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



2025 Community Survey

Every few years, the City surveys its residents to gauge how we're doing in terms of the services that we provide, and to identify where improvements or adjustments might be needed to stay in tune with community needs and desires.

The 2025 Community Survey process is complete, and the report will be available on our website by early September. Survey consultant, Orie Kristel from Illuminology, is scheduled to share key findings with City Council at its September 8 meeting, which begins at 7 pm at the Municipal Services Center (MSC), 3600 Tremont Road. He will also be presenting at the next Community Relations Committee Meeting on Thursday, September 25, beginning at 4 pm, also at the MSC.

While there is a lot more detail and insight in the final report, here's a snapshot of some primary findings:

Robust Participation

UA residents rarely let us down when it comes to asking for their feedback. For this year's survey, 674 residents participated, representing 34% of 1,999 randomly selected households that had been mailed a survey invitation. An additional 422 residents opted into an online version of the survey, available

following the first phase of data collection with randomly selected households.

UA Remains a Great Place to Live

Respondents consistently had positive opinions on community life, such as safety, community pride, location, and affirming UA as a great place for families with children. City services received high marks, with small improvements in many instances. And many respondents shared that they see themselves remaining in UA for the foreseeable future.

Confidence in City Officials

Most respondents have trust in their local government officials, believe resident input is welcome, and are confident in the City's financial stewardship. They also believe that their elected officials reflect the opinions of residents well.

Bob Crane Community Center a Welcome Asset

The survey confirmed that the new Community Center at Kingsdale is a welcome and much needed community amenity, with quality facilities and programming.

Openness to Exploring Different Housing Options

Initial feedback indicates residents would be open to the City allowing the construction of accessory dwelling units (above-garage apartments, etc.) within neighborhoods. There is also an openness to possibly allowing the construction of duplexes and townhomes along major streets. At the same time, a large number of respondents felt they did not know enough to form a strong opinion, indicating that additional conversations are in order for this topic.

The findings from the 2025 Community Survey will be used in a variety of ways in the months ahead. It will aid City Council as it sets direction for the City, as it revisits the 2026 budget, and as it begins the Master Plan update process. City departments will use the data to help guide the allocation of resources, while looking for new ideas or suggestions for improvement.

The final report will be shared under the *City Manager's Office* section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov, where you will also find previous survey reports. If you have any questions, please direct them to community.affairs@uaoh.net.

Zollinger Road Mobility & Safety Improvement Project Update

The Zollinger Road Mobility & Safety Improvement Project is moving forward with strong momentum following its first round of public engagement. Nearly 275 people participated in person or online to help shape a new vision for the corridor – sharing 400+ comments, reactions, and ideas.

A July Open House brought together around 75 residents. Another 200 residents engaged through an online map and survey.

Across both platforms, participants placed feedback directly on a corridor map stretching from Riverside Drive to North Star Road – identifying areas of concern, opportunity, and inspiration for the corridor's future.

"I'd love to walk and bike along Zollinger, but today it feels too narrow and fast," one participant shared.

"This corridor connects so many neighborhoods and schools. It could be beautiful and functional if designed right."

"Lighting and crosswalks are really lacking between the pool and the high

school. It's not just a traffic route – it's a destination corridor."

What We Heard

- **Safety** – Residents noted issues related to speeding, turning movements, poor visibility, and insufficient crossing infrastructure.
- **Access** – Many participants emphasized the need for better walking and biking conditions, improved connectivity to key destinations, and safer crossings.
- **Aesthetics** – Participants expressed a desire for landscaping, lighting, and design treatments that match the quality of nearby neighborhoods and civic spaces.

"We're seeing great alignment between community priorities and the goals of this project," said City Engineer Aaron Scott. "It's clear people want Zollinger to be more than a road – they want it to function and feel like a part of the neighborhood."

What's Next

The planning team is now using the community's input to develop early design concepts that explore options for improving safety, access, and visual quality along Zollinger Road.

These concepts will be organized around character-alike segments, reflecting different land use contexts and corridor functions, and may include features such as:

- Shared-use pathways
- Improved sidewalk and crossing connections
- Reconfigured travel lanes
- Landscaping, lighting, and signage enhancements

A second round of community engagement will take place this Fall, where residents will have the opportunity to react to draft concepts and help refine the design direction.

