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UA PARKS & REC SPRING/SUMMER SCHEDULE

After two long years of canceled or adjusted programming, UA Parks & Recreation is excited to be planning a full slate of warm weather events and activities in the weeks and months ahead. Mark your calendars for the following highlights for May and June:

UA Farmers Market

4-7 pm, Wednesdays

May 18-October 26

Tremont Pool Parking Lot

commongreensohio.org/upper-arlington

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

ON THE COVER:

The Spring Fling Fishing Derby. Photo courtesy of the Focus Group.

Spring Fling

11 am-2 pm, Saturday, May 21

Sunny 95 Park

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

Music in the Parks

7-8:30 pm, Thursdays

Music in the Parks is a free summer concert series hosted by the Cultural Arts Division. Families bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy live music and food trucks in UA's beautiful parks. June concerts will all be held at Sunny 95 Park. In the event of rain, concerts move inside the Amelita Mirolo Barn.

- June 9 - Ladies of Longford (Contemporary Celtic)
- June 16 - Paisha Thomas (Soul/Roots)
- June 23 - Josh Gilbert Band (Americana, Blues & Rock)
- June 30 - The Big Badd (Rock/Funk)

Northam Tennis Courts

Reduced Early Season Hours

through May 8

Regular Season Begins May 9

The Northam Tennis Courts opened for the season at the end of April, but



there's still plenty of time to make the most of a season pass. Once you have secured your pass, advance reservations are required for 90-minutes of play, and can be made online at parks.uaoh.net, in person at the Northam Tennis Courts, or by calling 614-583-5461.

The facility hosts monthly Member/Guest Nights, with free play with members for any guests, and monthly themed Doubles Social Nights. A Junior Tennis Open House is scheduled for 2-4 pm, Saturday, May 14 - providing an opportunity for junior players (18 & under) to meet the tennis pros and play on the facility's Har-Tru courts.

Outdoor Pools

Season Begins Saturday, May 28

All three outdoor pools open for the season over the Memorial Day Weekend. The most cost efficient way to enjoy the pools is to invest in a season pass, with individual and family options, a child



caregiver add on price, and special rates for seniors. Season pass holders can also purchase a guest pass for \$100, which allows 20 guest visits to Devon Pool or 10 guest visits to Reed Road Water Park and Tremont Pool.

- Daily admission options are:
- **Reed Road Water Park & Tremont Pool** - \$10, or \$5 after 7 pm
 - **Devon Pool** - \$7 or \$3 after 7 pm
 - **All locations** - free for 2 yrs & under

All three pools offer hours for adult lap swimming, and adult water walking hours are offered at Reed Road Water Park. Lots of swim lesson options are also offered throughout the season, but slots fill quickly.

For full details of this year's outdoor pool season, visit our [Aquatics](http://parks.uaoh.net) page at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Police and Fire Operations Study

In community surveys, safety consistently ranks as a top priority for residents and a primary reason they choose to live here, with police, fire and EMS the most highly rated of all City services.

As 24/7, labor, equipment and training intensive operations, our Police and Fire divisions require extensive resources to fulfill their charges, and approximately half of the City's annual operating budget is dedicated to safety services.

For all City services, it makes sense to periodically go through an evaluation process, to see how our operations compare to other agencies and to identify best practices that could be incorporated here, while also seeking opportunities for fiscal efficiency. It's now the turn of the Police and Fire divisions to go through this process, with City Council approving a combined study in April that will be conducted by the Center for Public Safety Management, LLC.

The study will thoroughly evaluate the City's existing safety force operations, to include:

- A study of current call volumes and response times, as well as future growth and demand projections;
- A review of mutual and automatic aid agreements with neighboring jurisdictions;
- A comparison to national standards and best practices;
- An evaluation of the current Fire Station locations relative to service area;
- An evaluation of duties performed by uniformed personnel that could be completed by civilian staff;

- An evaluation of each division's fleet of vehicles;
- A review of each division's organizational structures and shift operations

Using all of the data that it obtains, the Center for Public Safety Management report - which is expected to be shared with the City by early fall - will include recommendations for the short-term (one-to-four years) and for the long-term (five-to-10 years).

Police Facility Renovations

A heads up that the Police Division and City Attorney offices at the Municipal Services Center are about to undergo renovations. This work is not expected to impact services for residents in any way, however daily, behind-the-scenes operations will be conducted a little differently over the next several months.

2022 Wall of Honor Ceremony

3 pm, Sunday, May 22

3600 Tremont Road

The City of Upper Arlington and the Upper Arlington Historical Society are pleased to announce that Donald Lawrence Dodrill and Dr. Robert W. Wagner have been selected for induction onto the Wall of Honor in 2022.

Don Dodrill was an important contributor to the cultural arts of Upper Arlington and Central Ohio for over 50 years. He was a co-founder of the Upper Arlington Labor Day Arts Festival, exhibiting at the event for 45 years. He also taught watercolor and drawing classes for the City's LifeLong Learning adult education program. He was one of the founding members of the Upper Arlington Art League in 1973, and was an active exhibitor, award winner and supporter of the league's fall and winter show. He served on the Cultural Arts Commission and played an important role in the development of cultural arts activities for the broader community, including the Central Ohio Watercolor Society, Ohio Watercolor Society, American Watercolor Society, and the Ohio State Fair.

Robert Wagner was a professor and producer/director of cinema and photography. He led and developed the Department of Photography and Cinema at OSU into one of the most respected



Don Dodrill

teaching institutions in the U.S. He could call many Hollywood Stars friends - bringing Charlton Heston and legendary film directors Frank Capra and George Stevens to speak with his students. Dr. Wagner received many lifetime awards, including the Eastman Kodak Lifetime Achievement Gold Medal and the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Distinguished Service Award. He was a lover of everything UA, serving on the Cultural Arts Commission, and writing and producing the film documentary *Portrait of Our Town - Upper Arlington*. He also contributed photographs and



Robert Wagner

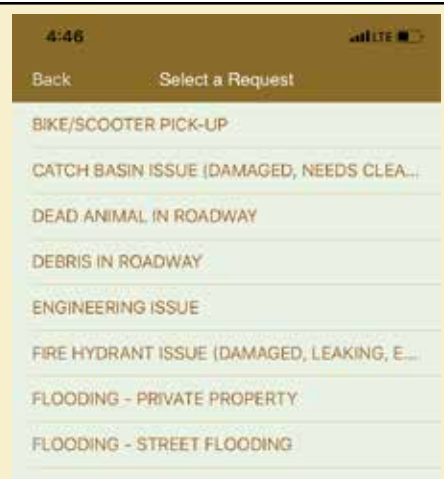
research to the first edition *History of Upper Arlington*, and was a member of the 1976 UA Bicentennial Committee, as well as establishing the UA Photographic Society.

