance party with Elephant & Piggie, Pete the Cat, and Paddington.



The Main Library's Pint-Sized Prom featured music, games and fancy clothes.



You never know where you'll see us! Sarah from Miller Park Library shared books and bubbles at Fancyburg Park. She'll be back at the park on July 2 and July 30 at 10:30 am.

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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Holiday Closing

All three UA Libraries will be closed on Monday, July 4. Book returns and online resources will be available. Be sure to look for us in the UA 4th of July parade.

Help Bring Play-Based Learning to Lane Road

We're still raising funds to transform the children's area at Lane Road Library into My Town, an early learning play space themed after familiar places in Upper Arlington. My Town will engage children in their social and emotional development through play-based learning experiences. The area will include an interchangeable play store that can be converted into different locations, a train table with a map of Upper Arlington landmarks, a garden wall, and a separate area for babies and toddlers. You can see a rendering and donate at <http://uapl.me/LaneELPA1>.

See Us at These Community Events

We'll be taking part in two Upper Arlington events in July. Look for us at the Sounds of Summer Kids Concert on Wednesday, July 20 at 10 am at the Shops on Lane Avenue. We'll also be at Arts on Arlington on Thursday, July 28 from 6-9 pm in Mallway Park and Arlington Avenue. Stop by these fun events to see what the Library is up to and do a kid-friendly activity.

Passport Service

Looking ahead to fall and winter travel? You can get your new passport or passport photo at the Main Library. We take photos anytime, and passports are processed by appointment. Get all the details and schedule your appointment at <http://passportservices.ualibrary.org>.

Blood Drive

Give the gift of life by donating blood at a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Main Library on Friday, August 12 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org using sponsor code "UAPL".

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the UA Library will hold a book sale from August 21-September 3 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 the August 21 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The sale opens to the public at 1 p.m. 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 (nonmembers).

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:

- No July meeting
- 5 pm, Tuesday, August 16

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar reflects what is known at this time. Plans are subject to change based on COVID-19 health and safety guidelines.

Concourse Gallery

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

The Workspaces Collection - Sharone Putter

June 29-August 12

Reception: Sunday, July 10 | 4-6 pm

Inspired by Ohio's construction worksites, Putter brings these often overlooked scenes and events into focus.

UA Farmers Market

4-7 pm, Wednesdays

Tremont Pool Parking Lot
commongreensohio.org/upper-arlington

Fourth of July Celebration

Monday, July 4

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

- 9 am Parade along Northwest Blvd
- 5-10:30 pm Party in the Park & fireworks at Northam Park.

Music in the Parks

Thursdays

UA Cultural Arts | upperarlingtonoh.gov

Free outdoor concert series. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and enjoy refreshments from local food trucks.

July 7 Dawna

7-8:30 pm, Thompson Park S

July 14 The Mighty Troubadours

7-8:30 pm, Thompson Park S

July 21 NACHO Street Band at Summer Celebration

6-9 pm, Thompson Park S

July 28 Red Healer & Urban Jazz Coalition at Arts on Arlington

6-9 pm, The Mallway

Movies in the Park

7:30 pm Fridays

In partnership with UA Civic Association
UA Parks & Rec | upperarlingtonoh.gov

July 8 Raya and the Last Dragon (PG)

Family Camp Out, Sunny 95 Park

July 21* Space Jam A New Legacy (PG)

Summer Celebration, Thompson Park
*Thursday, starts at 9 pm

August 12 The Greatest Showman (PG)

Thompson Park

Summer Celebration

Thursday, July 21

Thompson Park

UA Parks & Rec | upperarlingtonoh.gov

Enjoy inflatable games, sack races, arts & crafts and more.

Arts on Arlington

Thursday, July 28

The Mallway

UA Parks & Rec | upperarlingtonoh.gov

Arlington Avenue will be lined with local artists, while Mallway Park will become a relaxing space to grab some food and a beverage to enjoy live music.

Nationwide Children's Golf Tournament

August 22-28

OSU Golf Course

An opportunity to enjoy professional level golf close to home. Free admission.

Golden Bear Bash

6-10 pm, Sunday, Sept. 4

Amelita Mirolo Barn

UA Education Foundation
www.goldenbearbash.com

Enjoy live entertainment and great food, while supporting the UA Education Foundation. Reservations required.

Labor Day Arts Festival

10 am-4 pm, Monday, Sept. 5

Northam Park

UA Cultural Arts | 614-583-5310

UA's premier one-day festival with activities for all ages.

UACA Labor Neighbor Day

Monday, Sept. 5

Reed Road Park

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

Featuring bike races for kids up to 15 yrs. and a whiffle ball tournament.