To learn more and to register for updates, visit our **Ready for a Change?** section, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

National Church Residences Corporate Campus Redevelopment

National Church Residences has brought a redevelopment proposal for its corporate campus to the City. They have drafted plans to redevelop their 7.5-acre site on North Bank Drive (adjacent to Arlington Centre Boulevard) into a mixed-use development that would include their corporate offices and residential units designed to serve older adults, with potential public improvements by the City that could further enhance their proposal.

A series of community meetings were held in June and July to share details of their proposal with the community and seek feedback. The formal public review process began in July and is continuing into early fall.

Major Site Plan Review

The Board of Zoning & Planning is scheduled to review the proposal at its September 3 Work Session and September 17 Hearing. Both meetings begin at 6 pm, at the Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road.

Proposed Development Agreement

National Church Residences is seeking support for this project from the City and UA Schools through a proposed development agreement that would help fund a series of public improvements, including structured parking that would significantly reduce the footprint of surface parking on the

site. It would also include the transfer of approximately two acres to the City to facilitate lakefront improvements, with new public green space connecting to Northwest Kiwanis Park.

At press time, City Council was scheduled to review the proposal at its August 18 and 25 meetings, with a second UA School Board review scheduled for September 9.

Check the project webpage for the most up-to-date schedule of meetings and to access full details for this proposal, available under the **"Ready for a Change"** section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

FROM CHAMBERS | Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

Four Council Seats on November Ballot

Every November, U.S. citizens are afforded the opportunity to have a voice in government by participating in the electoral process at the local, state or national levels. In 2025, four Upper Arlington City Council seats are on the Tuesday, November 4 ballot.

Council Vice President Brian Close and Council Member Jim Lynch are each completing their second terms on Council, and are therefore unable to run for an additional term. Council President Ukeme Awakessien Jeter is running to serve a second term. Council member Kathy Adams has chosen not to seek reelection. Community members John Cousins, Nic Fortkamp, Laura Oldham, Michael B. Stafford, and Benjamin Tracy have all filed with the Franklin County Board of Elections as candidates for a seat on Council. Details of candidates' community experience and goals will be provided via candidate websites, social media pages and other forums as election day approaches.

UACO Section 105.3 sets the contribution limitations in Upper Arlington. Financial contributions or



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

in-kind contributions from an individual, corporation or organization in support of a candidate's campaign cannot exceed \$250 per calendar year. Of this, no more than \$100 can be in cash.

Look for "Council Corner" Updates in City Insight eNews & on Social Media

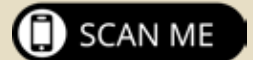
Continuing its commitment to proactive, transparent communications with the community, City Council is launching **Council Corner** updates via the City's

website, *City Insight eNews* and the City's social media platforms.

"We have heard from residents that they would like to hear our perspectives on the legislation, projects and issues that come before us," said Council Vice President, Brian Close. "**Council Corner** is our way of meeting that request."

You can follow the City of Upper Arlington on Facebook, X, Instagram, NextDoor, and YouTube. Just look for us using **@cityofua**.

If you are not yet registered to receive our *City Insight* weekly e-newsletter, use the QR code provided here to sign up today.



Two School Board Seats on November Ballot

On November 4, Upper Arlington voters will also be selecting candidates to fill two seats on the Upper Arlington School Board. Three community members have filed with the Franklin County Board of Elections: Incumbents Lou Sauter and Nidhi Satiani are seeking reelection; and Francis C. (Kip) Greenhill is seeking election to serve his first term.

Leadership UA to Host Candidates Night 6-9 pm, Tuesday, September 30, 3600 Tremont Road

To help you in your decision-making prior to heading to the ballot box, Leadership UA is once again to the rescue by hosting its Candidates Night.

From 6-7 pm, participate in an informal meet-and-greet of the candidates, where you can also pick up yard signs if desired. A moderated Q&A forum begins at 7 pm, led by UA resident Kurt Ludlow, who anchors the ABC 6 and Fox 28 news show, *Good Day Columbus*.