An induction ceremony to honor Mr. Dodrill and Dr. Wagner is scheduled for 3 pm, Sunday, May 22, at the Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road.

For additional details about the Upper Arlington Wall of Honor, visit uahistory.org.

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.



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2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Fishinger Road Phase I

Planning for the Fishinger Road project, slated to start late this year, began over six years ago. Last reconstructed in the 1960s and last repaved in 2002, the road was identified for replacement in the 2015 Capital Improvement Program. The following year, a Transportation Studio class from OSU studied the corridor. This included a survey of residents, with over 600 respondents indicating a desire for both improvements to the roadway and pedestrian connectivity.

Design work began in 2018. The City also applied to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) for funding support, securing grant monies that come available in 2022. The total budgeted construction cost is

approximately \$7 million, with MORPC funds covering up to \$4.2 million.

Phase 1 is slated to begin later this year and includes work between the Five Points Intersection and Mountview Road. Work on the roadway includes new curb and gutter, rebuilding the roadway, new streetlights and a new dedicated right turn lane from Fishinger Road eastbound to Tremont Road southbound. The City will also install new five-foot-wide sidewalks on the south side of the project and a new eight-foot-wide sidewalk to the north to further increase pedestrian access in the area.

"The City currently spends a lot of time and energy doing pavement patches to extend the life of this street," said City Engineer Carla Odebralski. "These improvements will update,

stabilize and beautify UA's busiest east-west collector street, while providing safe, active transportation options to this corridor will benefit our community."

Along with the roadwork, the City will replace the waterline, originally installed in 1955, along the corridor. This is estimated at an additional \$1.7 million. Crews are already at work relocating some of the utilities along this stretch of road and construction on the waterline is currently estimated to start in the fall with work continuing through most of 2023. Phase 2 - between Mountview Road and Riverside Drive - is tentatively scheduled for 2024.

Full project details - including an interactive GIS Story Map can be found under the **Construction Updates** page, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

FROM CHAMBERS | Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

Alcohol on Public Property Code Amendments

City Council recently approved some City Code amendments relative to the sale and consumption of alcohol on public property. This includes:

- Modifying the allowable area at the Amelita Mirolo Barn to anywhere within 60 feet of the building as long as the area is enclosed by temporary fencing.
- Adding the Upper Arlington Community Center, in keeping with the facility's business plan, which includes rentable space for weddings and special events.
- Cleaning up language relative to Northam Park and allowing for the sale and consumption of alcohol at the park for events that have undergone the necessary permitting and approval process.
- Allowing a one-time permit for a new event being planned by the Parks & Recreation Department -



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

The Arts on Arlington - scheduled for July 28 at the Mallway.

In all instances, any entity wishing to include the sale and consumption of alcohol for an event at one of these locations would need to comply with all state and local liquor laws, obtain all necessary state permits, and provide proof of adequate insurance. Sales and

consumption of alcohol would end no later than 11 pm, or earlier, if deemed appropriate by the City Manager, based on various circumstances associated with the event and its potential impact on the premises and surrounding area. The City Manager could also require the use of a special duty officer or additional accommodations to ensure a safe and successful event.

Fourth of July Reminders

With UA's favorite day of the year just around the corner, we have some useful information to share with the community.

Fireworks Safety

The State of Ohio may have passed new legislation allowing the discharge of fireworks on several specified dates effective July 1, 2022, however, cities are able to opt out and Upper Arlington has chosen to uphold its legislation banning the use of consumer grade fireworks in our community.

Annually, approximately 13,000 people are injured, and seven people killed in fireworks accidents throughout the US. Additionally, thousands of fires are ignited causing millions of dollars of property loss. The vast majority of these incidents occur in the four-week span surrounding the Fourth. Of note, 99% of the injuries and deaths, and most of the fires are the result of consumer grade fireworks—not professional, public firework shows.

Sparklers burn at 2,000 degrees, hot enough to melt many metals. They account for burn injuries and start many of the fires. The same can be said for firecrackers and bottle rockets.

The City recognizes these dangers and enacted laws prohibiting the sale, possession or use of consumer fireworks, including sparklers, bottle rockets, firecrackers and trick noisemakers. It is not the intent of the City to be heavy-handed in enforcement, but the City has and will continue to enforce its laws, especially when unsafe situations are witnessed by police.

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.

Block Parties

If your neighborhood is planning to host a block party on the Fourth of July, the deadline for submitting your permit application is Friday, June 24. The \$50

fee covers administrative costs and the delivery of barricades. Block parties are not permitted on any of the City's main thoroughfares. To learn more and to complete an application, visit the **Applications & Permits** section of the **City Manager's Office** webpage, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Chairs Along the Parade Route

In the days leading up to the Parade, the route along Northwest Boulevard becomes overrun with lawn chairs and areas taped off by families staking their spectator spot. We ask that you refrain from this practice until just a few days before the parade, but recognize that once the first few chairs go out, more will follow quickly. It's important to note that by placing your property at the curb similar to when placing trash or bulk items out for collection, you run the risk of having your property taken by opportunistic passersby. In such instances, their loss is not considered theft.

Northam Park Improvements Update

Over the winter and spring, new underground storm sewer infrastructure was installed at Northam Park, as part of a series of planned improvements to the athletic fields and tennis courts. This work is complete but several areas within the park were re-seeded and are currently cordoned off so that the new turf can become established. These areas will still be closed to the public over the Fourth holiday and we respectfully ask Party in the Park and fireworks attendees to stay away from these areas.

Tremont Pool, Northam Tennis Holiday Hours

To accommodate Party in the Park and the Fourth of July fireworks, the City's recreation facilities at Northam Park will

adopt the following schedule over the holiday period:

Sunday, July 3

- Northam Tennis – Closes at 3 pm
- Tremont Pool – Normal schedule, closing at 9 pm

Monday, July 4

- Northam Tennis – closed
- Tremont Pool – closed

Tuesday, July 5

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

Golf Cart Regulations

A popular trend in UA is the rental of golf carts over the Fourth of July holiday. It sounds like fun, but as this practice has grown, safety issues have increasingly been a concern for our Police and Fire divisions. In 2019 City Council adopted Ordinance 41-2019, authorizing residents' use of code-compliant, under-speed vehicles year-round, and exempting non-compliant golf carts for five days over the Fourth of July holiday. The legislation limits their use to streets with speed limits of 25 mph or less and requires seatbelts.

