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UA COMMUNITY CENTER VISION UNVEILED AT STATE OF THE CITY

At the February 17 State of the City Address and UA Community Center Joint Meeting, the community was treated to a preview of the proposed floor plans and some interior and exterior 3D renderings showing concepts of what the facility will look like. While the core building programming remains true to recommendations from the Community Center Feasibility Task Force, the vision has continued to evolve in response to ongoing feedback. This has included adding underground parking, moving uses in the building to maximize efficiencies and enhance customer convenience, and creating a welcoming entry area with seating and access to a café that will be open to all.

The full presentation, including the conceptual drawings and 3D renderings can be found at uacommenter.com. We invite and encourage you to take a look at what is proposed and to send us an email to let us know your thoughts.

UA Community Center Capital Campaign

Margie Pizzuti, UA Community Center Capital Campaign Co-Chair

for the Upper Arlington Community Foundation, provided an exciting update on their private fundraising efforts. As they ready to transition to the public phase of the campaign, they have already met their initial \$5.4 million goal - including a lead gift of \$2 million from Loanne Crane, in honor of her husband Bob Crane. Based on that success, and recognizing that the design team has adjusted its goals for the UA Community Center, the Campaign goal has been expanded to \$8 million so that the Foundation can do its part to support the community's evolving vision for this long-awaited facility.

In keeping with the City's vision for creating a UA Community Center for everyone, all members of our community are invited to be part of this exciting endeavor. No gift is too small - or too large!! Watch

for updates from the Foundation on the many ways you can become involved in the weeks and months ahead. For additional details, visit uacommenter.com.

Community Meeting 4 Late April

Watch for details of our fourth Community Meeting - coming in late April - where additional details of the evolving design will be unveiled.



2021 Community Awards Recipients Announced

A long-held tradition for the City at the start of each year is a celebration of the best in our community, through the annual Community Awards program. At the 2022 State of the City Address and UA Community Center joint meeting, we announced our 2021 winners:

Business Gallo's Kitchen

Tommy Gallo puts his entire soul into the food he serves! The pasta sauce he makes daily was his grandfather's recipe, and he is visibly proud of carrying on that family tradition. On any given night, you will see Tommy warmly greeting his patrons, often sharing an embrace or a laugh. Tommy's energy is infectious and he frequently brings out free samples of different dishes for his regulars to try. Staffing and supply shortages have been a huge challenge to overcome, but somehow Tommy pulls off amazing menus night after night. Gallo's Kitchen is a neighborhood gathering place and part of the community's fabric.

Community Enrichment UA Gives Back

When the pandemic hit, Kelly Cantwell started a group called UA Gives Back on Facebook, with Elizabeth Blank, a teacher at Hastings, and Genny Futrell. They have supported a number of non-profits including Home For Families (HFF), Heart to Heart Food Pantry, Student Success Stores, Star House, Moms2Be, Open Shelter and others. With 600+ members in the group, their favorite organization has been HFF, providing 150 backpacks filled with school supplies the past two years and gifts to 100 children over the past two holiday seasons. HFF provides



support to 800 families to help them find housing and food for their families.

Our congratulations to the following nominees: Kim Starr, Krystin Macaluso, Katie White & Jennifer Segal, Equal UA, Gloria Heydlauff, Chris Potts.

Community Safety Hare Family

The Hare family's life was turned upside down when their son was born with rare infant leukemia. As they navigated an eight-month in-patient hospital stay, they founded The Callahan Murphy Hare Foundation to raise critical funds for pediatric cancer research. In just five months, their foundation raised over \$50,000 and started by contributing to innovative research at Nationwide Children's Hospital. The Hares have big plans for their foundation to further support the need to do better for our children.



Senior Ann Gabriel

Ann has been devoted to UA for decades. Since her retirement from OU in 2019, she has dedicated her time to serving as a senior volunteer in the civic, governmental, professional and philanthropic arenas. Her current and most recent volunteer activities include: Treasurer, UA Community Foundation; Treasurer, Riverside Child Care Center, Riverside United Methodist Church; Citizen Financial Review Task Force, Chair (2019); former UA Library Board of



Trustees; 2021 Volunteer for UA Stage and Golden Bear Scare. Ann generously shares her time, talents, and money with the community she loves. Most notably, she contributed to the 2018 UA Centennial Legacy Project, by sponsoring one of the stations on the Centennial Plaza and History Walk in honor of her parents.

Youth Tess Short

After her brother was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, Tess (a 3rd grader at the time) began to worry about her brother and her parents. Tess re-discovered a bear her brothers had given her when she was born. This helped comfort her and manage her worries. One day, Tess decided to write a story titled, *The Worry-Free Bear*, about a girl who is battling cancer. Tess showed her story to several teachers and classmates at Greensview Elementary. They loved it and decided to publish the book to raise money for childhood cancer research AND to provide books and Worry-Free Bears to patients and siblings battling cancer. Tess' positive attitude and constant smile is contagious, so it was no surprise that the communities of Greensview, UA, and beyond rallied behind her, the Short family and this project, to generously fund 500 books and 525 stuffed bears.

Our congratulations to the following nominees: Kennedy Beebe, Jiwon Son, Girl Scout Troop 6205-Kathryn O'Brien, Cate Seabloom, Charlotte Davis, Kaydence Baker; Leah DeCapua.

For more on our nominees and winners, visit upperarlingtonoh.gov.



Right-of...What?

You just got notice that the City is planning a project near your property. It could be a road construction project, underground utility work or even a sidewalk project. The notice you got says the City will be working in the right-of-way and you think "Wait. Right-of-What the !@#!!"

The official definition of right-of-way is the legal right, established by usage or grant, to pass along a specific route through grounds or property belonging to another. In simple terms, the City has the right to work on roads and the land adjacent to them, including sidewalks. These rights are established by the Ohio Revised Code, City of UA ordinances and the original subdivision plats.

So, what is the purpose of right-of-way and why is it wider than the street? Right-of-way is essential to providing many services to your home. It includes the things you can see like the road, curbs and sidewalks. It's also used for public infrastructure and utilities you can't see including sewer, water, gas, fiber and lighting conduit. Whenever possible, utilities are placed next to the road instead of under it which makes it easier to maintain them. The right-of-way boundaries were also set up with the future in mind and allow the City to change our road and sidewalk network and evolve with the community.

There isn't a strong visual cue that indicates where the right-of-way ends

(like a bright yellow line), but property owners are still responsible for knowing where the right-of-way is. To find the right-of-way on your property visit the *GIS portal at: <https://upperarlingtonoh.gov/resources/gis-maps/>. The City does limit what you can put in the right-of-way and if you violate those limits, the City isn't responsible for damage to things that are not supposed to be there.