The moderated forum will also be available to watch in real time via a virtual meeting that will be recorded and shared on the City's website.

Residents are invited to submit questions in advance using the QR code provided here. Please note, similar questions will be combined and time constraints may limit how many questions can be asked.



Packing Food...Fueling Futures!

Since launching their first Thanksgiving food support program for local children in 2023, the Tri-Village Packers have been on a roll, and the 2025-26 school year will be no exception. This volunteer-run, donation- and grant-funded initiative is providing a safety net for underserved children during school breaks AND providing snack boxes at UA and Grandview schools for kids who are coming to school hungry.

Not content with providing food bags over the Thanksgiving and Spring breaks, this year the Packers are expanding their efforts to include a Winter Break program.

Since every dollar raised goes directly to buying food, a \$100 donation will support one child through all three school breaks. The food packages are tailored to family size, are age appropriate, and are responsive to any special dietary needs, making sure that each bag is fully utilized by the recipients.

There are several ways community members can help:



- **Awareness:** Talk with your friends and neighbors about the Packers to help grow the community of support, and to reach the families who need help.
- **Give:** Consistent financial support helps the Packers sustain and grow the program's initiatives.
- **Volunteer:** Every school break, a team of volunteers is needed to prepare the food bags.

The Tri-Village Packers is a community partnership led by the Tri-Village Lions, Northwest Kiwanis, UA Schools, City of UA, Grandview Schools, City of Grandview Heights, UA Community Foundation, Tri-Village and UA Rotary Clubs, with support from Three Creeks Management. Together, we're creating a community where no child goes hungry, and everyone is welcome to help.

Use the QR code to learn more and show your support for this meaningful community program.



Political Signage Guidelines

As election season approaches, the City wishes to remind residents about the proper display of political yard signs and banners. Upper Arlington City Government is non-partisan, and City Council does not endorse political candidates. 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.

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CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Steve Schoeny

Crossroads Opportunity to Consolidate and Expand Services for UA's Older Adults

Being able to age in place is a deeply meaningful goal for many older adults—it allows them to remain in their homes and the community they know and love, surrounded by familiar people, places, and routines. To help older adults age in place successfully, a range of scalable and responsive resources and services are essential to maintain a safe home environment, support health and wellness needs, provide social connections and more.

Upper Arlington has long been committed to identifying and meeting the needs of its growing older adult population, with a series of programs and services established over the years.

One such initiative was the formation of the Upper Arlington Commission on Aging, in 1983. Housed within the former UA Senior Center, this non-profit organization – guided by a board of volunteer community members – has played an essential role in efforts to educate, empower and enrich the lives of older adults in the community. Through partnerships with and support from the City and Franklin County, the Commission has been providing educational events, as well as hosting a caregiver support group, an annual Sandwich Stroll health event, and the Walk with the Doc program. They have also been overseeing the “I Am Fine” automated telephone check-in service, the File of Life emergency information kit, the Senior Service Saturdays volunteer service program, and its newest program, the UA Village.

More recently, the City saw the opportunity to build a community paramedicine program within its Fire Division, designed to help older adults

stay healthy and safe in their homes. Launched as a pilot program in 2009, what was originally known as STAYUA successfully began bridging the gap between the Fire Division's emergency medical services and appropriate support services that could help reduce or prevent future emergency situations. In 2017 the program transitioned to its current moniker, UA CARES – Community Assistance, Referrals and Education Services. CARES has continued to expand to meet growing needs within the community and in 2018, a fulltime CARES Coordinator position was created at the City.

With the CARES program evolving, the City began a senior services evaluation in 2018 when the part-time director position at the Commission on Aging became vacant, to look at a possible consolidation of services. It was necessary to put the study on hold due to an unexpected shift in priorities for the City, with the Commission refilling their position to ensure a continuation of its services and programs.

Fast forward to 2025, and some significant developments within the community have caused the City to re-initiate this evaluation.

In 2024 the CARES team expanded again, integrating safety support services from the Police Division within its portfolio. Most recently, in 2025, a fulltime social worker position is being added to further expand how the team can best support community members in need.

