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

Envision Henderson: What Are the Big Ideas?

Planning team working to identify major moves along the corridor



Henderson Road Current Conditions



Henderson Road Transformation Concept

The Envision Henderson corridor planning team hosted its second round of community meetings in August, highlighting the progress made over the summer. Participants received an update on the major themes from the initial community discussions held in the spring. The planning team, led by MKSK Studios, then presented recommendations and concepts for public evaluation.

Major Themes from the Community Kickoff Round

During the spring, the planning team gathered 800 comments from 400 individuals through open-call meetings, community events, and over 30 stakeholder interviews. Key themes emerged, helping to shape the work plan and priorities.

Safety Emerged As a Top Concern

Participants stressed the need for the Henderson Road plan to address the dangers posed by the roadway's

design, particularly for non-motorists at crosswalks, missing sidewalks, and within parking lots. Concerns also arose about increasing vacancies along the corridor, with an emphasis on staying ahead of trends in the retail and office markets. Many envisioned new gathering spaces, parks, and plazas that would serve as a gateway to UA. This feedback guided the planning team's initial recommendations.

Addressing Safety, Visual Conditions, and Creating a Gateway

During the August workshops, the planning team introduced a concept to address safety concerns along the corridor. The Henderson "boulevard" proposes a new treatment for the right-of-way from the Reed Road intersection to Stonehaven Drive, incorporating roundabouts at key intersections to manage traffic flow and reduce side-impact collisions. The plan includes a landscaped median, a 10-foot multi-use pathway, connected sidewalks, and

enhanced landscaping with street trees. This approach aims to improve safety while maintaining existing site access. The planning team invited participants to evaluate the idea and its scalability.

Preparing for New Projects and Creating Great Spaces

Participants also highlighted the need to prepare for potential redevelopment along Henderson, given the aging commercial buildings and regional trends. To address this, the planning team tested two concepts for Upper Arlington properties on the south side of Henderson.

The **Northern Gateway** concept focuses on the area from Reed Road to Gettysburg, envisioning a "lively mixed-use district" that serves as a gateway to Upper Arlington. This district would leverage the City's Planned Mixed-Use Development (PMUD) tool to support transformative projects.

At the western edge of the planning area, the **Live + Work Neighborhood** concept proposes a new community

Bob Crane Community Center Updates

Facility Rentals

UA Parks & Rec is ready to accept facility rental reservations. This includes the Event Center on Level 5, which will be open for use by the Summer of 2025.

As an incentive for anyone interested in renting the Event Center, UA Parks & Rec is offering a 25% discount on rental fees for the entire facility (three combined rooms), if your booking is secured by December 31, 2024.

Contact our Rental Coordinator, at rentals@uaoh.net to learn more.

Customer Account Verification

In preparation for the opening of the Community Center, UA Parks & Rec is updating its customer account database. All UA Residents who have a RecTrac household account must verify their account information and submit proof of residency. Any Resident households that have not been verified by FRIDAY,

NOVEMBER 8 will be marked as a Non-Resident household and charged at the Non-Resident rate until this step has been completed.

Community Center Website

uacommentarycenter.com

The Community Center website has been updated and now includes a wealth of information that includes hours, fees, rental facility details, employment opportunities, and much more. We encourage you to check the website frequently for additional updates as opening day approaches.

Scan our QR code for more on the Bob Crane Community Center. If you have any questions, please contact the department, at parks@uaoh.net.



In late July, more than 400 solar panels were delivered and installed on the roof, a step that will reduce carbon emissions by 215 metric tons each year.



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that blends traditional office parks with residential neighborhoods, creating a green, walkable district. This concept aligns with the City's goal of maintaining and expanding its job base, utilizing the PMUD tool to achieve this vision.

Connecting Pathways, Supporting Neighborhoods, and Thinking Regionally

Other recommendations focused on additional public priorities. Enhancing trail connections through the corridor would improve safety and connectivity, while also leveraging regional trail-building efforts. The planning team emphasized the importance of preserving the unique neighborhoods within and surrounding the planning

area. Additionally, the team outlined regional projects like LinkUS, Zone In, and Columbus Greenways that could impact the corridor and offer opportunities for the City to pursue local goals.

Next Steps for Envision Henderson

Through early fall 2024, the planning team will compile feedback from the second round of community conversations and begin drafting a plan. The draft will be shared with the public during a community open house, where participants will be asked to prioritize recommendations and help City leaders determine where to begin. The team plans to conclude the visioning project by Winter 2024 and start implementation planning in the Spring of 2025.

Stay Involved

There is still time to add your ideas for the future of the corridor. Use the QR code below to access our Envision Henderson webpage, where you can find project updates, view meeting presentations and access the interactive Envision Henderson Engagement Hub.



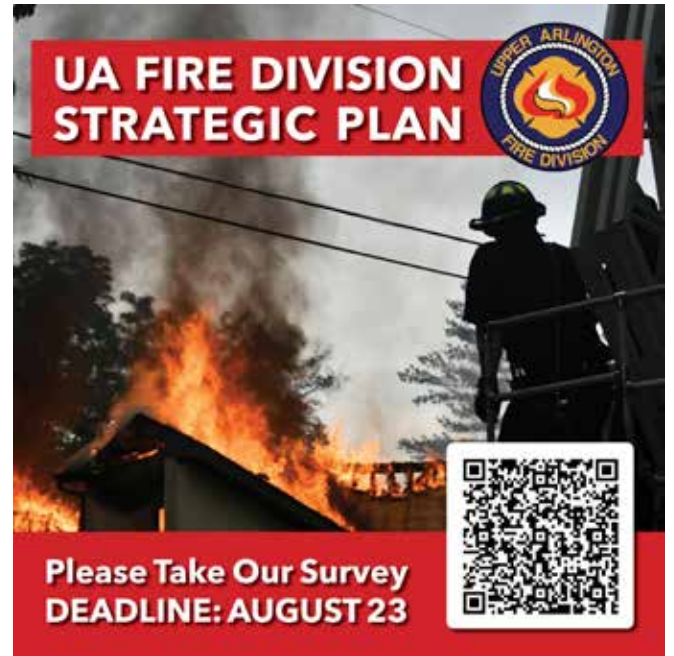
UA Fire Strategic Plan

Fire and emergency medical services are always ranked among the top services provided by the City, and the Fire Division intends to keep it this way. With your help and input, the division looks forward to developing a comprehensive, achievable strategic plan that will ensure the best possible service delivery into the future.

The division has contracted with AP Triton, LLC to develop the plan, to guide operations and service delivery enhancements over the next three-to-five years. This follows a study of the division conducted in 2022-2023, which recommended the creation of a long-term strategic plan to address shifting fire and emergency medical service needs and changing risk factors, as well as the community's continued growth - especially in the City's commercial districts - through steps that include staffing and equipment adjustments, and realignment with the division's regional partners.

As part of this process, the

community is invited to complete an online survey, available through August 23. Various stakeholders affiliated with the division will also be invited to participate in the survey and a series of stakeholder discussions in September. This will include the division's peer fire agencies in Central Ohio, local and regional law enforcement representatives, the City's Medical Advisory Board, area hospitals, urgent care facilities, surgery centers, medical offices and professionals, the Schools, local retirement communities, area churches, and other entities that serve the community and have a stake in health and wellness services.