Here are a few of our frequently asked questions:

What am I responsible for in the right-of-way, and what is the City responsible for?

The City is responsible for roads, water mains and sewer mains in the right-of-way. Under the UA Code of Ordinances you, as a homeowner, are responsible for maintaining sidewalks, driveways, and mowing the grass in the right-of-way.

Can I plant trees in the right-of-way?

Trees and landscaping are allowed in the Right-of-way. To plant a tree in the right-of-way you need to obtain a Street Tree Work Permit from the City Forester, available at <https://upperarlingtonoh.viewpointcloud.com/>. Be aware that you plant at your own risk. If the City needs to remove something in the right-of-way, we are not obligated to compensate you or replace it beyond putting down grass seed. In Upper Arlington, however, it has been long standing policy that the City will take responsibility for City planted

trees in the right-of-way. Those trees are usually between the sidewalk and the road in what is called the "tree lawn."

Can I put signs in the right-of-way?

No. Signs and banners must be located on your property and not in the right-of-way. This includes yard signs and large banners, such as graduation banners.

Is the City required to give me notice before something is done in my right-of-way?

The City is not required to provide notice, but we do whenever it isn't an emergency. However, we try hard to let residents know well in advance if we are going to be in the right-of-way on their property.

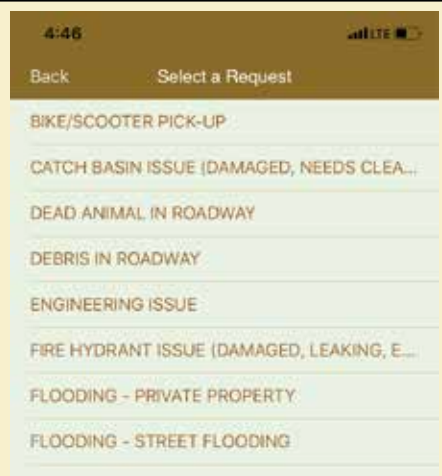
What about sidewalks?

The short answer is property owners are responsible for maintaining sidewalks in the right-of-way. There is, however, much more information about sidewalks available. Look for more information in a future edition of *UA Insight*.

**GIS data for right-of-way is taken from the Franklin County Auditor and is accurate most of the time in the City's experience. In order to verify this data, property pins (metal pins) locations must be confirmed in the field. For City projects, this verification is done during the design or construction survey.*

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

Long awaited improvements to Fishinger Road begin in 2022. Phase I runs from Mountview Road to Tremont Road, with full street reconstruction, new curb and gutter, improved LED streetlights, new sidewalks and a shared-use path. Concurrent with these improvements, a new waterline will be installed along this entire section of Fishinger.

McCoy Road Phase II

The final phase of work on McCoy Road - resurfacing and spot curb and gutter repairs, between Riverside Drive and Woodbridge Road - will be undertaken in 2022.

Street Reconstruction Program

Street reconstruction projects are comprised of full pavement replacement, new curb and gutter and new driveway

approaches. For 2022, sections of the following streets are scheduled for this extensive maintenance and repair work: Bedford, Chelsea, Cimmaron and Westminster roads, Benderton and Elderberry courts, Onandaga and Rosebery drives.

Street Maintenance Program

Sections of 17 streets are scheduled for street maintenance work, which comprises street resurfacing and spot curb and gutter repairs: Baronsmede, Lytham and Watergate courts, Brixton, Clairemont, Northam, North Star, Riverhill and Waddington roads, Chelton Place, Eastclef, Edgehill, Hillside, Love, Lyon and Onandaga drives, and Shelbourne Lane.

Other Highlights

- The Sustainable Sewer Solutions Program has expanded to accelerate our efforts in manhole rehabili-

tation and sewer lining and includes sewers between Surrey Hill Place, Mountview Road, Fishinger Road, and Lytham Road.

- A five-foot-wide sidewalk will be installed on the west side of North Star Road between Zollinger and Fishinger.
- The Wakefield Forest neighborhood will undergo sidewalk improvements, including a new section on the north side of Trentwood Road between Northwest and North Star, and a new section on the west side of Mt Holyoke Road, between Trentwood and Zollinger.

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

The 2022-23 City Council convened for the first time on January 10, at which time the four successful candidates were sworn into office for their 2022-25 terms. Additionally, Council as a Whole selected Brendan King to serve as President and Brian Close to serve as Vice President for 2022-2023. These two positions also serve as Mayor and Vice Mayor for ceremonial duties.

Business also included Council Member assignments to various entities, including:

- Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission - Michaela Burriss
- Upper Arlington Commission on Aging - Kathy Adams, Jim Lynch
- Upper Arlington Leadership Program - Ukeme Awakessien Jeter
- Community Improvement Corporation - Ukeme Awakessien Jeter, Michaela Burriss, Brian Close
- City Council's Rules Review Subcommittee - Ukeme Awakessien Jeter,



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

- Brian Close, John Kulewicz
- City Council's Financial Policies Subcommittee - Kathy Adams, John Kulewicz, Jim Lynch

Council meetings are typically held the first, second and third Mondays of each month, beginning at 7 pm. Please check

the City's event calendar at upperarlingtonoh.gov in advance of meetings, in the event of any schedule adjustments or cancellations. If you have questions, contact the City Clerk's Office, at 614-583-5030.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Steve Schoeny



Won't You Be Our Neighbor?

In the spirit of broadening our communications reach here at the City, I had been considering the launch of a podcast for several months. It all came into focus early in the New Year. Thanks to some creative thinking, good timing and opportunity, **Won't You Be Our Neighbor** emerged as a title that encapsulates all that we hope to achieve – a relaxed, welcoming venue for sharing City news and service updates, and for highlighting and engaging with our many impressive friends and neighbors through casual conversation. And if you haven't already guessed from the play on words and red cardigans, we have Mr. Rogers to thank for our inspiration.

With the eager and able assistance of my trusty sidekick, City Attorney Darren Shulman, **Won't You Be Our**



Neighbor took to the airwaves mid-January, and to date, we haven't looked back! In addition to featuring members of our City team who have been sharing timely updates on various projects, our guests so far have included:

- The outgoing Chair of the Community Relations Committee, Floyd Akins (pictured with us above for our inaugural podcast)

- Basketball legend and Honorary Co-Chair of the UA Community Foundation's Community Center Capital Campaign, Bill Hosket
- Katie Smith, another basketball legend who has chosen to make UA her home and now shares her skills as assistant coach for the UA High School girls team
- Matt Boaz, the UA Schools' Executive Director of Diversity Equity and Inclusion

Parks & Recreation Sponsorship Opportunities

Each year, the City's Parks & Recreation Department hosts a series of popular, family-friendly special events that attract thousands of attendees and support UA's strong sense of community. For 2022, we invite you to elevate your business presence in UA by partnering with us as a community event sponsor. We offer a range of sponsorship levels that provide extensive exposure for your business and help build your brand as a proactive supporter of community programming. Opportunities exist for the following events:

- Upper Arlington Labor Day Arts Festival
- Spring Fling, Summer Celebration, Fall Fest and Winter Festival
- Cycle UA



- Music in the Parks concert series
To learn more about how you can partner with UA Parks & Recreation as a 2022 Community Event Sponsor, please call 614-583-5300 or send an email to parks@uaoh.net today.