In April 2025, the programs and services previously available at the Upper Arlington Senior Center were transferred to the newly opened Bob Crane Community Center, a move that has greatly expanded the resources and opportunities available

to the community's older adults. With this transition, UA Parks & Rec has experienced an increase in facility membership (130%) and program participation by adults aged 60 years and up, significantly expanding its customer base for this sizable community demographic.

The strength of the CARES program combined with the successful integration of older adult programming within the multi-generational Bob Crane Community Center, presents a unique opportunity for the City to better leverage its resources to build a robust, sustainable program that supports and enriches the lives of older adults through all stages of the aging process.

Looking forward, a City team is undertaking a detailed assessment of existing programs and resources provided by the City and by other community entities, to ultimately prepare for a smooth transition in services while also better understanding the needs of residents. Plans for this year include:

- Working closely with the Commission on Aging Board to plan and implement a transition of many of their services to the City. Concurrently, the Board will be assessing what future role the Commission may have in the community.
- Meeting with older adults who are utilizing services through the Commission to understand the full scope of needed and desired support services.
- Exploring approaches and best practices of other communities.
- Considering the creation of a City Council Board or Commission focused on older adult support services.

Parks Capital Improvement Updates

- Redirecting City funds – such as annual grants given annually to outside service agencies – to support the growth of in-house older adult services.
- Pursuing expanded external financial resources and grant opportunities to support service growth.
- Centralizing and expanding volunteer opportunities.
- Establishing new goals, such as the exploration of possible solutions to address the housing and transportation needs of older adults.

The City envisions its expansion of services to be ready for implementation in 2026. At this time, further assessments, focus groups and service exploration will continue, to help shape services for older adults, their caregivers and community volunteers in preparation for the transition.

With an expert on older adult issues in my household, this is a topic near and dear to my heart, and it's so exciting to see this process unfolding. Everyone involved in the planning effort sees the benefits of bringing everything under one roof, and everyone is focused on the best possible result.

We wouldn't be where we are today without the vision and commitment of numerous community members who saw a need, stepping up to form and run the Commission on Aging, and to help the City establish one of the nation's first paramedicine programs. Their efforts have laid the foundation for establishing a robust senior services program that will be able to adapt and expand as our older adult population continues to grow.

If you have any questions about the transition in senior services, please contact our Parks & Rec Director, Debbie McLaughlin, at 614-583-5307 or parks@uaoh.net.



Fancyburg Park Master Plan

Following a year-long study that involved multiple opportunities for community involvement, the Edge Group has completed its master planning process for Fancyburg Park.

The resulting Master Plan document was recently shared with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and the design team is scheduled to share the plans with City Council at its September 22 Meeting, which begins at 7 pm at the Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road.

The plan focuses on enhancing and replacing many existing park features, while expanding the natural feel of the park with meadow plantings and naturalized areas. One of the biggest changes proposed in the master plan is the inclusion of a new four-season shelter, a place to recognize Carlise Handley, that could be sized to serve as a new day camp location. The plan also proposes relocating the maintenance yard to the corner of the park to open up more space within the central area.

Pending City Council's adoption of the plan, construction of a new maintenance facility is scheduled to occur in 2026, with the balance of the work scheduled for 2027 and 2028.

Visit the Fancyburg Park Master Plan project page in the *Ready for a Change?* section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov for additional details. If you have questions, contact UA Parks & Rec, at parks@uaoh.net.

Devon Toddler Pool

Replacement of the aging toddler pool at Devon is the last of a series of improvements that has included new service buildings and upgrades to the main pool and diving well.

A design process was undertaken in 2024, led by MSA Sport. It featured a community engagement phase that included a survey and a series of pop up displays at the pool, with MSA and Staff seeking input from pool patrons. The feedback identified the features that were most important to pool users, including shallow open water, shaded lounging areas, age-appropriate splash features, and zero-depth entry to the pool. The final design reflects this input. Additionally, the toddler pool will be on its own filtration system, since the Ohio Department of Health's pool standards now require separate, shallow bodies of water to be on a separate, dedicated system.