The final strategic plan and recommendations will be completed and shared late fall, and the final report will be available on the Fire Division's webpage. If you have questions about the strategic planning process for the Fire Division, please send an email to fire@uaoh.net or call 614-583-5100.

Political Signage Guidelines

Election season is upon us, and the City wishes to remind residents about the proper display of political yard signs and banners. The City does not regulate language on a political sign, as this would infringe upon an individual's freedom of speech.

Below are guidelines for the display of signs or banners:

- Signs and banners must be located on the property and not in the public right-of-way.
- A maximum of five signs/banners are permitted per property.
- In addition to the five permitted signs, an additional sign/banner may be onsite for each street frontage if the property is under construction or on the market for sale or lease.
- Signs/banners should not exceed eight square feet in size per side.
- Signs should not exceed four feet in

height if free-standing, and should not be attached to any roof or roof element if mounted on a building.

- Signs/banners should not be illuminated.
- Signs with changeable copy/text are not allowed.

The City may be able to ask a resident to remove signs/banners only if they exceed the size requirements, are deteriorating or have been placed in the public right-of-way. If you believe this to be the case, call Code Compliance at 614-583-5073.


Signs placed on private property are considered private property as well, and theft charges will be filed against individuals taking signs.

Please be mindful of the aesthetics of our neighborhoods when displaying political signs.

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FROM CHAMBERS | Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

Board and Commission Appointments

City Council recently confirmed a slate of new appointments and reappointments for various Boards and Commissions:

- **Board of Tax Review:** Edward Bernert, Dr. Ann Gabriel
- **Board of Zoning and Planning:** Shannon Tolliver and Marianne Mitchell (reappointments), Richard Todd Boyer
- **City Tree Commission:** JP Ratajczak (reappointment), Blythe Arielle Price, Laura Oldham
- **Community Relations Committee:** Brent Theaker and Deborah Carvalho (reappointments), Monica Lee, Sumia Mohamed
- **Cultural Arts Commission:** Rebecca Kemper (reappointment), Cheryl Smoot, Michael Paulus, Sheryl Pfeil
- **Library Board of Trustees:** Peter Hahn and John Yesso (reappointments), Matthew Courser
- **Tax Incentive Review Council:** Dennis Miller

This year's solicitation and selection process attracted more than 60 applicants, and the City is extremely grateful to have so many residents express their interest in serving the community in this way.

Source of Income Anti-Discrimination Legislation

Council has approved amendments to the City's non-discrimination ordinance to include source of income protections for housing rentals. Ordinance 38-2024, which took effect mid-July, updates relevant sections of Chapter 525 - Unlawful Discriminatory Practices - of the City's Code of Ordinances.

This provision prohibits landlords from discriminating against renters who rely on income sources other than employment income and who report such sources during the credit check process when seeking to rent property. These alternate sources of income may include child or spousal



2024-25 UPPER ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
FROM LEFT: Todd Walter, Kathy Adams, Brian Close (Vice President), Ukeme Awakessien Jeter (President), Jim Lynch, Heidi Munc, John Kulewicz

support, loan programs, Veterans benefits, Social Security income for older adults, Supplemental Security Income for individuals with disabilities, or other governmental support payments.

Source of income discrimination by landlords is not prohibited under the U.S. Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 or under Ohio fair housing laws. As a result, source of income provisions are being instituted at the local level. In Central Ohio, the communities of Bexley, Worthington, Grandview Heights, Gahanna, Reynoldsburg and Whitehall already have these protections on the books, and real estate search websites like Zillow often include source of

income protection provisions as part of a community's profile information.

A study by the Franklin County Office of Justice and Policy Programs found that within UA's three zip codes, 19% of renters are older adults, approximately 150 households receive disability income, 550 of the community's Veterans have a disability, and 1,200 children live in single-family households that often rely on some form of child or spousal support. This legislation will help ensure that these members of our community are afforded the same opportunities as individuals or families who report wage income when seeking to rent property in UA.

WHAT IS LINKUS?



As you get ready to vote this November, make sure you are informed about COTA's regional plans for expanded public transportation, sidewalks, bikeways & trails.



Park Improvement Updates



FANCYBURG PARK

Fancyburg Park Master Plan

The Edge Group, a Columbus-based landscape architecture and urban design firm is undertaking a master planning process for



Fancyburg Park. Situated on 25 acres in the River Ridge neighborhood, the park is currently home to baseball diamonds, sport fields, a shelter house, playground, story walk, tennis and pickleball courts, and a nature area.

A goal of the master plan is to improve the park's amenities while preserving the unique character of this popular community destination. Findings and recommendations from the 2018 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan will help guide decision-making, and residents will be asked to share their thoughts and ideas at all stages in the process.

The first phase includes a detailed study of existing conditions and uses in the park, accompanied by a community engagement process to measure residents' thoughts on the current

facilities and to gather ideas for potential improvements. To that end, an online survey is currently available through August 31 for initial community input.

The Edge Group will then develop concepts for park improvements to be shared with the community before proceeding to final design. Funding for these improvements are scheduled within the 2027 and 2028 Parks Capital Improvements Program.

Scan the QR code for project updates. If you have questions, send an email to parks@uaoh.net.

Devon Pool Improvements

MSA Design has been selected to undertake a design process for the toddler pool area at Devon Pool.

During the first phase of community engagement, more than 400 residents completed a survey, and the design team met onsite with pool users to secure their input.

Combined, the feedback is indicating a desire to preserve Devon Pool's



quiet, more traditional charm, while incorporating some thoughtful updates that will enhance the toddler area's functionality.

MSA is currently in the process of developing some high-level concepts that will be shared with the community this fall.

If all goes according to schedule, the detailed design work will be completed in time to bid the project for construction following the close of the 2025 pool season.

Scan the QR code for project updates. If you have questions, send an email to parks@uaoh.net.

Northam Park Update

The Northam Park tennis courts and service building improvements are in full throes, and on schedule for completion by early next year, in plenty of time for the 2025 tennis season.

The project includes:

- Nine new clay tennis courts with underground irrigation.
- A new service building with year-round restrooms open to all park users, storage for the athletic fields, and Northam Tennis amenities that include a kitchen area.
- Six new pickleball courts, located between Northam Tennis and Tremont Pool.
- Expanded greenspace with more trees and landscaping, with improved pathway access between Tremont Elementary and Northam Park.
- Some smaller shade/shelter structures.

The two west side athletic fields, which were completely rebuilt in 2023, opened for casual use at the end of July, and are expected to open for active play in the Spring of 2025.

Full details on Northam Park improvements can be found on the Parks & Rec section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov. If you have questions, please email the department, at parks@uaoh.net.



CITY MANAGER UPDATE Steve Schoeny

Electric Scooter Safety

I love electric scooters. They are a convenient and economical transportation tool. They take up little space and a lot of people prefer them to bikes as an alternative to cars. I can go for a short trip up the block or down to Crew Stadium without having to worry about finding a parking spot or getting all sweaty. Scooters are widely available to buy now, or you can use an app to rent them. We are seeing them in increasing use throughout our community and the region.