As each podcast is completed, we are sharing them via our website, and through our weekly **City Insight** e-newsletter – if you've not yet registered for email updates from the City, now might be the time to make sure you are hearing from us regularly. See page 8 for City e-News details.

We hope to produce a minimum of two podcasts each month, and while we already have a long list of residents who are likely to be invited to join us as guests, we are looking for additional suggestions from the community. Similarly, if there's an event, program or issue that you would like us to highlight, we're all ears. Send your thoughts and suggestions to city.manager@uaoh.net.

PLAY UA Financial Assistance Program

UA Parks & Recreation recently launched the PLAY UA Financial Assistance Program, designed to support community members who face financial barriers that may prevent them from participating in the department's programs.

PLAY UA builds upon previous efforts to provide access to recreation programs for all in the community, such as the Recreation FUNd established in 2014 by the Upper Arlington Community Foundation. It is designed to meet affordability and accessibility goals identified through the 2018 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan process that were endorsed by both City Council and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Most recently, the Community Center Feasibility Task Force recommended the formation of a financial assistance program that would provide access to the future UA Community Center, funded through a set aside of a portion of program and



membership fees.

The PLAY UA Financial Assistance Program will provide a 50% reduction for most program and membership fees - including summer and winter camps (with a cap of \$400 for summer day camp assistance), Safety Town, and membership passes for pools, tennis and the Senior Center's Studio 55 - for qualifying residents and those who

work in Upper Arlington. The program is not available for daily admission fees or facility rentals. Assistance will be awarded as funds are available.

Full program details can be found under the Parks & Recreation section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov. If you have questions, contact the department at 614-583-5300 or parks@uaoh.net.

Coexisting With Local Wildlife

As Central Ohio continues to grow, the abundance of wildlife is adapting to dwindling natural habitats and capitalizing on new food sources and nesting opportunities. Most times we can coexist peacefully with the array of birds, rabbits, squirrels and other creatures that take up residence in our yards and public parks, but some wildlife can become unwelcome "tenants," causing destruction to property and, in some cases, posing a health risk.

When faced with these types of nuisances, it's important to address it in a way that adheres to the Ohio Division of Wildlife's control laws and for all of us to take the following measures as a matter of routine practice:

Managing Your Trash and Recycling

- Place trash and recycling out weekly for pickup. Do not allow trash to accumulate on your property.

- Bag your trash and don't overfill your trash container to be sure the lid is securely closed.
- Place containers at the curb no sooner than the evening prior to your regular collection day.
- Once collected, return trash containers to an enclosure, such as a garage or shed.

Maintain Your Yard

- Don't let yard waste accumulate.
- Regularly cut grass and weeds in the growing season.
- Haul away any leftover building/project materials.
- Stack firewood on racks or pallets that are at least six inches off the ground.

Remove Possible Food Sources

- Clean up any pet waste daily.

- Store any food kept outside or in your garage in rodent-proof containers, such as galvanized cans with tight-fitting lids.
- Limit how much birdfeed you place in feeders. Put out only enough for the daytime and regularly remove any birdfeed that falls to the ground.
- If you feed pets outside, only leave the food out for as long as it takes for your pet to finish eating.
- Pick up any fallen tree fruit or garden vegetables.

If you do run into an issue with wildlife, the City has a contract with SCRAM! Wildlife Control, a division of the Ohio Wildlife Center, to provide wildlife management services to residents and businesses. Visit our [Animal & Wildlife Resources](#) page, at upperarlingtonoh.gov for additional information.

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CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

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. Highlights of upcoming Council agendas are shared on Facebook, with meetings live-streamed. Follow @CityofUA for updates!

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
- **Arts Link** - monthly art updates
- **Sentinel** - monthly program updates from the Senior Center

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

2021 Income Tax Filings

Deadline: Monday, April 18

www.ritaohio.com

All residents aged 18 years and over must file an annual income tax return with the City, regardless of whether any tax is due. The City uses the services of the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) for the processing of UA income taxes. As an extra service for RITA taxpayers, RITA provides on site municipal income tax return assistance each spring free of charge at its various locations. Agents can answer questions, take payments and assist with RITA municipal income tax preparation. RITA's Worthington office, located at 760 Lakeview Plaza Boulevard, Suite 400, is providing in person taxpayer assistance Monday-Friday, from 9 am-4 pm. Please bring all necessary documents, including:

- W-2 Forms from all employers, and any W-2G Forms and 1099-MISC Forms.

- Federal Form 1040, Federal Schedules C, E & F, Federal forms K-1, 2106 (if applicable).
- Addresses and dates for each location in which you resided during 2021

The City's Finance Department is also available for in-person assistance, and taxpayers can drop off their information at convenient, secure drop boxes at either the RITA/Worthington location or the Municipal Services Center Kenny Road parking lot.

Statewide Tornado Drill

9:50 am, Wednesday, March 23

www.ready.ohio.gov

As part of Ohio's Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week, Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security will participate in the annual statewide tornado drill. This is a timely reminder of how important it is to have an emergency plan-both at home and at work-and to practice it.

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.

Body Worn Camera Grant

POLICE

614-583-5150

The Police Division's new Body Worn Camera program represents a significant but important investment for the City. As such, the Police Division has been doing its due diligence to pursue available grants to help offset the costs associated with the program. In late December 2021, the division was notified that

this effort has yielded a \$90,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, approximately one third of the initial program start-up costs.

Fire Hydrant Flushing

April 25-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.

Most residents will notice no difference in their water supply, but a few could experience water discoloration after flushing has taken place. Refrain from doing laundry on the day hydrants are flushed in your area. Before resuming laundering, partially fill washers on the cold setting until the water runs clear. Run a sample of water into a transparent container to check for settling or discoloration. Once the water is clear, the washer can be spun out to drain the tub for a normal laundry load. Turn on all faucets and allow water to run until it appears clear. Some may experience staining of clothes despite these notices. Clothes should be kept damp or wet to prevent the stains from setting. "Rust removers" or "rust fighters" are carried among cleaning products at grocery and hardware stores.