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

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

To learn more about the City's under-speed vehicle legislation and operations requirements for both year-round use and over the Fourth of July holiday, visit the **Police Patrol & Operations Bureau** section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Dog Safety

More dogs run away around the Fourth of July holiday than any other time of year. For most dogs, the loud sounds and smells of fireworks are strange and scary. Here's how to keep your faithful friend safe this time of year:

- Make sure your dog gets plenty of exercise earlier in the day.
- Keep your dog inside during the evening hours when fireworks are likely to go off, with access to a favorite "safe place." Keep windows and curtains closed. Leave a TV or music on if you go out.
- In case your dog is outside when fireworks start going off, regularly check that gates are securely latched and there are no escape routes under the fence. Check that your dog's collar is securely fastened and make sure it has an ID tag on it.
- If you know your dog is likely to have a strong fear reaction to the sound of fireworks, talk with your vet about options that might help—such as using a thundershirt or calming medication—and the best timing for helping your dog before he gets too stressed.

Our Thanks to the UA Civic Association

Planning and staging UA's Fourth of July celebration is no small feat, and it all happens thanks to the volunteer efforts of the UA Civic Association, led this year by Event Chairs Sandi and Sam Porter. As you enjoy the day's activities, be sure to give the UACA volunteers - and our City workers - a word of thanks.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Steve Schoeny



2022 Community Survey

- Opinions on recent economic development activity
- Opinions on efforts to advance Upper Arlington as a welcoming community for new and diverse residents and businesses
- Identifying or reaffirming important goals for the City

As we move into the summer and 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 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, I urge 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.

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 planning stages of the 2022 Community Survey process.

Sometime late spring/early summer, 1,500 randomly selected households will receive a letter from the City inviting them to participate in the survey. This letter will direct residents to either complete a hard copy of the survey that will be included with the letter, or an online version of the survey. As part of this, they will also receive a user passcode that is unique to their household, with the request that the adult (18 years & above) in the household with the last birthday complete the survey.

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 an 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.

The primary goals of the 2022 Community Survey are to obtain feedback on areas that include:

- The quality of life in Upper Arlington
- Satisfaction with existing City services

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CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Memorial Day** - Monday, May 30. Solid Waste collection is delayed by one day for all zones.
- **Juneteenth** - Monday, June 20. Solid Waste collection is not affected.
- **Independence Day** - Monday, July 4. 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.

Permit Portal

RESOURCES | PERMIT PORTAL
upperarlingtonoh.gov

The City has transitioned its application processes online via the **Permit Portal** on our website, making it possible to conduct business with us online in most instances. Just look for the **Permit Portal** icon under the **Resources** section of our website to get started.

Fire Hydrant Flushing Through May 6

FIRE DIVISION 614-583-5100

Fire hydrant flushing will occur week-days, April 25-May 6. This is part of an annual fire hydrant maintenance program that keeps hydrants in operable condition. Visit the **Fire Prevention** page on our website to view this year's schedule and map.

Summer Utility Invoice

FINANCE 614-583-5291

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

Book the Barn for Your Event

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

The Amelita Mirolo Barn at Sunny 95 Park is a popular venue for weddings and other memorable events, such as birthday parties, retirements, baby and wedding showers and corporate events. Book the Barn at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

ODA Treatment for Spongy Moths Pending in June

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) will be in the area in mid June treating parts of our community for Spongy moths (previously known as the Gypsy moth). Residents within the targeted areas will receive a postcard from ODA in advance of the treatment dates, and the City will provide updates via our City Insight e-News and social media.

Friends of UA Parks

friendsofuaparks.com

Friends of Upper Arlington Parks is a volunteer group that works with the City's Parks & Forestry Division on invasive plant control projects and native

plant restoration in UA Parks. The group meets regularly throughout the year on Saturday mornings from 9 am-Noon. Here are some upcoming dates:

- May 14 - Smith Nature Park
- June 11 - Cardiff Woods Park

Arts on Arlington Call for Artists

Application Deadline May 27

CULTURAL ARTS 614-583-5150

In an effort to support Upper Arlington artists, artisans and Mallway businesses, our Cultural Arts Division brings you Arts on Arlington. This new event will wrap up the Music in the Parks summer concert series on Thursday, July 28 from 6-9 pm. Applications are now open for Upper Arlington artists, artisans and UA businesses that sell handmade products to apply. Applications are also open for UA non-profit organizations. An online application form is available at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Citizen Camera Partnership

POLICE 614-583-5150

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 UA Police 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 registered participants' information kept private and confidential.

Visit the **Police** section of the City's website for additional details and to register.

Seasonal Employment Opportunities

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

If you are looking for seasonal employment opportunities, UA Parks & Recreation is ready to meet with you. Positions include:

- Lifeguards and outdoor pool operations
- Summer day camp leaders

- Recreation facility rentals
- Parks service positions
- Senior Center facility attendants
- Safety Town teachers
- Northam Tennis operations

We offer competitive wages, with entry level positions compensated between \$10-\$14 per hour, and management positions between \$13.50-\$18 per hour. For lifeguards, compensation starts at \$12 per hour and includes an incentive bonus program for eligible staff who work through Labor Day Weekend. The City provides a Lifeguard Certification course for free. A referral bonus program is also in place and any new or returning seasonal employees are eligible to participate.

Check out our seasonal recruitment video on the **Employment** section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

UA Community Center Update

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

As sometimes happens with significant projects like the UA Community Center, a little extra time is needed to work through some of the details, and our design team is in need of some extra time as they further refine plans. As a result, a fourth Community Meeting that had been scheduled for April 26 was put on hold. Please stay tuned, we'll have an update on the next steps soon. Visit uacommunitycenter.com for updates.

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.

Block Party Permits

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 614-583-5040

Planning for some summer fun on your street? Be sure to allow at least one week

to get your block party permit approved. There is a nonrefundable \$50 fee for block party permits. You can file your permit online at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Tree Damage

PARKS & FORESTRY 614-583-5340

If a damaged tree is a threat to public safety, or obstructing the street or sidewalk, call Parks & Forestry during office hours. After hours situations can be reported to 614-459-2800. For immediate emergencies call 9-1-1.