And, like any other tool, they can be dangerous when not used or stored correctly. Studies show a marked increase in accidents related to scooter use. A majority of these accidents result from falls because the user was inexperienced, and many are causing head injuries because the user was not wearing a helmet. Scooters also create dangers for non-riders when they are used on sidewalks or park paths.

We will be taking a closer look at the use of electric scooters in UA relative to both our laws and State laws, as well as park rules. This may result in some proposed amendments coming before City Council to shore up safety in our community. But for the interim, here are some facts about electric scooters and how to be safe when using them:

- Learning to operate a scooter safely should be given as much attention as learning to ride a bicycle. The speed, balance requirements and general operation protocols are very different to a bicycle and care should be given to learn how to be safe.

- Always give the scooter a quick safety inspection before heading out. Pay attention to the brakes, acceleration, battery life, condition of tires and lights to make sure everything is in good working order.
- Wear a helmet. Knee and elbow pads can help further prevent injury from falls, and wearing closed-toed shoes is also advisable.
- Scooters are smaller than bikes and may not be as noticeable to drivers. Take extra care when crossing streets. Never assume that a driver will notice you.
- Keep your hands on the handlebars at all times, and be careful how you shift your body weight when navigating corners so that you don't lose control of the scooter.
- Limit the carrying of unsecured packages.
- Never use your phone while operating a scooter.
- Never ride a scooter when impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- Avoid distractions - listening to music will prevent you from hearing what's going on around you.
- The wheels of a scooter are small and more susceptible to getting caught up by a pothole, sewer grate or sharp change in elevation.
- Keep your eyes on the path you are taking so that you can be on the lookout for uneven surfaces, and always slow down before looking around you in preparation for making a turn.
- Always keep a safe distance between you and pedestrians, bicyclists, cars and other scooter users. Riding in "pack" formations is not allowed on City streets or on sidewalks. If you are riding with a group, ride in single file.

- Avoid pedestrian areas completely and stay off sidewalks when possible. If you are using a sidewalk and have to pass pedestrians, slow down and call out to them or use your horn to let them know you are approaching. Better yet - stop and dismount before passing pedestrians.
- Use bike lanes when available, avoid main roads with lots of traffic, and stay on the right side of the road.
- Motorized vehicles of any description are not allowed in City parks (except City service or emergency vehicles).
- Don't ride your scooter in bad weather.
- Electric scooters are designed for one person - DO NOT double up.
- Don't engage in stunts, it increases your risk of a fall and can damage the scooter, making it unstable.
- Park scooters correctly - upright and away from pedestrians and cars, so that they aren't a trip hazard. If you would not park a bike somewhere, do not park your scooter there.

If you have children in your home with a scooter, please ensure that they understand all of this. We have had children on scooters hit by cars in Upper Arlington. So, if your child has a scooter, have you also taken steps to make sure they understand the rules of the road? Are there consequences if they create an unsafe situation for themselves, their friends and other community members? Are you insisting that they wear a helmet when using their scooter?

As I said at the start, electric scooters can be a great transportation tool. Dare I say it, they can actually be fun. I encourage people to use them as another way to get around our community. Just make sure you are doing it safely. I hope these reminders - which we will be sharing in different ways in the months ahead - change behaviors for the better. But, if you do see dangerous or inappropriate behavior by scooter users, let our Police Division know by calling 614-459-2800.

NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Labor Day** - Monday, September 2.
All Solid Waste collection zones are on a one-day delay.

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE | 614-583-5030

The City has an online portal for all public meetings, where you can also register for meeting agenda notices. A full list of public meetings can also be found on our *Community Events* calendar.

City e-News

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS | 614-583-5040

Get timely service news, event reminders 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 UA Parks & Rec.

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

Won't You Be Our Neighbor Podcast

You never know who might show up on our podcast. City Manager Steve Schoeny and City Attorney Darren Shulman discuss City happenings and introduce you to various members of our community. Get started today, at <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/cityofua>.

CityofUA YouTube Channel

youtube.com/@CityofUpperArlingtonOhio/videos

Subscribe to the City's YouTube channel for convenient access to our latest service videos, highlights of community events and more.



EQUAL UA Porch Parties

**Register Thru September 30
Porch Party Packs Available While Supplies Last**

www.equalupperarlington.com

Equal UA invites community members to host a porch party with some of the neighbors you might not typically get to spend time with, to help build community within our community! Once registered, the folks at Equal will deliver a party pack to you that includes a UA Bear canvas bag, yard sign, window clings, welcome door hanger, invitations, snacks, napkins, name tags, UA Historical Society trivia, and more.

Prescription Drug Take-Back Collection

**10 am-2 pm, Saturday, October 26
Fire Station 72, Reed Road**

Clear your medicine cabinet of old and unused prescription drugs and drop them off for safe disposal - drive-thru-style - at the fall drug take back event. The following items will be accepted:

- Any prescriptions of pills. Empty items into plastic bags for easy, anonymous disposal.
- Vape pens or other e-cigarette devices, as long as they do not have a battery or the battery has been removed in advance.
- Liquid medications, such as cough syrup, as long as they are in the original container and properly sealed.
- Old, over the counter medications.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery®

Sunday, November 3

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

Beggar's Night Safety Tips

6-8 pm, Thursday, October 31

POLICE

614-583-5150

Tips for Kids

- Plan your route in advance and tell your parents where you will be going.
- Wear a costume that does not block your vision.
- Trick-or-treat in a group.
- Never enter a stranger's house.
- Look both ways before crossing the street and cross at crosswalks.
- If you are wearing dark clothing, carry a flashlight so you can be seen.
- Do not trick-or-treat at houses that have their porch light off.
- Avoid eating any candy until your parents have checked it for you.

Tips for Parents

- Be sure you know where your child will be trick-or-treating.
- Avoid costumes that are flammable or obstruct vision or movement.
- Supply your child with either light colored clothing or a flashlight.
- Check your child's candy before they eat any. If you think anything has been tampered with, notify Police.

The City's Pumpkin Patrol strives to keep children safe in a fun way during Beggar's Night. Marked City trucks patrol neighborhoods and are available to assist young children if they become lost, scared, hurt or in need of assistance, and to pass out candy. All trucks are

Events Around the Community



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Perfect weather and some great event planning by UA Parks & Rec made for a fun evening at July's Party on the Plaza; Olympian and President & CEO of Columbus Urban League, Stephanie Hightower (pictured center), served as our keynote speaker for this year's Juneteenth Ceremony; families enjoyed another evening of live music and festivities at the June Arts on Arlington event; another year of Safety Town is in the books, one of the City's most popular programs for kids.

equipped with two-way radios to alert appropriate emergency personnel.

Sunday Swim at UAHS

September 8-December 15

UA PARKS & REC

614-583-5300

Sunday Swim lap swimming will be available at the UA High School Natatorium from 1-3 pm most Sundays beginning September 9. For details and to register, visit parks.uaoh.net.