Visit the **Fire Prevention** page on our website to view this year's schedule and map.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery®

Sunday, March 13

To kick off Daylight Savings Time, clocks "spring forward" at 2 am, Sunday morning. The Fire Division reminds you this is a good time to change the batteries in your home's smoke alarms. To stay safe, replacing batteries in all

smoke alarms should be done at least once a year. In addition, smoke alarms should be tested once a month and if an alarm chirps, warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

Safety Town Registration

Sessions: June 20-24, June 27-July 1, July 11-15, July 18-22

POLICE 614-583-5150

Safety Town is a two-week summer preschool program that teaches children all aspects of safety. They learn about pedestrian safety by tricycling about a miniature village complete with streets, sidewalks, buildings, stop signs and a working traffic signal. Registration begins at 6 am, on Wednesday, March 23 for residents, and at 6 am on Friday, March 25 for non-residents. The cost is \$100, and children entering kindergarten and first grade are eligible, but must be five years of age prior to September 30, 2022. Please note that classes fill quickly.

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-Noon. Here are dates for the Spring:

- March 26 - Smith Nature Park
- April 16 - Northwest Kiwanis Park
- May 14 - Smith Nature Park

Citizen Camera Partnership

POLICE 614-583-5150

The increase of home security video devices has helped the Police Division identify and prosecute several incidents. Recognizing the value of these technologies in preventing and solving criminal activity, the division launched the Citizen Camera Partnership, 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.

Building Permit Reminders

DEVELOPMENT 614-583-5070

If you have plans to remodel part of your home, our Community Development Department can help with an important first step: checking to see if your project

requires a permit. The permitting and inspection process allows our staff to ensure that new and remodeled buildings meet State and City minimum building codes and standards. This not only ensures that your project is safe but starting a project without a permit could result in a "stop work" order, additional fees and in some cases a need to remove the work already completed and start from scratch.

Examples of projects that require a permit include:

- Constructing a deck
- Finishing or altering a basement
- If framing is removed/added to a kitchen/bathroom or the layout is altered
- If non-load-bearing walls and/or soffits are removed, altered or added
- Adding a porch or covered entry
- Building a fence or replacing an existing fence
- If roof decking, exterior sheathing or framing is replaced, along with shingles or siding
- If an exterior wall and/or header framing is altered during window replacement

Community Special Event Application Process Updates

The City has changed the application and permitting process for community special events that require use of City property and/or City logistical and planning support.

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

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

Application Timeline

City Staff will review event applications per the following schedule:

For Events Held:	Application Deadline	Review Date
July 1 - September 30	April 18	May 4
October 1 - December 31	July 18	August 3
January 1, 2023 - March 31	October 17	November 2

Also new for 2022 is a Park Use Permit for groups wishing to hold small activities in a City park that won't disrupt typical park uses.

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

Recycling Program Expands to Include Paper and Plastic Cups

The Rumpke Recycling facility recently announced it has added several types of cups to the list of accepted items, expanding the list of recyclable items to the following:

- **Cartons** (milk, juice, etc.) - remove caps and straws.
- **Glass Bottles & Jars** - all colors of glass accepted.
- **Metal Cans** (soup, soda, etc.) - labels are accepted. Remove aerosol tips.
- **Plastic Bottles, Jugs and Tubs** (shampoo, detergent, butter, sour cream, cottage cheese tubs, yogurt, fruit cups, etc.) - lids and labels accepted.
- **Paper Cups** - poly-lined paper cups such as disposable "to-go" coffee cups. Paper sleeves are also accepted. Throw plastic lids away.
- **Plastic Cups** (fast food cups) - empty them, remove straws and place the plastic lids back on; please avoid throwing the lids loosely into the cart.
- **Aluminum Cups** - used at many stadiums and some dedicated outdoor refreshment areas (DORAs)
- **Paper & Cardboard** - break down and flatten cardboard boxes.

Some cups remain on the list of items that can't be recycled at this time - this includes disposable plastic party cups, styrofoam cups, and K-cups.

All recyclables should be placed loose in your recycling container.

For full details, visit our Solid Waste Services page at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

e-Waste Drop-off at Public Service Center

The City now offers a convenient location for recycling electronic waste (e-waste). Items can be dropped off Monday-Friday, 7 am-4 pm at the Public Service Center, located at 4100 Roberts Road. Please do not discard e-waste in your household trash. A full list of accepted items can be found on our **Solid Waste Services** page, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact our Public Service Department at 614-583-5350 or Public.Service@uaoh.net.

Seasonal Employment Opportunities



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

Seasonal positions exist in the following areas:

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



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

Schools[★]INSIGHT

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Listen, Learn and Lead for Our Schools

This spring, the Upper Arlington Board of Education is launching a community engagement process to listen, learn and lead by hearing from as many students, families, community members and staff members as possible in an effort to help Upper Arlington Schools be the best it can be - for many years to come.

"The world is changing so quickly, it is really important that we adjust and adapt to meet the needs of our students today," said Board of Education President Lori Trent. "We are incredibly fortunate to have so many community members interested and invested in our schools. With all of these voices, it's our goal to gather input and ideas to push us forward as a district - to benefit our students today and well into the future."

Through this process, the Board of Education hopes to encourage meaningful and open dialogue involving as many stakeholders and as many different viewpoints as possible. This process will offer multiple opportunities and modes for individuals to provide feedback in the way that is most convenient and comfortable to them.

"Everything we do comes back to our students and how we can best support them in their academic journey here and their next steps in life," Trent said. "We also hope this process serves as an opportunity for our students to learn and lead by helping to facilitate these community conversations - which will provide them with lifelong, real-

world experience that will serve them well into their futures."

More details are being shared via a direct mailing from the Board of Education to all households in Upper Arlington and will be published on the district website, www.uaschools.org/ListenLearnLead.aspx. Due to publishing deadlines, these details were not available before the printing of this newsletter.

"We see this process as a first step for us as a community," Trent said. "The Board of Education wants to gather as much feedback as possible, through as many methods as possible, over the coming months with the hope of encouraging ongoing community engagement going forward."



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

Engagement Process Builds on UA's Enduring Commitment to Education

March is here, and it gives us all hope for warmer weather and clear skies ahead.

Another exciting thing on the horizon for us this spring is the first phase of the Board of Education's community engagement process.

One thing that sets Upper Arlington apart is our community's commitment to and support of education. We know that we are at our best as a district when we are actively working with our community to plan for the needs of our students.

We look forward to supporting the Board of Education in this process and to having the chance to gather for great discussions. Please keep an eye on the mail for more information on the many different opportunities for community members to get involved and share their voices.