In August, City Council was scheduled to authorize a contract with Continental Building Systems for construction of the toddler pool. Pending that approval, work will begin this fall, with scheduled completion in time for the 2026 outdoor pool season.

If you have questions about this project, please contact UA Parks & Rec, at 614-583-5300 or parks@uaoh.net.

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CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays / Trash & Recycling Delays

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.

Bob Crane Community Center Holiday Hours

- **Labor Day** - Monday, September 1.
Open 8 am-Noon

City e-News

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS | 614-583-5040

Get timely service news, event reminders and special project updates by e-mail:

- **City Insight** - weekly e-news on City services, special projects & events.
- **Activity Link** - monthly news from UA Parks & Rec, including Bob Crane Community Center updates.

Visit the *City Manager's Office* section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov to register.

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE | 614-583-5030

The City has an online portal for 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, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Won't You Be Our Neighbor 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>.

Friends of UA Parks

Saturdays, 9 am-Noon
friendsofuaparks.com

Volunteers are always welcome to help remove invasive plant species from UA's local parks. Wear long pants and closed-toe shoes, equipment is supplied.

- **September 20** - Thompson Park
- **October 11** - Fancyburg Park
- **November 8** - Smith Nature Park

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.

Drug Take-Back Collection

10 am-2 pm, Saturday, October 25
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 2

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

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Porch Parties

Aug. 1 to Sept. 30



Get to Know Your Neighbors!

- Host a gathering that's meaningful, easy-to-throw and that promotes connection... and get a **free party pack!**
- Learn more at www.equalupperarlington.com.
- Register to host from Aug. 1 to Sept. 30.
- Plan your party any time before mid-October!




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.

2025 Diwali & Navratri Celebration

6-10 pm, Saturday, October 18

Bob Crane Community Center

uacommunityfoundation.com

The Community Relations Committee has partnered with community members, the Upper Arlington Community Foundation, and the Upper Arlington Library to co-host the Fourth Annual Diwali & Navratri Celebration. Enjoy an evening of dining and dancing, with fun activities planned. Tickets go on sale September 22, and cost \$15 per person (free for children under 5 years).

2024 Popular Annual Financial Report

FINANCE | 614-583-5291

The 2024 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) is available on our website, providing an overview of your City's financial health. Within this document you can find details of our typical revenues and expenditures, with a three-year comparison provided to highlight any trends. Hard copies are available at City buildings and the UA Libraries.

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;



Charge into Fire Safety! This year's Fire Prevention Week™ campaign, October 5-11, "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home," works to educate everyone about using these batteries safely. The campaign stresses how important it is to **BUY**, **CHARGE**, and **RECYCLE** safely when it comes to lithium-ion batteries.

- Beaumont Road between Grenoble Road and Lane Avenue.

Nationwide Children's Championship - Call for Volunteers

**Week of September 15
OSU Golf Course**

www.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 raises funds in support of pediatric cancer research.

Beggars Night & Pumpkin Patrol

6-8 pm, Thursday, October 30

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

Leaf Collection

Public Works Division614-583-5350

The City will provide leaf collection services from late October-early December, weather permitting (the dates will be announced in September). Please refrain from placing leaves at the curb until one week before the start of the program AND to stop at least one week before the program ends. Full program details can be found on the City's website, under the Seasonal Services section.



Trash Collection Holiday Updates

- **Labor Day - Monday, September 1** - one-day delay for all collection zones
- **Columbus Day - Monday, October 13** - no delays (Columbus Day is NOT observed as a UA City holiday)
- **Veterans Day - Tuesday, November 11** - no delays

Bulk Collection

Local Waste Services | 614-583-5370

The City's Trash & Recycling Program includes the collection of many bulk items, however, households must follow certain guidelines when using this service.

General Bulk Item Guidelines

- Items should be placed at the curb no sooner than 6 pm of the evening before your regular collection day.
- Smaller items should be bagged or put in containers - no loose items at the curb.
- All upholstered items (mattress, box spring, couch, chair, etc.) **MUST BE WRAPPED IN PLASTIC.**
- Carpet should be cut to 4-5 feet lengths and secured in rolls.
- Latex and other water-based paints should be **COMPLETELY DRY** before placing them in your trash container - use kitty litter, sawdust or paint hardeners to speed the drying process.
- Oil-based paints are considered household hazardous waste (HHW) and should be disposed of at the HHW facility (645 E. 8th Avenue, 43201).