Parking Restrictions During OSU Home Football Games

PUBLIC SERVICE

614-583-5350

To address parking, access and safety concerns, the City is restricting parking for streets in the proximity of OSU's campus abutting North Star Road on home football games. Hours of restriction run from four hours before

through four hours after each game. "No Parking" signs will be posted on the fire hydrant side of the following streets:

- Ashdowne Road;
- Berkshire, Essex, Grenoble and Barrington roads between North Star Road and Northwest Boulevard;
- Cardiff and Doone roads between North Star Road and Brandon Road;
- Beaumont Road between Grenoble Road and Lane Avenue.

Nationwide Children's Championship - Call for Volunteers

Week of September 16

OSU Golf Course

[www. https://ncc-golf.com/](https://ncc-golf.com/)

The Nationwide Children's Golf Tournament makes a welcome return to UA in September. General admission to the tournament is free - just visit their

website to print your complimentary tickets.

Tournament organizers are seeking volunteers to help with this year's event, with various positions available. Get up close and personal with this year's competitors, while doing your part to help support this worthy event, which has raised more than \$25 million in support of pediatric cancer research.

2023 Police Annual Report

POLICE

614-583-5150

The Police Division's latest Annual Report can now be found online, under the division's webpage, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Schools[★]INSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

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Focuses for the New School Year

This August, Upper Arlington Schools welcomed back students and staff for the 2024-2025 school year, with plans to focus on a host of initiatives aimed at enhancing the student experience and the connection between the schools and the community.

Strategic Planning Process

This school year, the district will be finalizing and launching a new strategic plan to define priorities for the next five years. After several months of work, the 70-plus volunteers involved in the process finalized recommendations for three strategic priority areas – Engaged Learning, Culture and Climate, and Connections – each strengthened by a focus on continuous improvement through Excellence and Innovation. Their work was informed by more than 8,500 touchpoints – from the Listen Learn Lead events in the spring of 2023, the UAdventure tour and the equity audit conducted last fall, and the strategic planning feedback session in May.

This fall, the entire Upper Arlington Schools staff will be involved in the process to develop an implementation plan for the specific action steps for each

strategy and to determine what data will be analyzed to measure success. The implementation plan will then be shared with staff and the community before being finalized and presented to the Board of Education.

To learn more about the strategic planning process, please visit www.uaschools.org/strategicplan.

Coffee & Conversation Series

This fall, Upper Arlington Schools will be expanding the Coffee & Conversation series launched last school year. This builds on the success of Dr. Hunt's UAdventure events and the Board of Education's commitment to community engagement through the Listen Learn Lead series.

"Our schools thrive on the strong relationships we have with our families and the broader community," said Superintendent Robert Hunt, Ph.D. "The Coffee & Conversation series will provide interested stakeholders an opportunity to learn more about different areas of our district in a relaxed atmosphere."

There will be both morning and evening opportunities, and many of the Coffee & Conversation events will focus

on specific topics of interest while also allowing time for general updates and questions. More information will be coming this fall, including a full schedule and topics for each event.

New Academic Programs

This fall, Upper Arlington Schools took a significant step toward expanding and enhancing the educational opportunities for students with the launch of the UA Hub. Located in the old district office at 1950 North Mallway Drive, the UA Hub offers a centralized space for five innovative programs for middle school and high school students that will prepare them for their futures and position them for success. These programs offer opportunities for college credit, training for high-demand technology careers, and alternative educational opportunities to meet specific student needs.

Thanks to a grant from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, the old district office was transformed into the UA Hub this summer, with learning spaces focused on flexibility and community.



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Robert Hunt, Ph.D.

District Beginning to Plan for Phase Two of Facilities Master Planning

Robert Hunt, Ph.D., is the superintendent of Upper Arlington Schools. You can email him at superintendent@uaschools.org and follow him on X (formerly Twitter) at [@Hunt_EdLeader](https://twitter.com/Hunt_EdLeader).

During my first year in the district, I had an opportunity to learn about many impressive accomplishments by our students, our staff members and our community. One of those things was the tremendous collaborative effort put forth by all stakeholders during the 2015-2017 facilities master planning process. As many will recall, that multi-year effort led us to build our new high school on Zollinger Road as well as to renovate or rebuild all five elementary schools.

While all of our buildings had a great amount of need at that time, the master planning process concluded that addressing all of the schools at the same time was too much - both financially and logistically. Since the middle school buildings had received updates in the late 1990s and were in slightly better condition, the decision was made to delay work on those schools and Burbank Early Childhood School until a phase two, which was meant to be revisited approximately 10 years out.

Following approval of funding for the high school and elementary school projects in 2017, the community spent a whirlwind year designing the new and renovated buildings, and groundbreakings began in the spring of 2019. By the fall of 2021, all six buildings were completed on budget and on schedule, an incredible community effort that transformed the face of education in UA. In addition to creating a long-term, sensible financial plan to address facility and operational issues, it provided future-ready learning facilities designed for what the students of today and tomorrow will need to be prepared for the world. Many of you were part of that journey and remember it well. For those who are new to the community - like me

- you can learn all of the details at www.uaschools.org/facilities.

Last fall I embarked on a listening and learning tour of the community that we called my UAdventure. One of the questions I received at nearly every stop was, "When are we going to do something about those middle schools?"

Indeed, 2025 is just around the corner, and we are approaching the 10-year mark from beginning the first phase of the facilities master planning process. That means it is time to begin planning for the launch of phase two and how we will bring together students, staff and community members once again to create another sensible, long-term plan.

We are working now on selecting an architecture firm to help us lay out a process that will build on the work that

has already been done by the volunteer teams for those three schools, who put in many hours of work nearly a decade ago. We anticipate revisiting their research and conclusions, then working to determine if there are additional options and opportunities to explore.

After learning about the level of collaboration and teamwork involved in the first part of the facilities journey, I am excited to embark on this next phase with our community. There is no preconceived notion or solution here; we will all need to work together to determine what is the best plan and timeline for our students and for our community. Your voice matters - and I hope we can count on you to share your thoughts, ideas and feedback as we move through this process.

2024-2025 SCHOOL DATES

Labor Day; No School for Students & Staff - Monday, September 2

Early Dismissal (K-12) - Wednesday, September 18

Elementary dismissal at 1 pm; secondary at 1:30 pm

Elementary Early Dismissal (K-5) - Tuesday, October 8

Dismissal at 11:05 a.m.; no lunch service

End of 1st Quarter (Grades 6-12) - Thursday, October 10

No School for Students; Staff Report Per Schedule - Friday, October 11

Teacher Work Day; No School for Students; Staff Report Per Schedule - Monday, October 14

For the full 2024-2025 school year calendar, visit www.uaschools.org/calendars. To view a calendar of community events in our schools, please visit www.uaschools.org/communitycalendar.

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

We often say that schools are a "people" business – we are focused on preparing the young people of this community for success, both while they are students here and in their next steps in life become the best they can be. An important part of that is ensuring that we have the people – teachers, bus drivers, custodians, nurses, support staff and more – to support our students in every aspect of their school experience.

In August, we were excited to welcome more than 710 new Golden Bears. That included more than 70 staff members, many of whom are



pictured here. We also welcomed 490 kindergarteners and approximately 160 and counting new-to-the-district students in grades 1-12.