Following severe weather, the City is responsible for clearing debris from street trees in the public right-of-way. Debris from private trees is the property owner's responsibility, however, the City may clear private debris from streets or sidewalks to abate immediate hazards even if privately owned trees are involved. Emergency and storm cleanup is prioritized using several criteria, and your patience is appreciated.

Do not approach downed or damaged power lines. Call your utility company or the Fire Division non-emergency line, at 614-583-5124, for assistance.

Home Security Alarm Permits

POLICE DIVISION 614-583-5100

Households with home security systems are required to obtain a license from the Police Division. The one-time \$50 fee is non-transferable and covers both Police and Fire services. Households are allowed up to three false alarms per calendar year—any false alarms thereafter are subject to a \$50 fine to offset the costs for emergency response.

Sale of Old Street Signs

PUBLIC SERVICE 614-583-5350

The City's Public Service Department is in the midst of upgrading street signs. As we replace the old with the new, we are making our old signs available to the community for purchase. Enjoy your very own keepsake for your street, and be the envy of your neighbors. Signs cost \$29 for those between 24"-30" in length, \$37 for 36" signs, and \$45 for any signs sized 41" or above. Visit the [Buy Old Street](#)

[Signs](#) page under *I Want To...*, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Special Events Applications

Deadline for July 1-September 30

Events: April 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.

PLAY UA Financial Assistance Program

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

The PLAY UA Financial Assistance Program is designed to support community members who face financial barriers that may prevent them from participating in the Parks & Recreation Department's programs, with a 50% reduction for most program and membership fees for qualifying residents and those who work in UA. Learn more on the Parks & Recreation webpage, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Schools[★]INSIGHT

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Listen Learn Lead Update

Earlier this spring, the Upper Arlington Board of Education launched a community engagement process to listen, learn and lead in an effort to help our schools and our community be the best they can be.

"We have seen a lot of energy in our community around our Listen Learn Lead process," Board of Education President Lori Trent said. "It's been exciting to see community members, staff members and students engaged in conversations about their vision and priorities for the future of our schools."

Since launching the process in March, the Board of Education has hosted seven community roundtable discussions, with hundreds of parents, community members, staff members and students engaging in productive conversations about education in Upper Arlington.

"When we think about the future of our schools, student voice is extremely important to myself and the other members of the Board of Education," Trent said. "We were excited to include some additional sessions for students to really get a better understanding of what they think."

"The end result of all of these roundtable discussions is that we heard from a wide range of people with different perspectives and interesting ideas on topics like academics, well-being, school finances and communication, and all of those viewpoints helped shape the next phase of our engagement process," Trent said.

The next step is an online survey based on the themes that emerged from the roundtable discussions. The survey is open to any and all parents, community members, staff members and students.

Following the survey, a findings report based on all of the data points from this process will be shared with

the Board of Education. The report, which will be posted at www.uaschools.org/ListenLearnLead.aspx, will serve as an important guide for the Board in determining future plans for the district.

"As we shared when we launched this process, this is a first step in an ongoing commitment by the Board of Education to engage our community," Trent said. "There will be more opportunities going forward – because we are better when we are all working together. We are truly fortunate to live in a community that is so committed to supporting the education of our students."

Listen Learn Lead Community Survey

The next step in the community engagement process is an online survey open to all parents, community members, staff members and students. You can scan the QR code to access the survey via our Listen Learn Lead webpage, or call the district office at 614-487-5000 to request a paper copy.





SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

Quality Profile Gives Our Community a Clear Picture of Our Schools

We are proud to share with the entire community our Quality Profile, our annual accountability report that gives our community a clear and transparent look at what's happening in our schools and with our students. The Quality Profile aligns with our 2019-2024 Strategic Plan, which identifies a focused set of priorities that support our position as a national leader in education and continue our focus on challenging and supporting every student, every step of the way.

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

Student and staff well-being is critical to fostering a safe and inclusive environment where our students can thrive. Students and staff who aren't well won't be able to learn or teach to their fullest potential – and that is why well-being is critical to the academic success of our students.

Continuous improvement is the foundation of the strategic plan. This is the idea of getting better at getting better – and this is threaded through the Quality Profile, just as it is threaded through everything we do in our schools.

These priorities are all grounded in our mission, vision and values:

- **Our mission:** Challenge and support every student, every step of the way
- **Our vision:** Uniquely accomplished

students prepared to serve, lead and succeed

- **Our values:** Start with Heart, Strength in Team and Contagious Drive

We believe it is critically important to continue to provide our community with the Quality Profile to measure our progress toward our strategic priorities. If you have any suggestions, please complete the form available at www.uaschools.org/qualityprofile.aspx.

Well-being Update

Academics are our main business, but we also know that students who aren't well can't learn. That's why student and staff well-being is one of the priority areas identified in our district's strategic plan.

Upper Arlington Schools is uniquely equipped to address the needs of our students thanks to a network of full-time mental health and physical health services in our schools. We are excited to expand on this network by partnering with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Health Services and Office of Student Life to provide access to school-based behavioral health services to our students and families. Through this partnership, students and families will have access to two onsite psychotherapists

both in-person and virtual services, as well as priority access for clinical services. These experts will also work hand-in-hand with our school counselors, related staff and mental health professionals through our partnership with Syntero to ensure an overall continuity of services for our students.

By expanding our toolkit and partnering with the experts from The Ohio State University, we will be better able to meet the unique needs of our students to ensure we are supporting them every step of their academic journey here in Upper Arlington.

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

2021-22 SCHOOL DATES

**No School for Students and Staff; Election Day
Tuesday, May 3**

**Upper Arlington High School Commencement
Sunday, May 29**

**No School for Students and Staff; Memorial Day
Monday, May 30**

**Last Day for Students
Wednesday, June 1**

Dismissal at 1 pm for elementary students; 1:30 pm for secondary students

**Staff Report Per Schedule
Thursday, June 2**

**For the full 2021-2022 school
year calendar, visit:
www.uaschools.org/calendars.aspx**

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

In the Upper Arlington Schools, we are committed to providing our community with a clear and transparent communication about our district's finances and the factors that will impact our financial situation in the coming years.



This spring, we released the 2021-2022 Financial Update, which details the sources of our funding, how that money is used and other topics that may affect district finances. You can find this report at www.uaschools.org/treasurer.aspx. As with all district publications, we welcome feedback so we can continue to refine the report each year.