Not Accepted

- Large amounts of bulk (more than 2-3 items).
- Loose items at the curb (items must be contained).
- Upholstered items that are NOT wrapped in plastic.

- Construction debris.
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW).
- Wet paint of any kind.

Move Out Procedures

- Excessive "MOVE OUT" trash is NOT accepted - all move out collections should be scheduled with Local Waste (additional charges may apply).
- Collections outside your normal pickup day must be scheduled in advance with Local Waste.

Curbside Food Waste Composting Program

Public Works Division | 614-583-5350

UA residents are encouraged to be part of our curbside food waste composting program, with new participants added each month. Once accepted into the program, you will receive a 5-gallon lidded container, and a roll of compostible liners. Scan the QR code for program details and to apply. Once you have submitted your application, look for a confirmation email from ***foodwaste@uaoh.net*** (check your SPAM folder).



E-Waste & Battery Collection

Public Service Center, 4100 Roberts Road

The City collects and recycles electronic waste, such as old cell phones, computers and small appliances, as well as all single-use and rechargeable batteries. Drop-off is available 7 am-4 pm, Monday-Friday, at the Public Service Center.

SWACO Updates

www.swaco.org

Recycling Convenience Center

2566 Jackson Pike, Columbus

SWACO's Recycling Convenience Center provides a convenient and accessible location for Franklin County residents to recycle a wide range of materials and reduce the environmental impact of waste disposal. For hours and details of accepted items, look for the Recycling Convenience Center webpage, under Diversion | Residents section of SWACO's website.

Household Hazardous Waste

645 E. 8th Avenue, Columbus

Hours for SWACO's permanent Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off location in Columbus, to the following:

- Monday-Friday: 9 am-5 pm
- First Saturday of each month: 9 am-2 pm

HHW Drop-off Events

SWACO is hosting two fall drop-off events for household hazardous waste:

- **8 am-1 pm, Saturday, September 27** - 3226 Kingston Avenue, Grove City, OH
- **8 am-2 pm, Saturday, October 4** - Westerville Service Complex, 350 Park Meadow Rd.

Schools[★]iNSIGHT

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Stay Connected With UA Schools This Year!

As the 2025-2026 school year begins, it's a great time for the Upper Arlington community to stay connected and engaged with what's happening in the schools.

From the Coffee & Conversation series and the ongoing facilities master planning process to a wide variety of community events throughout the year, there are many opportunities for Golden Bears of all ages to get involved and be part of the excitement in Upper Arlington Schools.

Facilities Master Planning

This fall, Upper Arlington Schools will continue the important work of developing a long-term facilities master plan for the aging middle schools and Burbank Early Childhood School that reflects the priorities and values of the community.

Following the release of initial draft options and multiple opportunities for community input in the spring, the district has taken time during the summer to study feedback and explore the complex factors involved in the options, particularly related to the

middle schools. As part of the district's commitment to transparency throughout this process, all feedback is available online at www.uaschools.org/facilities.

In light of the complexity of the options, the district is extending the timeline for the planning process and now anticipates bringing a recommendation to the Board of Education in early 2026. "This will allow us to gather even more input from all of our stakeholders to help ensure a thoughtful, community-driven master plan," said Superintendent Robert Hunt, Ph.D.

In the meantime, community members are encouraged to stay informed and involved in the process. For updates and opportunities to engage, watch your mailbox this fall or visit www.uaschools.org/facilities.

Coffee & Conversation Series

Upper Arlington Schools invites you to be part of the conversation about what's happening in our schools through the Coffee & Conversation series with Dr. Hunt.

These events are designed to foster meaningful dialogue around key topics impacting our schools, including academics, school culture and climate, operations and finances. With a full slate of monthly sessions for the 2025-2026 school year, there are plenty of opportunities to join the conversation at a time that works for you.

Each event includes time for general updates and questions, and many sessions will spotlight specific areas of interest across the district.