As we have anticipated for some time, we are continuing to see increases in K-12 enrollment districtwide, as we have over the past decade. While many of our new staff members this year are primarily filling open and existing positions, we do have a few who are joining us due to enrollment growth. Growing enrollment is an exciting challenge for our district – one



that requires thoughtful planning for staffing, space and resources.

With this trend likely to continue over the next several years, the district will continue to monitor our enrollment growth to efficiently plan for additional students and the additional people, space and resources students need to support them on their academic journey.

Speaking of the people and spaces needed to support our students, I also want to share our appreciation for all of our employees who have worked through the summer to get ready for the new school year. Our maintenance and custodial staff put in countless hours to prepare our buildings for students and staff, including extra efforts to assist with renovations at our old district office at 1950 North Mallway Drive to convert it into new learning spaces for the UA Hub. Our Technology Department also worked tirelessly during the months of July and August to prepare and distribute more than 6,500 iPads to students to enhance their learning. These are just a few examples of the way our staff lives out our values of Start With Heart, Strength In Team and Contagious Drive throughout the year.

If you have additional questions about district finances, you can contact me at treasurer@uaschools.org.

2024 UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM LEFT:
Liz George Stump,
Lori Trent, Vice President
Lou Sauter, President
Jenny McKenna and
Nidhi Satiani



Thanks to a partnership with the City of Upper Arlington, Board of Education meetings take place in the Council Chamber of the City's Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road. In general, the meetings begin at 6 pm on the second Tuesday of 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, September 10, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, October 8, 6 pm – Council Chamber

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

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SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



Also receiving district-level awards were:

- Classified Employees of the Year: **Dave Marquard**, Transportation; **Ken Noble**, Operations; **Liz Collier**, Nutritional Services; and **Sam Durakovic**, Secretarial/Bookkeeping Division
- Support Staff Employee of the Year: **Jessica Murdock**, educational aide, Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School
- Dr. Homer Mincy Administrator of the Year: **Andrew Theado**, Upper Arlington High School principal

In its fourth year, the Joanie Dugger Educators of the Year Fund through the Upper Arlington Education Foundation honors three educators - one from each level - who receive funding for projects of their choice. The fund was created in loving memory of Joanie Dugger, who was the longtime executive director of the Upper Arlington Education Foundation. The 2024 Joanie Dugger Educators of the Year are: **Eliza Kroger**, Tremont Elementary School; **Jordan King**, Hastings Middle School; and **Kim Brown**, Upper Arlington High School.

The Nancy Losekamp Career Development Leadership Award recognizes teachers for their work to engage students in service learning. The 2024 recipients are: the Barrington Elementary School fifth-grade team, **Clay Bogart**, **Andrea Garvey**, **Sarah Imes**,



Recent Alumni Honored for Excellence in Arts

Upper Arlington High School Class of 2024 graduate **Allie Gomez** was named the best actress in a leading role for her performance as Cady Heron in the UAHS production of *Mean Girls (School Version)*. As the winner, Allie traveled to New York City this summer to participate in the National High School Musical Theatre Awards, also known as the Jimmy Awards, a celebration of student achievement in high school musical theater across the country.

The UAHS production of *Mean Girls* was also nominated for best musical at the CAPA Marquee Awards, which were presented at an annual showcase held in June at the Ohio Theatre. The stage management team – **Mabry Hill**, **Drew Poling**, **Zoe Kourlas** and **Josh Brown** – was nominated for the backstage excellence award, and **Josh Brown** (sound design) and **Corinne Stevens** (costume design) were each nominated for outstanding student designer. In addition, three other student performers – **Abi Swart**, **Julia Tobin**, and **Jimmy Zolkowski** – were semifinalists for the best actress and actor nominations.

Fellow Class of 2024 graduate **Maddy Richard** was also recently selected as the recipient of a Gold Key award – one of the top honors at the National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Her drawing was “selected by some of the foremost leaders in the visual and literary arts for excellence in originality,

skill, and the emergence of a personal vision or voice.” It was among 2,500 entries selected for a national medal out of nearly 340,000 submissions from more than 110,000 students.

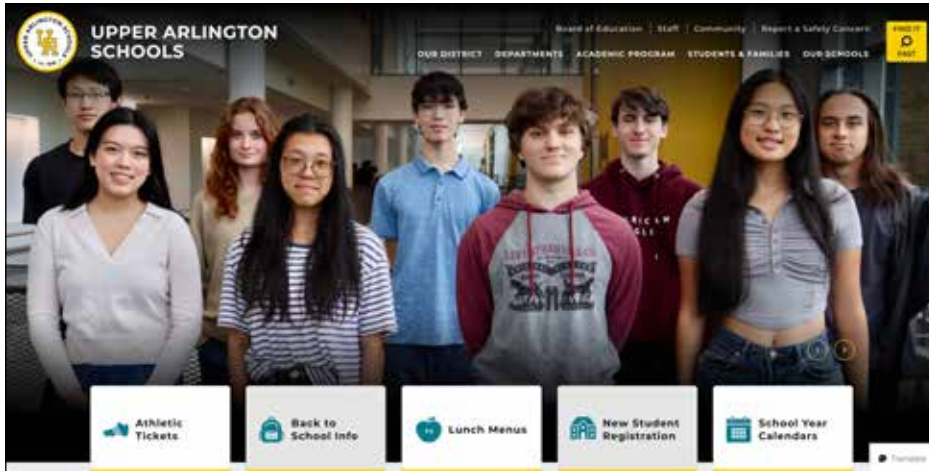
Staff Members Honored for Excellence, Service

Congratulations to the staff members who were honored at a staff ceremony in August!

Jordan King, an orchestra teacher at Hastings Middle School, was selected as the 2024 District Teacher of the Year. Receiving building-level teacher of the year awards were:

- **Chasity Garling**, MTSS lead teacher, Barrington Elementary School
- **Sara Horvath**, lead teacher, Burbank Early Childhood School
- **Molly Auseon**, music, Greensview Elementary School
- **Nicole VanArsdel**, intervention specialist, Jones Middle School
- **Eliza Kroger**, physical education, Tremont Elementary School
- **Kim Brown**, social studies, Upper Arlington High School
- **Makayla Firestone**, speech language pathologist, Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School
- **Kelci Eby**, intervention specialist, Windermere Elementary School





Kelsey Longwell and Ellen Schooley; Julia Gomez, global language, Jones Middle School; Allison Tomlin, PE/health, Hastings Middle School; and a multi-grade level collaboration involving Upper Arlington High School math teachers Brian Chandler and Beth McInnerney and Tremont Elementary School grade 4 teachers Kendall Skelesky and Angie Wright.

Additionally, 16 staff members were recognized for 20 years of service to Upper Arlington Schools; six staff members for 30 years of service; and Burbank Early Childhood School custodian Ken Noble and Upper Arlington High School lead cook Dianna

Vernon were honored for 40 or more years of service.

UA Schools Launches New Website, App

Upper Arlington Schools has launched a new look for UASchools.org based on feedback from stakeholders. The new website features improved navigation and search features and clear entry points to information for students, families, staff and community members.