In May, I will go through the process of updating the five-year forecast, a legally required report that covers three years of actual data and five years of anticipated revenues and expenditures. Every November, I present a new five-year forecast to the Board of Education, and then in May I update the forecast, helping us keep a clear view on our financial outlook and the impact of future needs.

At a special meeting in March, I shared a preview of the five-year forecast update with the Board of Education as they consider how to address the district's future financial needs. As I've shared, we are keeping a close eye on several things that may impact our finances – historic inflation, enrollment growth and the decision to delay an operating levy for two years as a result of the pandemic and the economic situation.

As of this fall, it will have been five years since we last went to voters to request additional operating funding. Over the past two years, in the absence of new operating funding, we have creatively stretched our financial

resources by reducing our 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 the proactive steps we have taken, our expenditures are already outpacing our revenue. This is a typical levy cycle for a suburban school district, and it's why suburban school districts

like Upper Arlington usually go back to voters every three years to request new operating funding.

The Board of Education will be considering how to move forward with our district's financial situation in the coming months.

If you would like to learn more about the district's finances, please visit our website, www.uaschools.org/treasurer, or contact me at treasurer@uaschools.org.

2022 UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION



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

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, May 24, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, June 14, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, August 9, 6 pm – Council Chamber

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

BITES From the Apple



SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Art Students Win State, Regional Awards

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

Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Competition

Seven Upper Arlington High School students received a combined 16 awards in the 2022 regional Scholastic Art & Writing Competition, the country's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens. Receiving Silver Key awards were **Caroline Kegg** (drawing); **Naomi Maurer** (photography); **Monica Olvera** (drawing); **Stella Petras** (drawing); and **Ava Taylor** (painting, two awards). Receiving honorable mention awards were **Audrey Hitt** (drawing); **Lucy O'Brien** (drawing); **Monica Olvera** (drawing, four awards); **Stella Petras** (drawing); and **Ava Taylor** (drawing and art portfolio, three total awards).

Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition State Winners

Five UAHS students were honored among the top 300 submissions in the state: **Abdallah Abu Hammad** (drawing); **Audrey Dwyer** (video/film); **Jacob Hanks** (mixed media); **Ava Hunt** (photography, two works selected); and **Nayeon Kang** (sculpture).

Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition Regional Winners

Twelve UAHS students were honored as regional winners, receiving 19 awards in categories that included drawing, painting, jewelry and photography. Congratulations to: **Mary Boehm**, **Greta Dixon**, **Meredith Hanosek**, **Emerson Katz**, **Naomi Maurer**, **Sophie Miller**, **Monica Olvera**, **Mason Paider**, **Stella Petras**, **Carly Rothgeb**, **Jack Tatham** and **Keita Watson**.



Students Place 5th in National Vocabulary Contest

Twelve UA Schools elementary students achieved the highest honors in the WordMasters Challenge, a national vocabulary competition involving nearly 125,000 students. The fifth-grade team scored an impressive 184 points out of a possible 200 in the second of three meets this year, placing fifth in the nation.

Competing in the very difficult Gold Division of the WordMasters Challenge, students from Upper Arlington Schools who achieved outstanding results in the meet include the following fifth graders:

- Barrington Elementary: **Haley Hsiao Fang-Yen**
- Greensview Elementary: **Marin Ackerman**, **Jerry Kaltenbach**, **Sami Mostafa**, **Tejas Plowgian**, **Nikhil Reddy** and **Matthew Son**
- Wickliffe Elementary: **Tycho Gannon**, **Evan Malone**, **West Martin** and **Kate Texler**

UAHS Performing Arts Honored for Excellence

This spring, Upper Arlington High School students brought home high honors in local competitions in orchestra, band and choir. Congratulations to our talented performing groups!

- The UAHS Symphonic Choir advanced to the state competition after receiving a Superior rating in class AA, the highest level of difficulty, at the Ohio Music Educators Association (OMEA) district competition in March.
- The UAHS Symphonic Band also received a Superior rating in class A at the OMEA district competition.
- All six UAHS orchestras received Superior ratings at the Central Ohio String Festival, hosted in the UAHS performing arts center in March.
- The UAHS Jazz Ensemble performed at the Ohio State University High School Jazz Band Day, part of the university's 2022 Jazz Festival. **Isaac Lute** (flute) and **Lans Taylor** (baritone saxophone) received best soloist awards, and best section award went to the saxophone section – **Katia de Jong**, **Bronwen Hall**, **Lucas Xie**, **Eric Liu**, **Gavin McClung** and **Lans Taylor**.



Uniquely Accomplished



It's been an exciting time for our Golden Bears! Congratulations to these students on these unique accomplishments!

- The Upper Arlington High School Mock Trial team finished among the top four teams in the state at the Ohio Mock Trial State Competition in March.
- The Upper Arlington High School Science Olympiad team qualified for the state tournament in April after finishing 5th place overall in the regional tournament, with several individual awards.
- **Callia Peterson**, the editor-in-chief of the UAHS school publication, *The Arlingtonian*, is the Ohio Scholastic Media Association's 2022 Student Journalist of the Year. Callia will be entered into the running for the national Journalist of the Year Scholarship.

Athletics Ticketing Now Online Only

Beginning with the spring sports season, the Upper Arlington High School Department



of Student Life is shifting to fully online ticketing for athletic events. This allows our athletics staff to run events more efficiently while also providing for greater security of transactions.

Season passes are available for \$68 for an adult, or \$38 for students, and are valid for admission to all ticketed UAHS athletic events during the spring of 2022. Individual ticket prices will be \$8.49 for a single contest. Ticketing information is available at www.uaschools.org/uahsathletics.

For any senior citizens who are residents of the Upper Arlington community, Upper Arlington Schools also offers senior passes in recognition of their long-standing support of our students and athletics program. Senior passes offer free admission to regular season sporting events sponsored by the Upper Arlington school district. These passes are available to any Upper

Arlington resident age 60 or older at the following locations: the district's Mincy Center, 1619 Zollinger Rd.; Upper Arlington High School, 1625 Zollinger Rd.; Upper Arlington City Offices, 3600 Tremont Rd.; and the Upper Arlington Senior Center, 1945 Ridgeview Rd.

If you have any questions about these changes or need support in completing your purchase, please contact the Department of Student Life at 614-487-5210.