Black History Month

One of the highlights of the winter was Black History Month, when we honor the contributions and the experience of Black Americans throughout the history of our country.

For this year's celebrations, Upper Arlington Schools came alongside other Upper Arlington community organizations to create a lineup of programming for community members, students and families.

Throughout the month of February, our students engaged in several learning opportunities and experiences for Black History Month. These opportunities spanned all grade levels and enhanced our students' learning in literacy, social studies, the arts and much more.

One of the many important people students have learned about is Pleasant Litchford, who made many important

contributions to the Columbus area and, specifically, the area that became known as Upper Arlington. The contributions of the Litchford family are among the many pieces of our local history that we are sharing with students as we work to ensure we are teaching the full history of our community.

I'd like to thank our staff members and students who have dedicated time

and effort to honoring Black History Month in our schools – which supports our continuing commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion in our schools.

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

2022 UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION



**Board of Education
Top Row From Left:**
President Lori Trent, Vice
President Jenny McKenna,
Nancy Drees
Bottom Row Nidhi Satiani,
Lou Sauter



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, March 8, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, April 12, 6 pm – Council Chamber

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

Upper Arlington Schools is committed to being a good steward of our community's investment in our schools, and we take this commitment very seriously. Effective and efficient use of our financial resources is crucial to ensuring that we can provide the high-quality educational experiences that our students deserve and our community expects.



Every year, we rely on external, third-party review of our finances by the state auditor's office. A team from the auditor's offices delves into our financial records and reviews our practices.

This year, our district again earned a clean audit opinion - recognizing our commitment to effective and accountable financial practices for our community.

We also continue to be one of a handful of Ohio school districts that has the highest bond rating – AAA – from Standard & Poor's. Two of the key factors in achieving this rating are our financial planning and our strong community support. The rating allows the district to obtain lower interest rates when issuing debt, decreasing the costs for our community.

Both our clean audit opinion and our high bond rating are good news for our district and our community. As we move forward in the 2022 calendar year, we are keeping a close eye on several things that may impact our finances – 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 school district, and it's why school districts usually go back to voters every three years to request new operating funding.

As we go forward in the 2022 calendar year, the Board of Education will continue to discuss how it will address the district's future financial needs.

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.

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2021-22 SCHOOL DATES

**End of Second Trimester (Kindergarten-Grade 5)
and Third Quarter (Grades 6-12)**

Friday, March 11

Spring Break

Monday, March 14 - Friday, March 18

No School for Students; Staff Report Per Schedule

Monday, March 21

No School for Students & Staff

Friday, April 15

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**

BITES From the Apple



SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Greensview's Rock-a-Thon has Record Year

This year's Rock-a-Thon at Greensview Elementary School was one for the record books. It was the 20th year for the service-learning project, and, with approximately \$10,000 raised, it was the most successful Rock-a-Thon to date.

Rock-a-Thon is one of the long-standing service-learning projects in the Upper Arlington Schools, and that commitment to service-learning stretches back decades and is an important part of the district's academic program and strategic priority of whole learning. Through service-learning projects, students are able to meet a real community need that connects back to what they're learning in the classroom.

For the Rock-a-Thon project, fourth-grade classes at Greensview partnered with the Columbus chapter of After-School All Stars to learn about food insecurity and support their Winter Break Comfort Bag Drive by purchasing more than \$7,000 worth of food, games and winter gear to fill the bags. The additional money raised went to the

Land On A Cure Foundation to support an Upper Arlington Schools family whose son has a rare genetic disorder.

Orchestra Teacher Honored at the State Level

Upper Arlington Schools teacher Chris Lape has been named the 2022 Ohio String Teachers Association's Teacher of the Year.

Lape, who teaches sixth, seventh and eighth grade orchestra at both Hastings and Jones middle schools, was recognized at the Ohio Music Educators Association's state convention in Cleveland in February. He was joined at the conference by Upper Arlington Schools teachers as well as three Upper Arlington Schools students – Lucy Cheng (cello), Nathan Jeong (violin) and Anna Schuler (violin)



– who were selected for and performed with the 2022 All-State Orchestra at the convention.

"This is such a well-deserved honor for Chris," said Andy Hatton, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent of Learning and Leadership. "He is always going above and beyond for kids."

Lape has been with the district since 2017. Prior to that, he was a student teacher in the district under Ed Zunic and Gretchen Zunic.

District Announces Enhanced Summer Academy Program



Upper Arlington Schools is proud to offer an updated and exceptional summer school program for the summer of 2022 for K-12 students enrolled in the district.

Summer Academy 2022 will build on the comprehensive academic offerings of past summer school programming and the academic and well-being offerings through Summer BRIDGE last year. All courses will be offered between June 6 and July 1 and will be free of charge to Upper Arlington Schools students for 2022 thanks to federal funding.

For more details, please visit www.uaschools.org/SummerAcademy.aspx.



District, City Partner on Litchford Memorial

The City of Upper Arlington and Upper Arlington Schools are partnering to build a park-like memorial on the site of the new Upper Arlington High School in recognition of the Pleasant Litchford family cemetery that had been located on that site.

Pleasant Litchford was a master blacksmith who had been enslaved in Virginia in the 1800s, bought his own freedom and went on to settle in the area that is now Upper Arlington. He built a successful business and purchased the land that is now home to the high school as well as Northam Park and Tremont Elementary School. Among Mr.

Litchford's many contributions to the area were establishing a school for African-American children and being a founding member of the Second Baptist Church, which provided an important voice in the anti-slavery movement.



The memorial will be located on the south end of the new Upper Arlington High School, where the cemetery was located. It will be a space that encourages learning and reflection for students and community members. Through this partnership, Upper Arlington Schools will fund \$200,000 of the project through bond funds, and the City of Upper Arlington will appropriate \$100,000 to fund and enhance the project.

The memorial will also be featured in the City's History Trail Program, a partnership project with the Upper Arlington Historical Society. The History Trail is comprised of physical markers and signs in our community that help tell the story of Upper Arlington's history, with supplemental information and resources available on the UA History Trail website. If you see a bronze round marker with a paw print next to a community sign, scroll to uahistory.org to learn more about the site's historical significance.

BECS Registration Now Open – and Space Is Limited!

Burbank Early Childhood School (BECS) is our high quality, tuition-based childcare for children ages 2 to 5. BECS is accepting registrations for summer 2022 as well as the 2022-2023 school year for children ages 2 to 5.

For more information, visit www.uaschools.org/burbank or call us, at 614-487-5155.



SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Hastings and Jones students squared off at the annual Districtwide Spelling Bee in January. Congratulations to this year's winner - Shreya Trikha from Hastings!



Upper Arlington Vocal Music was all over town to promote their first musical in the new Upper Arlington High School Performing Arts Center – "42nd Street," the weekend of February 24.

Hour of Code

In December, students across the Upper Arlington Schools engaged in Hour of Code, an opportunity to learn foundational computer-science skills for their futures. Hour of Code also served as an opportunity for computer-science students from Upper Arlington High School to learn and grow in roles as teachers and leaders for these activities. Even though our world is surrounded by technology, only 51% of high schools teach computer science. Upper Arlington Schools is proud to offer computer science coursework and to see our students and staff find creative ways to spread these lessons beyond the high school!



SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



These second-grade students at Tremont Elementary School used their new, flexible learning space to stretch their bodies and their brains during math instruction.



Our schools lined up a series of learning opportunities and activities – including this bulletin board at Jones Middle School – to mark two important celebrations during the month of February: Black History Month and Lunar New Year.



World Read Aloud Day was February 2, and these kindergarteners at Greensview Elementary School listened to a special read-aloud of “Invent-A-Pet” by author Vicky Fang and then dreamed up perfect pet creations.



Second grade and fifth grade class “buddies” cozied up to read together on a winter afternoon at Windermere Elementary School.



Barrington Elementary School fifth-grade students enjoyed a hands-on learning experience about the science of sound, using different instruments and methods to see how sound waves move through solids, liquids and gases.



The Windermere Elementary School learning kitchen was a special treat for our students this winter! Cinnamon smellers and much more have been whipped up in the kitchen for some fun hands-on learning.

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A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

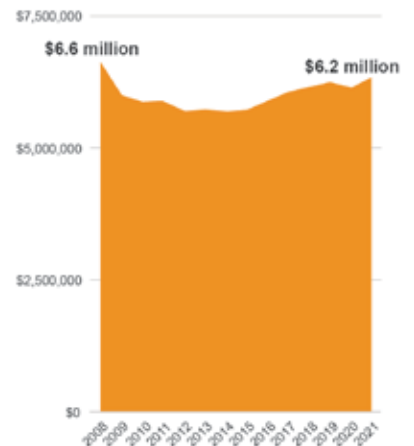
Beth Hatch

On May 3, 2022, the Upper Arlington Public Library's levy will be on the ballot, as it expires in November 2022. The revenue from the current levy is 53% of the Library's budget.

Right now, we are seeing over 26,000 people per month coming into our branches to check out materials, use the computers, get technology and research help from our staff, attend programs, pick up free COVID test kits, as well as use our facilities for reading, studying, working, and meeting with groups and friends. Countless people,

The Library has not had an increase in 15 years

and is operating on nearly \$500,000 less than in 2008.



organizations, and businesses would be negatively impacted if we had to reduce operations and let our buildings fall into disrepair due to a lack of funding.

As I walk around our libraries, I see parents with young children singing along with Miss Sarah from Miller Park during storytime. They relish the opportunity to socialize and gather with other parents as their children learn.

I walk down to the Reference Department in the lower level of the Main Library and see a gentleman on his laptop doing work and research on the computer while our team of expert research librarians work mere steps away to provide assistance.

Our meeting rooms are used by scouts, tutors, civic organizations, and other groups needing free gathering space. Students hang out and study in our Adult Department's group work area. Readers of all ages relax in our atrium with a book that our librarians found for

them.

At Lane Road, I watch Pam, our Branch Manager, help a patron who is struggling with the computer. She patiently shows her step by step how to set up an email account, and as I watch the patron express her relief and gratitude, I wonder where she would go for the same help if we couldn't provide that for her.

Yet, I am hopeful. We have been good stewards of taxpayer dollars, surviving on a static budget for the last 15 years. With the renewal of our 2-mill operating levy plus a 1 mill increase, the Library can continue its success. We can serve the community and its patrons with 5-Star service without an ask for another ten years.

More information about the levy, including speaking events where you can get your questions answered, is available on our website, at <http://levy.ualibrary.org>

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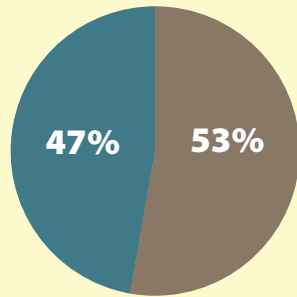
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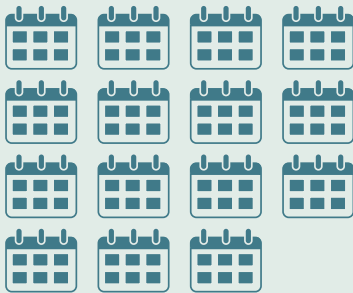
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BY THE NUMBERS: WHY THE LEVY IS CRITICAL



53%
of our revenue comes
from local property taxes



The last time we
asked for a funding
increase for our
operations was in
2007

Our users save
\$38,000,000
each year by using the library



Our patrons borrowed
1,200,000
physical and digital items last year



5,000

cars use curbside pickup each month



26,000
people visit our
buildings each month



We've distributed
29,000
free COVID test kits



10,000

people attended library programs in 2021
Programs in non-pandemic years are 3x that number!

Figures have been rounded

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If you're a fan of eBooks and eAudiobooks, you're probably familiar with our digital content provider Overdrive. Overdrive currently offers two apps that allow you to read content on your smartphone or tablet. However, the company is sunsetting its namesake Overdrive app and will only focus on supporting its award-winning Libby app. Overdrive will be removed from app stores on February 23, 2022 and we anticipate that support for Overdrive will end sometime in 2023.

If you haven't tried Libby yet, you'll be happy to hear that it's a user-friendly app used by millions of people around the world. Our Media Department has created a guide to make the transition to the Libby app easy. Check it out at <https://uapl.me/3H3PVLw>.

In addition to all of the eBooks and eAudiobooks available in Overdrive, Libby also contains nearly 4,000 digital magazines, so you can access electronic reading material of all kinds from the same app.

Libby has a fresh and easy-to-use design and has a number of unique features.

- Simple onboarding the first time you open the app
- Loans and holds from all your libraries are automatically added to your shelf, so you can easily find all your books in one place
- See your at-a-glance progress through each book on your Shelf
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If you still have questions or would like to set up a one-on-one appointment to learn more about the Libby app, please call our Media Services staff at (614) 486-9621 ext. 226. We'd be happy to help.

Program Highlights

Collaborative Art Stations

Patrons of all ages can stop by the Miller Park Library between March 7-20 to take part in group art projects around the library. Decorate parts to add to large artworks. Featuring coloring, tissue paper, and other materials, this program is for everyone from young children through adults.