Coinciding with the new website, UA Schools has also launched a new district app, which gives users access to important information like calendars, school day schedules and information



to report a student absence in the palm of their hands. To download the app, search "UA Schools" in the App Store or Google Play.

If you want to share what you like about the new website and app, or if you find an issue, please email website@uaschools.org.

Pleasant Litchford Memorial Garden Update

Upper Arlington Schools has submitted a request with the Upper Arlington Board of Zoning and Planning to consider a conditional use application for the Pleasant Litchford Memorial Garden at Upper Arlington High School. This small landscaped area in the south parking lot near the softball and baseball fields was formerly the site of the Litchford Family Cemetery, which was appropriated by the district in the 1950s.

At this time, the district is seeking approval to re-bury the cremated remains of one individual in the garden. In the 1950s, dozens of bodies were exhumed from the Litchford Family

Cemetery and moved to other locations. However, in 2020 archeologists discovered that the grave of a young girl had been missed, leaving her buried at the high school site for nearly 60 years after the rest of the cemetery had been relocated.

Since that time the school district has been working with Litchford family descendants, the City of Upper Arlington and the Upper Arlington Historical Society to learn more about the young girl and to honor the life and legacy of Pleasant Litchford, who became one of the largest landowners in the area after being enslaved in Virginia in the 1800s (to learn more about Pleasant

Litchford please visit www.uaschools.org/litchford).

Because the young girl is unidentified, the school district and the descendant family feel it would be most respectful to return her remains to the site selected as her final resting place by her loved ones at the time of her death.

The BZAP hearing regarding this matter was held on Wednesday, August 21. Due to printing deadlines, please visit www.uaschools.org for any updates from the meeting.

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Celebrating Our History

Upper Arlington Schools, the Upper Arlington Education Foundation and Alumni Association, and the Upper Arlington Historical Society partnered to host an open house on the Fourth of July weekend commemorating the 100th birthday for Jones Middle School, bringing alumni and community members of all ages into this historic building. This special event coincided with the annual Upper Arlington High School Open House, hosted by the Upper Arlington Education Foundation and Alumni Association. The open house featured a ceremony honoring four retired UA Schools educators and five alumni for their achievements, accomplishments and contributions to the district and the community. Educators Chris Collaros, John Heck, Jack Woodruff and Susan Yutzey were honored as inductees into the Educator Hall of Fame. The following graduates were recognized with alumni awards: Krista Ashlock Mason, '84; Judge James W. Brown, '75; Carl D. Smallwood '74; Bill Hall, '79; and James M. Long, '69.



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It was a true community effort to build a new playground for Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School. A team of volunteers donated time, tools and resources in July to make the school community's vision a reality - in time for the start of the school year on August 14.



Elementary students had a blast with STEM activities, art classes and more as part of the district's Summer Academy programming in June – free to families thanks to federal COVID relief funding.



Students had an unforgettable adventure in the land of the rising sun as they explored Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka, Japan, as part of a district-sponsored global education experience.



Start Strong, the district's second-annual professional learning program to kick off the school year, gave new and existing staff members an opportunity to enhance their skills.



Students cultivated their curiosity about community service through the Summer of Volunteering, a Summer Academy program offered at the OSU Student Farm.



Hastings and Jones middle school orchestra students traveled to Chicago this summer – taking in the sights and participating in a once-in-a-lifetime performance at the Field Museum.

UA+Ed, its Donors Support Meaningful Learning Opportunities for Students



Thanks to generous community members, business leaders and alumni, the Upper Arlington Education Foundation (UA+Ed) provides meaningful opportunities for students throughout the school district.

In the nearly 40 years since it was founded in 1985, UA+Ed has supported generations of students in Upper Arlington Schools through grants, scholarships and awards that are beyond the school district's budget. These opportunities fully support the district's strategic priorities of whole learning and student and staff well-being, as well as the UA+Ed's vision of creating an inspired and thriving community of learners.

In 2023, UA+Ed funded 79 grants and 13 scholarships/awards totaling over \$190,000. These grants impacted academic areas such as STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics); language arts; visual and performing arts; physical education; global citizenship; and service learning. In addition, grants supported well-

being, special education, and equitable opportunities for students to participate in co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

"UA+Ed is an invaluable partner. I am grateful to have a strong well-established foundation ready to provide additional funding for emerging educational resources, programs, and technologies," said Superintendent Robert Hunt, Ph.D. "This support helps educators engage students by enhancing the culture, climate, and content needed for foundational learning and building future-ready competencies."

Alice Finley, executive director of UA+Ed, added: "This is an exciting time for the UA+Ed. We continue to grow our impact thanks to innovative educators and generous donors. We are full of gratitude for the continued support of our alumni and our community."

To learn more about UA+Ed, and to donate, please visit www.uaeducationfoundation.com.

Parent-Teacher Orgs Enhance Experiences for UA Staff & Students

At the heart of each school is a dedicated parent-teacher organization (PTO) that supports programs to enrich the educational experience for students.

There are many ways for families to participate in their school's PTO – including volunteering for a school event, attending a social fundraiser, leading a committee, joining the executive board or even just attending a monthly meeting.

Families can get started by signing up to be a member of the PTO in the fall. The money raised through these annual membership directly supports students and staff through teacher mini-grants, new student events, author visits, student scholarships, field trips and more.

"Supporting the PTO is more than just volunteering or making a donation though," said UA High School PTO President Julie Kolibash. "It's investing in our children and our community. Every contribution, big or small, whether it's time, talent or resources, helps us provide exceptional education in a nurturing environment."

Please consider getting involved. You can find your PTO at www.uaschools.org - select your school under the "Our Schools" menu to find a link to the PTO. You may also email uahighschoolpto@gmail.com with any questions.

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Lane Road

Improvements Begin November 18

Our top priority is always the safety, flexibility and efficiency of our buildings. Thanks to the passage of the 2022 operating levy, we now have the funds to address our major maintenance and building needs.

Our next project will be at the Lane Road Branch, and therefore that location will close on Monday, November 18 for approximately six months to undergo major improvements to the entire building.

Lane Road staff will be relocated to the our other branches during the closure. Patrons who choose Lane Road as the pickup location for their held items should instead go to the Tremont Road Branch.

About the Lane Road Project

The main priorities and the bulk of the cost for the Lane Road Improvement Project include replacing the entire HVAC system and the ceilings on both floors with new lighting equipped with

occupancy sensors, and adding more floor power receptacles, new fixtures, and sound baffling.

Additional renovations are needed to our almost 50-year-old building. The branch will undergo a reorganization of floor plan and materials, addition of a new meeting room and study room on the first floor, more tables and chairs for individual and group work, and all new shelving.

How You Can Help Us Do Even More

After a thorough inspection of the building, additional required work was noted that increases the original cost and timeline of the project, extending the closure and raising the cost by 15%. With this increase in the cost of repairs, our resources are limited for what we are able to do with our beloved youth area on the lower level.

The space is in need of new shelving for picture and chapter books, as well as

new study tables and chairs. We envision attractive and comfortable seating, and flexible shelving suited for a modern library.