Celebrate a Senior

Please join the Upper Arlington Alumni Association and Upper Arlington Education Foundation as they celebrate this year's 460 graduating seniors.

Each \$10 tax-deductible donation will celebrate a member of the Class of 2022 by welcoming them to the Alumni Association. The student will receive an alumni t-shirt and sticker during graduation rehearsal.

More information can be found at www.bearalums.com.

Alumni Open House

You are invited! Please save the date and join the Upper Arlington Alumni Association at the Upper Arlington High School Open House on Saturday, July 2 from 1-4 pm. More information can be found at www.bearalums.com.

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Kindergarten Registration Now Open!

Upper Arlington Schools is excited to welcome the Golden Bears Class of 2035 in August of 2022! The school district is now accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year for any children living in the Upper Arlington school district who will be 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2022. We encourage families to complete the registration process as soon as possible for staffing and planning purposes. Please visit www.uaschools.org/kindergarten.aspx to begin the process.



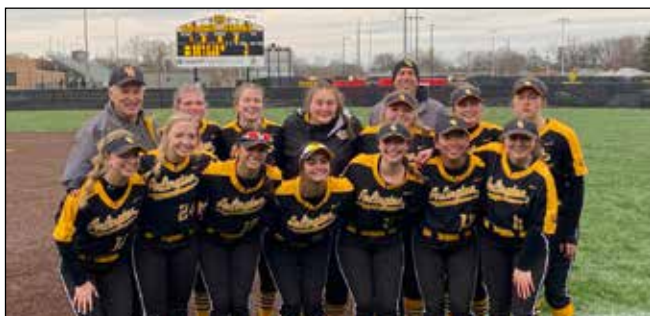
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Let's go, Golden Bears!

It was an impressive ending to the winter athletics season for the Golden Bears! The Upper Arlington High School wrestling team won a fourth consecutive sectional championship and sent three wrestlers to compete in the state tournament, where one – Andrew Myers – finished in #8 in the state in his weight class. The Golden Bears swimming and diving finished #2 (girls) and #6 (boys) in the state, with multiple podium finishes including #1 in the girls 200-meter freestyle relay and #1 in the boys 100-meter breaststroke. UAHS hockey finished the season among the top four teams in the state, and the boys basketball team brought home the OCC-Central title and a district championship.

The conclusion of the winter season brought the grand opening for the new varsity ballfields on the Upper Arlington High School site – and home opener victories for both varsity baseball and varsity softball.



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Greensview Elementary School third-grade students wrapped up a service-learning project covering math, economics and history. Their candy sale raised \$1,700 for Community and Immigrant Refugee Services.



BearBots assemble! After spending several weeks building their robot, Shop Vac, the Upper Arlington High School FIRST Robotics team traveled to Cleveland in March to compete at the Buckeye Regional competition.



Upper Arlington High School celebrated UA Idea Week, with guest speakers and activities aimed at helping students explore their passions, engage in new perspectives and find their path.



Fifth-grade students in the gifted English Language Arts class at Tremont Elementary School created podcasts to submit to a national contest through National Public Radio.



Barrington Elementary School's Passions With a Purpose project, funded by the Upper Arlington Education Foundation and the PTO, is giving third and fourth grade informal program students the opportunity to explore robotics, cooking and more.



Orchestra students at the middle school and high school level had the unique opportunity to workshop with and learn from Rachel Barton Pine, an world-renowned violinist, thanks to the Upper Arlington Education Foundation.

District Leading the Way With Science-based Approach to Literacy

For the past decade, Upper Arlington Schools has set the standard for literacy instruction by building a strong foundation for success for early readers.

By working closely with families and specifically those with children experiencing dyslexia, the district has bolstered its literacy framework with phonemic awareness and phonics-based instruction that lays the foundation for lifelong reading skills.

Upper Arlington Schools has also been at the table to craft a new law - Ohio House Bill 436 - that outlines the components of literacy screening for students and training for teachers in order to identify any student who shows the markers of dyslexia and monitor their progress.

In addition, the district has been working with the Ohio Department of Education and other districts that are leaders in this area to update kindergarten reading standards to focus on the foundational reading skills needed and appropriate for this age group.

At the heart of this work is the district's long-standing commitment to educating and supporting the whole child. It's that commitment that has led Upper Arlington Schools to take this work a step further – by introducing a new literacy framework that incorporates the scientific research into how children learn to read in order to create a successful outcome for every student.

"We're simply shifting our approach and continuing to improve in how we approach literacy and teach reading for every student," said Michelle Banks, director of curriculum and instruction.

Literacy, or the ability to read and write, is the foundation for all learning, and kindergarten is a critical time for laying the groundwork for this important skill set. The adoption of this new framework builds on the phonemic

awareness and phonics-based approach that was adopted about a decade ago and coincides with the district's transition to all-day kindergarten, which gives teachers more time to develop students' skills in this key area of academics.

"We know through scientific research that all children learn how to read the same way but at different paces," Banks said. "Some children could learn to read in the dark, because they know and understand the process. And there are other kids who need explicit instruction in phonics and phonemic awareness in order to become successful readers."

This instructional practice puts an emphasis on science behind reading by teaching phonemic awareness, the idea of learning how sounds fit together to form words. A key part of instruction will be the district's new multi-tiered system of support framework, which



puts the structures in place to support differentiated and personalized learning for every student.

"Our work in the area of literacy is a testament to our mission of challenging and supporting every student, every step of the way and to our strategic commitment to continuous improvement – the idea of always striving to be better, even as we're a leader in the work," Banks said.

UA Schools Educator Honored for Literacy, Dyslexia Work

Upper Arlington Schools instructional leader Andrea Rowson has been named the 2022 Champion of Change by the Central Ohio



branch of the International Dyslexia Association for her work in transforming education for students with dyslexia.

In Upper Arlington, Rowson has been integral in the adoption of a new literacy framework that incorporates the scientific research into how children learn to read in order to create a successful outcome for every student.

"Andrea's passion and dedication to literacy is unwavering," said Director

of Student Services Jaclyn Angle, Ed.D. "She is a leader in the field, and we are honored to have her as an enormous resource and wealth of information for our staff – and that ultimately benefits our students."

Rowson has also spent countless hours working to make change on the state level. She was part of a team of educators who helped craft House Bill 436, a law passed in 2021 that seeks to improve structured literacy by outlining the components of dyslexia screening of students and dyslexia training for teachers.