Spring Gardening Series

Tisa Watts, the Columbus Garden Coach, returns to the Main Library's Friends Theater to help you make your yard the envy of the neighborhood. Her "Secrets of the Garden Center" talk on Thursday, March 24 at 6:30 pm will take the mystery out of shopping for plants at the local store. On Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 pm, learn the tricks for "Growing to Attract Pollinators." Tisa wraps up on Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 pm with "Growing Culinary Herbs." No registration is required.

Bike School

Get your bicycle ready for spring riding at a two-part bike school led by Jonathan Youngman, executive director for Franklinton Cycleworks. On Saturday, March 26 at 1 pm, "Spring Tune Up" will show you how to assess a bike for safety and how to perform basic maintenance. On Saturday, April 30 at 1 pm, "Tire Repair" will offer info about the proper tools and techniques needed to fix a flat. Registration opens two weeks before each program at www.ualibrary.org. Programs will be held in the Main Library's Friends Theater.

Levy Facts with Director Beth Hatch

On May 3, the Library will be on the ballot for a local property tax levy, as our current levy will expire this year. Beth Hatch, the Director of the Upper Arlington Public Library, will explain how the library is funded and

will provide information about the upcoming operating levy. Get the scoop in the Main Library's Friends Theater on Tuesday, March 29 at 10:30 am or 6:30 pm; or on Saturday, April 2 at 10:30 am. A recording of the presentation will be available after these dates.

Sensory Friendly Storytime

Enjoy storytime designed exclusively for young children with autism or sensory processing challenges. Your favorite librarians will greet you at the door before the building opens to the public. Join us for stories in the Youth Department, then have exclusive quiet time in our Early Learning Play Area. These special storytimes will be held Wednesday, March 30 and Wednesday, April 27 at 9 am. Registration opens two weeks before each program at www.ualibrary.org.

Peeps Science

Peeps are more than just sweet Easter treats! Discover new uses for Peeps through STEAM activities, including creating a peep catapult. Kids in grades K+ can join the fun at the Lane Road Library on Thursday, April 7 between 3:30-5:30 pm.

Remembering the Holocaust Through the Generations

Join us on Holocaust Remembrance Day for a discussion about the legacy of trauma. Panelists will address the concept of intergenerational trauma in the wake of the Holocaust. Our panel includes history scholars, a psychologist, and the daughter of a Holocaust survivor. Join us for this important program on Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 pm in the Main Library's Friends Theater.

Explore...GATHER...grow!!



On January 18, Sue Ralph was sworn in by Board President Peter Hahn as the newest member of the Library Board of Trustees.



Our staff processed 67 passport applications at our Passport Fair on January 9. Visit <http://passportservices.ualibrary.org> to book an appointment for your new passport.



Storytime in our Main Library's atrium gives families lots of room to spread out.



Musicians from the ProMusica Chamber Orchestra performed songs as kids built with blocks, and accompanied Miss Jenn as she read *Dreaming Up* by Christy Hale.



Author Leigh Lewis shared stories of women pirates at a January 15 program. Leigh sought help from our reference librarians when writing her book *Pirate Queens*, published by National Geographic



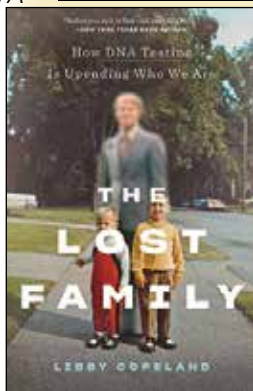
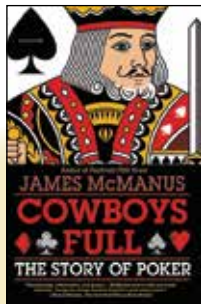
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

Cowboys Full: The Story of Poker

By James McManus

This book is not just for card players, but for anyone who likes to view history through a different lens. A true fan of the game and a pretty good player, McManus has written an ode to poker in the same vein as *A History of the World in 6 Glasses* by Tom Standage. He intertwines the history of card playing and poker with world and US history ranging from ancient China, Europe, the Wild West, to modern day Las Vegas. It was insightful to view how being a good or bad poker player can influence your success or failure as a politician or a president.

— Tedd Maxwell, Lane Road



Zoey and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows

By Asia Citro

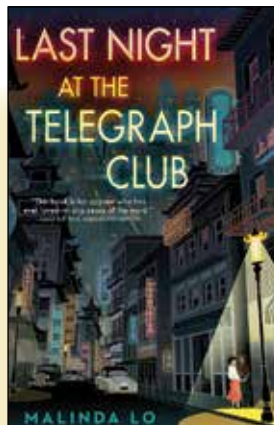
This series kicks off with young Zoey discovering she has inherited her veterinarian mother's ability to see the magical animals that are typically invisible to human eyes. She and her loyal cat Sassafras partner up as junior veterinarians, using science to solve the puzzling ailments of their magical patients. This book is fun, engaging, and a perfect intersection for kids who love magic, animals and science.

— Sarah Shepard, Miller Park

Last Night at the Telegraph Club

By Malinda Lo

Lily Hu lives in San Francisco's Chinatown in 1954, which is a difficult time to discover you like girls. Lily's interest in math and sciences brings her closer to classmate Kathleen Miller, but they soon find out that's not all they have in common. Kath brings her to a lesbian bar called the Telegraph Club where a whole new world is opened up for Lily. She has



to grapple with two sides of her identity as the Red Scare threatens to tear her family apart. This young adult historical romance is beautiful, challenging, and heartwarming.

— Emma Root, Lane Road

No One Goes Alone

By Erik Larson

For the first time, best-selling author Erik Larson plunges into writing fiction. It can only be found on audio because Larson says "ghost stories are best told aloud." Larson uses real historical people and events to weave a suspenseful story that has the listener on the edge of their seat. Psychologist William James leads an expedition to a remote island in 1905 to solve the mystery of disappearing people. As the team explores the house and island, unexplained events start happening. Consequently, the characters start being unsure whether they can trust their own eyes, their instincts, or even one another. A good nighttime listen.

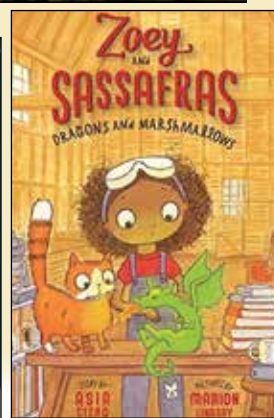
— Scott Potter, Adult Dept

They Can't Kill Us Until They Kill Us

By Hanif Abdurraqib

Losing his mother the summer before high school, nationally acclaimed poet, music critic, and Columbusite (and Capital University's first Black soccer player), Hanif Abdurraqib delivers masterfully-crafted short essays on themes of love, loss, politics, honesty, community, identity, Eminem, invisibility, and more. Most essays are wrapped between vignettes about beloved musical artists. Sharing impressions of East Coast vs. C-Bus racism, his essays are poignant enough for some readers to spill grief, but also conjure lots of beauty and humor. His reference to Starbucks is sublime.