The community was so supportive of the creation of Lane Road's Early Learning Play Area that we are coming to you again to help us raise funds for our youth area. We estimate it will take \$150,000 to make the full vision come to life. The Friends of the Library have donated a significant amount, and we're asking you to help us fill the gap. For more info, visit, <https://uapl.me/GiveForLane50>.

The reopening of Lane Road in Spring 2025 will coincide with the branch's 50th anniversary. Your donation toward the improvement of the youth area would be a much-appreciated birthday gift!



A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Beth Hatch

As I open my wallet, pull out my keys, and glance at the apps on my phone, I'm amazed by the sheer number of subscriptions, loyalty cards, and memberships I hold to enjoy various benefits. Our Library is privileged to be part of the Central Library Consortium, which allows you to use library cards from 16 other systems to check out

materials, use our computers, and print at our locations.

However, during Library Card Sign-Up Month, it's essential to highlight the unique benefits of having an Upper Arlington Public Library Card. This card is available to anyone, regardless of other library cards you may have, and offers convenient access without the need for an extra piece of plastic in your wallet or purse.

The greatest advantage of using your UA library card is priority access. You are first in line to reserve both physical and digital materials that we purchase, ensuring you get the resources you need more quickly.

For printing needs, UA library cardholders receive \$0.50 of free printing per day, which you can use from a mobile device, laptop, or our computers.

If you prefer not to carry another card in your wallet or on your keychain, you can install our app for free and enter your information to have your card easily accessible on your phone. This makes checking in at library programs and checking out materials effortless, without the worry of leaving your card at home or another family member having it.

If you don't have a UA library card, get one today! It's quick and easy to apply online. Visit <https://uapl.me/uaplcard> to get started.

Program Highlights

Motherly Bonds

Moms - bring yourself and your kiddos aged 0-5, and chat with other mothers while your child plays and engages with peers in a safe space. We'll meet Mondays beginning September 16 from 6:30-7:30 pm in Meeting Room B at the Tremont Road Branch.

Throwback Book Fair

Join us for an adults-only, after-hours event on Friday, September 27 from 7-9 pm at the Tremont Road Branch that captures the nostalgia of a school book fair! Revisit your favorite childhood books, find adult read-alikes, and meet local authors. Do you remember the excitement you felt the week of your school's book fair? We poured over the flyer trying to figure out which popular titles you had to have, especially the ones that came with a necklace or fuzzy pen! Meet YA authors & hear about their latest titles, get a library card, "shop" our displays, and mingle with other book lovers. We'll also have after-school snacks and a photo booth.

Junior Homecoming

Children are invited to their very own HoCo at the Lane Road Branch on Saturday, September 28 from 2-3:30 pm. Dress them in their best (or cutest!) outfits and enjoy dancing, light refreshments, games, and more. Photos encouraged!

Astronomy Night

Come to the Lane Road Branch on Tuesday, September 24 at 7:30 pm for an after-hours program presented by the OSU Department of Astronomy. We'll start indoors with a presentation, then move outside for a stargazing activity.

Fire Truck Visit

Families will have two chances to see a UA Fire Truck up close this fall! Visit the Miller Park Branch on Friday, October 11 at 10 am or Saturday, October 19 at 10 am to hear about fire safety, see firefighters' equipment, and check out a fire engine.

Children's Renaissance Fair

It's medieval times at the library! Become a knight, compete in a hobby horse race, make a craft, get your face painted, and more. Join us at the Tremont Road Branch on Saturday, October 12 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm.

Murder Mystery After Dark

The Murder Mystery Company returns with another after-hours mystery for adults on Saturday, October 19 at 6 pm. Attend the Billionaires' Club Annual Masquerade Ball and help get this soirée back on track by trading clues with your guests, gathering information, and solving the crime before the masked menace gets away! Evening wear, ball gowns, Venetian masks, suits, and tuxes are what to wear to this high-class night of masks and murder. The Daily Growler returns to provide adult beverages and we'll also have delicious refreshments. Registration is required and opens October 1.

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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Quick Picks

Statistics show that roughly 60 percent of our circulation comes from patrons browsing materials rather than reserving them. On September 3, our new Quick Picks collection of ultra popular adult fiction and nonfiction books will make its debut. These items will only be available for browsing, and won't be used to fill holds. They will be found at all three branches and can be kept for 14 days with new renewals. If you still rely on reserving items, rest assured that we still purchase new books to fulfill hold requests.

Labor Day at the Library

All three UAPL branches will be closed on Sunday, September 1, and our Lane Road and Miller Park Branches will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 2. The first floor of our Tremont Road Branch will be open on Labor Day and will host Loud in the Library from 2-5 p.m. in the atrium. This special event will feature musical

performances by didi, The Devil Doves, and The Largemouth Bass Band.

Mini Passport Fair

Need a new passport? We'll have walk-in appointments at our Tremont Road Branch on Tuesday, September 10 from 5-7 pm. Bring your completed application, citizenship and ID documents, and be prepared to pay with a check or money order. Full details at <https://travel.state.gov>.

UAPL at Community Events

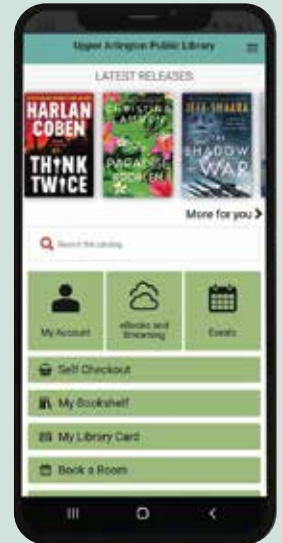
Be sure to stop by our table at the UA Farmers Market at the Tremont Center on September 18 and October 16. You can even get a UAPL library card right on the spot on September 18. We'll also be at Fall Fest on Sunday, October 6 from 1-5 pm at Fancyburg Park.

Candy at libraries on Halloween

Visit any of our branches from 6-8 pm on Halloween to show off your costume and get a treat or two.

All about the UAPL App

Our app is great for searching the catalog and checking your account, but that's only part of the story. Download the UA Library app from Google Play or the Apple App Store, and you'll have these convenient features in the palm of your hand.



Virtual Library Card

No room in your wallet for another card? The app contains your virtual library card so you can quickly show it to check out an item or check in for a program. Look for "My Library Card."

Self-Checkout

With our app, there's no need to stop by the front desk or checkout station to get most items. Simply scan the item's barcode using the "Self Checkout" feature of the app, and be on your way. You can do this from anywhere in the library, including as soon as you pull a book off the shelf.

Does the Library have it?

Scan any book's ISBN barcode to see if it's in the library catalog. Great for the times you find a book in a store or friend's house, and want to borrow it from the Library. If we own the book, you can even reserve it right from the result screen.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



All meetings of the Board and its committees, with the exception of executive sessions, are open to the public. Meetings begin at 5 pm, and are held in Meeting Room B of the Tremont Road Branch.



Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, September 17
- Tuesday, October 15

MAKING MEMORIES...building connections

Kids had library adventures all summer long, including a fun day carnival, an Olympics party, and blindfold art.