Rowson also serves as an associate director at the Children's Dyslexia Center and is president of the Ohio chapter of the Academic Language Therapy Association.

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2021 Annual Report

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- We began distributing free COVID test kits.
- Our Early Learning Play Area debuted at the Main Library.
- Live programs for children and adults returned in the fall.
- We improved our curbside area by installing a permanent awning.
- We resumed special services like passport processing, Outreach deliveries, exam proctoring, and meeting rooms.
- We were again named a 5-Star Library by Library Journal magazine.



BY THE NUMBERS

| | |
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| Cardholders | 32,937 |
| Total collection use | 1,249,345 |
| Programs offered | 288 |
| Program attendance | 10,000 |
| COVID test kits distributed | 28,667 |
| Passports processed | 471 |

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

General Fund

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| Beginning Cash Balance | \$4,133,738 |
| Cash Receipts | \$6,300,222 |
| Property & Local Taxes | \$3,242,104 |
| Public Library Fund | \$2,973,258 |
| Other Revenue | \$84,860 |
| Cash Disbursements | \$5,345,273 |
| Salaries & Benefits | \$3,793,006 |
| Materials | \$791,554 |
| Other Expenses | \$760,713 |
| Transfer to Building Improvement Fund | -\$700,000 |
| Ending Cash Balance | \$4,388,687 |

This is an unaudited financial statement.

Library Seeks Teen Summer Volunteers

All three Upper Arlington Public Library locations are seeking teen volunteers for this year's "Ocean of Possibilities" Summer Reading Club. Volunteering is a great way to gain experience, meet friends, earn service hours, and get a glimpse of the behind-the-scenes world of your local library.

Volunteer opportunities at each location are limited. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis with priority to those who meet the application deadlines listed below.

Summer Reading Volunteers

Summer Reading Volunteers commit to shifts on their own schedule from June 1-July 31. You'll complete tasks like assisting at the summer reading table, explaining the program to participants, and awarding prizes. Responsibilities may vary by location.

These positions are open to teens entering grades 7-12 and are located at our Main and Lane Road Libraries. Summer Reading Volunteer applications are due May 31.

Book Buddies

Inspire young readers by volunteering as a book buddy! In this popular summer program, teen volunteers are paired with an elementary school student. Over a five-week period, Book Buddies will "coach" their reading buddies, helping them grow confident and excited about reading.

Book Buddy positions are open to teens entering grades 6-12 and are available at Tremont and Miller Park Libraries. Applications are due May 31.

Applications for these opportunities are available at teenvolunteers.ualibrary.org. Questions? Stop by any library's youth department for information.



A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Beth Hatch

I would like to thank our dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to help the Library in so many ways.

First, I must thank and recognize the Friends of the Library, a volunteer organization of nearly 300 members who raise tens of thousands of dollars for the Library each year through their book sales and permanent bookstores. The Friends provide funding for adult

and children's programming, and many thousands of dollars' worth of equipment. Membership dues, donations and funds raised from book sales have enabled the Friends to buy new shelving, furniture, book drops, computers, and even vehicles.

The Friends donated \$10,000 dollars in 2021 to help fund the new Early Learning Play Area at the Main Library, a special place that will create memories for families and children for years to come.

I would also like to thank the volunteers who help us with fundamental services, like shelving materials. Our volunteers shelve many cartfuls of items each week. Without their time and attention to detail, it would be much

harder to get items into the hands of our patrons quickly and efficiently.

Another indispensable group is our Outreach volunteers. These hard working, caring individuals deliver books and items to patrons who are homebound and unable to come to the Library. Now more than ever, Outreach delivery is essential to ensure that we are providing service to all who need it.

During the school year, teen volunteers spend a combined 15 hours a week helping our youth services team prepare for and run programs, keeping our department organized, and assisting with pulling over 400 requested items for kids and teens.

From all of us at the Upper Arlington Public Library, we sincerely thank our volunteers for your time, dedication, and support.

Program Highlights

Growing Culinary Herbs

Learn about the rich history of culinary herbs with Tisa Watts, owner and founder of the Columbus Garden School. Come to the Main Library on Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. to learn about the rich history of herbs, which have been strong members of both medical and culinary toolboxes. Get tips on how to grow healthy, abundant herbs in your garden to please your palate and support pollinators.

Hip-Hop-Ademics: Rapping Kids Into Learning

Brian Holland returns to the Miller Park Library on Saturday, May 7 at 10:30 a.m. with a show that includes original songs, games, and prizes. He'll entertain kids ages 3-8 while teaching reading, math, and character using hip hop music. This event is weather permitting, as it will be held outdoors.

Reading to Rover

Meet pups from Therapy Dogs International and improve your reading skills by sharing stories with them. The dogs will visit the Miller Park Library on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m., and the Lane Road Library on Monday, May 23 at 4 p.m. For those in grades K-5.

Pint-Sized Prom

Kids up to age 6 are invited to our Pint-Sized Prom on Saturday, May 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the Main Library. Wear your fanciest clothes and your dancing shoes for a morning of music, photo opportunities and crafts.

Creating a Haven for Wildlife

It's easy, it's fun, and it's a way to contribute to the diversity and health of native wildlife! Come to the Lane Road Library on Thursday, June 2 at 6 p.m. to learn the 3-ingredient recipe to

designing a certified habitat. Presented by Barbara Ray, Nature Education Coordinator for the City of Dublin.

Art History: Self-Portraiture

Art history buffs won't want to miss an exploration of self-portraiture led by with Joanne Kesten from the Columbus College of Art and Design. Join us at the Main Library on Tuesday, June 14 at 1 pm as we investigate various forms of self-portraiture, beginning with the Renaissance, when self-identity was reaching prominence and mirrors were becoming more widely available.

Visit from a Penguin

Staff from the Newport Aquarium will be at the Main Library on Thursday, June 30 at 2 p.m. accompanied by a live penguin. Did you know some penguins make sounds like a donkey? Learn more facts about these polar pals at this great program.

Dive Into Oceans of Possibilities This Summer

Visit any Upper Arlington Public Library location this June or July to participate in Summer Reading Club 2022: Oceans of Possibilities. This year's program is simple: all you need to do is read!

Here's how it works: for each day you read, color in a sea creature on your reading log. After you've colored seven sea creatures, bring your sheet back to the 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. Keep reading all summer long to earn additional entries for our grand prizes, including Kings Island tickets, a Baby Shark basket, LEGO sets, gift cards to local businesses, and more.