— Eliza Sproat, Reference Dept



The Lost Family: How DNA Testing is Upending Who We Are

By Libby Copeland

We've all seen the ads on TV showing how easy it is to learn about our ancestors by purchasing a home DNA testing kit. You or a family member spit in the tube, send it in, and wait for the happy result. Well, sometimes it can be and sometimes not. Are your parents really your biological parents or did they not tell you that you were adopted? Or that you were conceived via a sperm donor? These are a few examples of how people have found very different results than expected and how this newfound knowledge affected their lives and the lives of those connected to them. The book strikes a balance between explaining the science and having people share personal stories. It also lays out the myriad unexpected ethical issues surrounding all this new data and makes us all ask how we define family.

— Kate Porter, Assistant Director

NewsBITES

LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

COVID Test Kits

COVID Test Kits are in high demand, and in January the State announced that it is reducing shipments to libraries, choosing to prioritize its supply for schools. Any shipment we receive is likely to be a smaller quantity than in the past, and tests will go quickly. Please check the front page of our website at www.ualibrary.org for the current status of our supply and our distribution plan for any tests we receive.

Margaret Atwood Visit Postponed

Unfortunately, our collaborative program with other Central Ohio libraries has been postponed. At press time, we are working with our library partners and Margaret Atwood's representative to reschedule for some time this summer. We'll update our website and social media when a new date and ticket purchasing procedures have been finalized.

Learn More About Our Operating Levy

We will be on the May 3 ballot asking voters for a renewal plus 1 mill increase to our operating levy – the first request for additional funding in 15 years. Our director Beth Hatch can speak to your group or organization about library funding, why the levy is critical, and what it means to you and your taxes. To request a speaking date, email director@ualibrary.org with the subject line "Director Visit Request." We're also offering public presentations open to anyone in our Main Library's Friends Theater on Tuesday, March 29 at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm, and on Saturday, April 2 at 10:30 am.

Friends of the UA Library Sale

Visit the Friends of the Library's upcoming sale at the Main Library

from March 6-20. Shop for fiction and nonfiction books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl and more at bargain prices. The sale will be held in the atrium during the Library's operating hours, ending 15 minutes before the Library closes. The sale opens to the public at 1 pm on March 6, but current, paid members are invited to the presale from 11 am-1 pm. Memberships will be sold at the door for anyone wishing to join. On the final day of the sale, Sunday, March 20 from 1-4 pm, shoppers can fill a paper grocery bag with books for one low price. Members can fill a bag for \$5; the nonmember price is \$10.

Sustainability Fair

We're partnering with Sustainable UA and the City of UA to present a Sustainability Fair in the Main Library's atrium on Saturday, April 23 from 10 am-2 pm. Talk to organizations that support green initiatives and find out how you can make your home and yard

greener and more sustainable. Learn what's being done in this community to move to greener practices and lower waste. We'll even have recycling drops for some of those harder-to-recycle items such as electronics, bicycles, and paper shredding. We're also working with Sustainable UA to present an online presentation from Doug Tallamy, author of *Nature's Best Hope*, on Monday, April 18 at 7 pm. See our program calendar at www.ualibrary.org.

Blood Drive

There's a critical shortage of donated blood. You can help by giving at our American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, April 8 from 11 am-4 pm. Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org with sponsor code "UAPL."

Holiday Closing

All three UA Libraries will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 17. Book drops and our online resources will be available.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2022 Board of Trustees

From Left: President Peter Hahn, Sue Ralph, Kate Hare, William Shkurti, John Yesso, and 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, March 22 at 5 pm
- Tuesday, April 19 at 5 pm



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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

Middle Schools - March 2-25

High Schools - March 30-April 29

Enjoy some of the most popular exhibits of the year - works by students creating art in our schools.

Sunday Swim

1-3 pm, March 6, 27, April 10, 24,
May 1, 15

UA High School Natatorium

UA PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

Pre-register at parks.uaoh.net.

Screening of Lady Wrestler: The Amazing Untold Story of African-American Women in the Ring

by Chris Bournea

6:30 pm, Wednesday, March 2

Tremont Library

Register: [//ualibrary.libnet.info/
event/5976045#](http://ualibrary.libnet.info/event/5976045#)

Sit back and enjoy a full screening of Lady Wrestler - a documentary that chronicles the stories of Babs Wingo, Ethel Johnson, Marva Scott, Ramona Isbell and dozens of other women who braved racism and sexism to succeed in the male-dominated world of professional wrestling during the sport's golden age in the 1950s, '60s and '70s.

Float Builders Information Session

Video Available Thursday, April 7

UA CIVIC ASSOCIATION www.uaca.org

If your neighborhood is planning to enter a float in the 2022 Fourth of July parade, learn the tricks of the trade from the UA Civic Association by watching their float builder video.

UACA Easter Egg Hunt & Bunny Trail

10 am, Saturday, April 16

Thompson Park

www.uaca.org

Enjoy this free event from the UA Civic Association and UA Parks & Recreation. Arrive by 9:45 am for a prompt start at 9 am. Activities will follow on the Bunny Trail. In the event of rain, candy will be handed out drive-thru-style.

Prescription Drug Take Back Day

10 am-2 pm, Saturday, April 30

Municipal Services Center Parking Lot

UA POLICE 614-583-5150

In addition to hosting the year-round drop-off unit for old and unused prescription drugs, the City's Police Division participates in the spring and fall Drug Take Back Days coordinated by the Drug Enforcement Agency. Drop off

old and unused prescription drugs drive-thru style. For the rest of the year, visit the Police Division section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov for details of accepted items.

Arbor Day Ceremony

9:30 am, Friday, April 29

Location TBD

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UA celebrates Arbor Day each year with a tree planting ceremony involving students in our schools.

Northam Tennis Open House

1-5 pm, Saturday, April 23

POLICE DIVISION 614-583-5150

Enjoy an afternoon of free tennis and refreshments. You can also purchase your membership to the Northam Tennis Courts and meet tennis pro Mike Haddow.

Sandwich Stroll

10:30 am-Noon, Tuesday, May 3

Sunny 95 Park

UA COMMISSION ON AGING 614-583-5326

UA seniors health and wellness event. Pre-registration required.