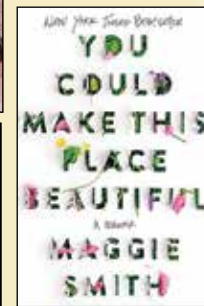
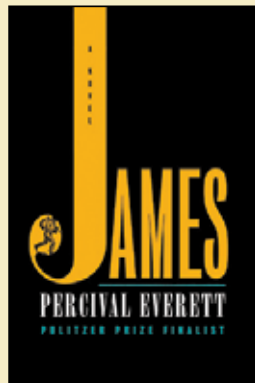
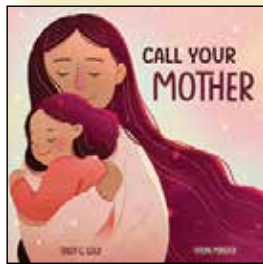
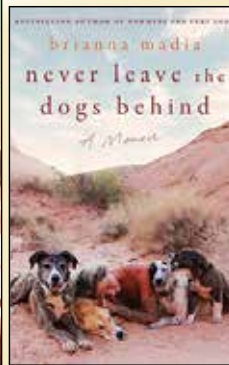
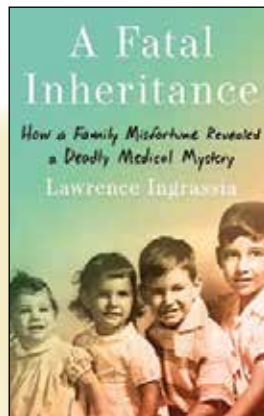
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

You Could Make This Place Beautiful

By Maggie Smith

Award-winning poet Maggie Smith presents a memoir about the life cycle of her marriage. The book tackles the tough subjects of traditional gender roles, modern motherhood, and deep self-reflection. Smith states, "A friend once said every book begins with an unanswerable question" and then proceeds to both ask and answer many tough ones. A moving and thought provoking look at what it means to be a wife, a mother, and an independent woman.

— Laura Griffin, Technical Services



Casey balances dealing with the death of her mother, her writing, and forming romantic relationships with her day-to-day bustling world of the restaurant. This is Lily King's 5th novel and a well-written story of dealing with grief, art and anxiety.

— Pam Cole, Lane Road

James By Percival Everett

Percival Everett reimagines Mark Twain's classic *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* from the perspective of Jim. Everett gives agency back to

Jim in a story where many characters try to do the exact opposite. Now readers get a peek into Jim's mind, the depth of his thoughts, and his desire for choice. One such choice, reflected in the title, is when he rechristens himself as James rather than keeping the name given to him by his enslaver. For people who enjoyed Twain's original story and are looking for creative interpretation, this book hits the spot.

— Raechel Morrow, Adult Department

Never Leave the Dogs Behind: A Memoir

By Brianna Madia

If your life has ever been touched in a positive way by an animal, more specifically a dog, you will enjoy this memoir. Brianna Madia lived a "comfortable" life until she found out her husband was an alcoholic with other issues. She left and moved herself and her four dogs to the desert in Moab. No one really understood the changes in her life. Brianna was dealing with her own mental health but her dogs were her sustaining force. A story of change, growth and unconditional love.

— Tammy Slater, Miller Park

exception. Running parallel through these tales is the history of cancer research and the work to prove a genetic cause for these familial cancer clusters. Combined, these dual narratives provide captivating reading, though what is most desired - news that the research findings have led directly to a cancer cure - remains elusive. Nonetheless, the book is an excellent medical history for those interested in the fight against cancer.

— Cindy Radford, Adult Department

Writers and Lovers

By Lily King

In this coming-of-age story, Casey waits tables at a high-end restaurant while working on her novel. As she enters her early 30s mired in debt and trying to eke out a living while writing, she sees many of her friends enter a new stage of life that seems completely impossible to her, which pulls her further away from them. Set in the late '90s, the world looks much different than it does today.

Call Your Mother By Tracy C. Gold

This emotional picture book depicts the beauty, struggles, and strength of daughters and mothers as they try to navigate the world as a female. It highlights the importance of mother-daughter relationships and the importance of connection at every stage of life.

— Brittany Harrison, Youth Department

A Fatal Inheritance: How a Family Misfortune Revealed a Deadly Medical Mystery

By Lawrence Ingrassia

The stories in this book are heartbreaking: multiple extended family members battling - and often dying from - cancer. The author's family is no



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit our Community Event calendar at upperarlingtonoh.gov for more on these events

Concourse Gallery

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

**Community Expressions:
Artists of Upper Arlington**
July 17-September 13

**Nature's Rhythm, Artist: Michelle
Renée Garrison**
September 18-November 15
Reception: 2 pm, Sunday, September 22

UA Farmers Market
3:30-6:30 pm, Wednesdays
Thru October 23

Dorset Road/Tremont Center
commongreensohio.org/upper-arlington

Golden Bear Bash

6-10 pm, Sunday, September 1
Amelita Mirolò Barn
UA Ed. Foundation | goldenbearbash.com

Labor Day Arts Festival

10 am-6 pm, Monday,
September 2
Northam Park
UA Parks & Rec | 614-583-5310

UACA Labor Neighbor Day

9 am-5 pm, Monday, Sept. 2
Hastings Middle School
UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

UACA's Neighbors Night Out

5-10 pm, Saturday, September 14
Tremont Center
UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org
UACA welcomes everyone in UA to an evening of food, fun and entertainment!

History Speaks: Backstage: A UAHS Musical History

3 pm, Sunday, September 15
UA High School
UA Historical Society | uahistory.org
A look back at 70 years of UA High School musicals. Free event.

Nationwide Children's Golf Tournament

September 16-22
OSU Golf Course | <https://ncc-golf.com/>

Cycle UA

10 am, Saturday, September 21
Begins & ends at Northam Park
UA Parks & Recreation | 614-583-5300
Join UA Parks & Rec for a 5-, 10- or 15-mile course.

Fall Fest

1-5 pm, Sunday, October 6
Fancyburg Park
UA Parks & Recreation | 614-583-5300
Annual family event with a fall twist.

**History Speaks: 'You will then
learn our title to that land': Indigenous
Ohio past and present**

1:30 pm, Friday, October 11

St. Mark's Episcopal Church Sanctuary
UA Historical Society | uahistory.org
Dr. John Bickers provides fascinating insight into Early American and Native American history, with a focus on this region. Free event.

Columbus Marathon

Sunday, October 13
columbusmarathon.com
The route passes through UA.

UACA Golden Bear Scare

6-9 pm, October 14-16
Elementary age kids: 6-7:30 pm
Middle School age: 7:30-9 pm (a bit scarier)
Smith Nature Park, Fishing Road
UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org
Free event.

Prescription Drug Take-Back

10 am-2 pm, Saturday, October 26
Fire Station 72, Reed Road
Clear your medicine cabinet of old and unused prescription drugs. See pg 8 for a list of accepted items.

Beggars Night & Pumpkin Patrol

6-8 pm, Thursday, October 31
Throughout UA neighborhoods
UA Police & Pumpkin Patrol ensure children are safe while passing out candy.