Remember, 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.

Of course, a big thank you goes to the Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library, who make the Summer Reading Club possible every year.

Summer also means fun in-person programs at the Library. Keep an eye out for:

- June 4 from 10 am-2 pm: Summer Reading Kickoff & Character Dance Party at the Main Library
- June 11 at 10:30 am: Baby Shark Storytime at the Main Library
- June 30 at 2 pm: Aquarium to You: A Visit with a Penguin at the Main Library
- July 5-8: Gotta Catch 'Em All: Pokemon Week at the Main Library
- July 9 from 2-4 pm: Life-Sized Candyland at the Main Library
- July 15 at 10:30 am: Find the Joy: Magic Show with Erica Carlson at Miller Park Library
- July 28 at 6:30 pm: Fun Day Carnival at Miller Park Library

Visit ualibrary.org/events for this summer's full schedule.

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:

- Tuesday, May 17 at 5 pm
- Tuesday, June 21 at 5 pm

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Explore...GATHER...grow!!



Jonathan Youngman from Franklinton Cycle Works demonstrated ways to get bikes in shape for spring.



Kids made pet rocks and PEEP catapults at Lane Road.



Author Margaret Peterson Haddix visited the Main Library to meet fans and talk about her latest book, *The School for Whatnots*.



Visitors added their own flair to several collaborative art projects at the Miller Park Library.



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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

May 12 Program Canceled

Unfortunately, the "Memorial Day: Using Grief to Find Common Ground" program scheduled at the Main Library on May 12 has been canceled.

Passport Fair

Get your family ready for late summer and fall travel! Get a new passport at our Passport Fair on Sunday, May 22 from 9 am-Noon. We'll have several passport agents onsite to assist with processing. No appointment is needed for this special event. Visit <http://passportservices.ualibrary.org> for info on what documentation you'll need to bring.

Help Create an Early Learning Play Area at Lane Road

Help us 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 highlighting major landmarks, a garden wall, and a separate enclosed area for babies and toddlers. You can see a rendering and donate toward this worthy goal at <http://uapl.me/LaneELPA1>.

Art Quilt Display

Stop by the Main Library to view a display of quilts created by artist Molly Todd. The quilts are replicas of art done by critically ill children who were staying at Ronald McDonald House. The artist makes a quilt version of the child's art to celebrate the recovery of children and sometimes to honor the legacy of those who did not recover. Those quilts are

gifted to the family and a second copy is made for art exhibits. You'll find 25 quilts in our main hallway, and in the Youth, Media and Adult Departments. The display will run through the end of May.

Friends June Sale

Visit the Main Library's atrium between June 5-19 to shop the Friends of the UA Library Sale. Friends members can shop the presale on Sunday, June 5 from 11 am-1 pm. The sale opens to the public that day at 1 pm. It's open during regular library hours thereafter but shuts down 15 minutes before the library closes every day. New this sale: as an added benefit for paid Friends members, there will be a Members-Only Bag Sale on Sunday, June 19 from Noon-1 pm. Members can fill one of our shopping bags with books for just \$5. The fill-a-bag sale will be open to the public from 1-3 pm that day at a cost of \$10 per bag. The items on the store's shelves are eligible for the bag sale, but items in the glass cases are excluded.

Northstar Digital Literacy

Our latest online resource is Northstar Digital Literacy. Northstar tests and builds your computer skills to help you in employment, education, and daily life. Modules include Essential Computer Skills, covering topics like Internet and email; Essential Software Skills, which covers Microsoft Word and other software; and Using Technology in Daily Life, which explains social media, information literacy, your digital footprint, and more. Northstar is a great resource for those who feel left behind by today's technology and want to feel more engaged. Get started by visiting <http://databases.ualibrary.org> and scrolling to Northstar Digital Literacy.

Margaret Atwood Event Rescheduled



We're happy to announce that our long-awaited event with author Margaret Atwood will take place on Wednesday, June 15 at 7 pm at the Palace Theater in downtown Columbus. Ann Fisher from WOSU will conduct a conversation-style interview with the author. A deaf interpreter will be on stage during the event. Tickets go on sale May 1 at www.ualibrary.org, and will range from \$25-\$75. Gramercy Books will be onsite to sell Atwood's books.

Holiday Closing

All three UA Libraries will be closed on Sunday, May 29 and Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

Friends Donation Days

Donate your unwanted books, media, vinyl records, and art to the Friends of the UA Library. Their donation carts are available whenever the Main Library is open, or visit their drive-up outdoor donation events on Sunday, May 15 from 1-4 pm or Friday, June 17 from 10 am-2 pm.

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is experiencing a shortage of donated blood. You can help by giving at our Blood Drive on Friday, June 3 from 11 am-4 pm. Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org with sponsor code "UAPL."



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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

Point of View - Through the Lens Photography Club

May 4-June 24

Reception: Thursday, May 5 | 5-7 pm

TTL Photo Club is a community of emerging and professional photographers sharing their love of photography.

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 the limelight.

UA Farmers Market

4-7 pm, Wednesdays

May 18-October 26

Tremont Pool Parking Lot

commongreensohio.org/upper-arlington

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

Spring Fling

11 am-2 pm, Saturday, May 21

Sunny 95 Park

UA Parks & Rec | upperarlingtonoh.gov

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

Wall of Honor

3 pm, Sunday, May 22

3600 Tremont Road

UA Historical Society | uahistory.org

Upper Arlington Pride

1-5 pm, Sunday, June 5

Mallway Park

Rainbow UA | rainbowua.org

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

Music in the Parks

7-8:30 pm, Thursdays

UA Cultural Arts | upperarlingtonoh.gov

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

June 9 Ladies of Longford

Sunny 95 Park

June 16 Paisha Thomas

Sunny 95 Park

June 23 Josh Gilbert Band

Sunny 95 Park

June 30 The Big Badd

Sunny 95 Park

July 7 Dawna

Thompson Park South

Memorial Day Run

Monday, May 30

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

Movies in the Park

7:30 pm Fridays

In partnership with the UA Civic Association

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June 10

Sing 2 (PG)

Mountview Christian Church (drive-in)

June 24

Free Willy (PG)

Thompson Park

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

Fourth of July Celebration

Thursday, July 4

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Don't miss the 9 am parade along Northwest Blvd and the evening's Party in the Park plus fireworks at Northam Park.