To view the full schedule of Coffee & Conversation sessions, please visit www.uaschools.org/CoffeeConversation.

"I hope you'll join us for one or more sessions this year to learn more about our schools, ask questions and share your thoughts," Dr. Hunt said. "Our community's involvement is essential to the continued growth and success of our schools."

For additional opportunities for community members to engage with our schools, including athletics and performing arts events, please visit www.uaschools.org/community.



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Robert Hunt, Ph.D.

Creating the Moments That Matter for Our Students

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.

Each year, the start of school marks a powerful moment – a fresh beginning filled with possibility and purpose. And while that first-day energy may seem to just happen, it's the result of extraordinary effort and care by our entire team – teachers, administrators, maintenance staff, school nurses, counselors, secretaries, transportation staff, technology teams and more. Everyone on our team comes together to create something meaningful for every student who walks through our doors.

Our staff has been working with deep commitment and intention to make the first day more than just a date on the calendar. It's a moment designed to be remembered – one that says to each student: *you belong here, and you matter.*

Our custodial and maintenance teams have spent the summer preparing buildings that are safe, clean and welcoming. Our nurses have reviewed health plans, received medications and made sure everything is in place to support students' well-being from day one. School counselors and administrators have spent countless hours creating schedules and teacher assignments to help ensure that every student starts in the right place with the right support. And our Welcome Center and school teams have been busy connecting with more than 420 new kindergarten families and over 150 new students in grades 1 through 12 to make their transitions as smooth and positive as possible.

All of these efforts reflect something bigger than a single day. They reflect our

shared belief in the power of moments – moments that make students feel seen, valued and excited about what lies ahead. Whether it's the warm greeting from a bus driver, the calm reassurance of a teacher or the smile from a classmate, those early experiences matter. They create memories. They shape how students feel about school, about learning and about themselves.

And our commitment doesn't stop on day one. We are focused on creating more of these meaningful moments throughout the year – opportunities for students to discover their strengths, build connections, take risks and feel a

sense of pride. You can follow along with us throughout the school year on our social media accounts – **@UpperArlingtonSchools** on Facebook and **@ua_schools** on Instagram – to see examples of the meaningful moments that are being created in our schools each and every day.

We're proud to begin another school year in Upper Arlington, and we're grateful for our entire school community who work together to make these experiences possible. Here's to a year ahead filled with growth, purpose and moments that last a lifetime.

2025 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 9, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, October 14, 6 pm – Council Chamber

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

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

Every two years, the state budget process brings the potential for significant changes that can



impact public education. This year several proposals included in the early versions of the new state budget raised significant financial concerns for public school districts across Ohio – including here in Upper Arlington.

Among the most notable was a proposed 40% cap on cash carryover balances for school districts. This type of restriction would have limited our district's ability to maintain necessary reserves – a critical part of our long-

term financial strategy, helping us weather unexpected expenses, manage inflationary pressures and reduce the frequency of levy requests to our community.

Ultimately, Governor Mike DeWine vetoed this provision, along with several others that could have posed financial challenges for public schools. We appreciate that the final version of the state budget continues to support public education through the phased implementation of the Fair School Funding Plan and additional funding for enrollment growth and performance-based initiatives. Another potentially impactful proposal – House Bill 335, which would have eliminated a form of unvoted tax revenue known as inside millage – was not included in the final budget.

Amid the uncertainty around the state budget, in late June the Upper Arlington

Board of Education approved the transfer of funds into several key areas to protect the community's investment in our schools and strengthen our financial position. These included a Capital Project Fund for future technology and transportation needs, a Capital Project Future Fund to support the next phase of our facilities master planning process, the Building Reserve Fund for ongoing maintenance, and the district's Benefit Fund. These transfers reflect our long-standing approach to financial stewardship – one rooted in forward-thinking, transparency and long-term sustainability.

We will continue to monitor discussions in the state Legislature about potential proposals that would impact school funding.

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

Be a Part of Something Bigger With Your School's PTO

Behind every great school is a strong community – and at the heart of that community is a dedicated parent-teacher organization (PTO). Upper Arlington School is fortunate to have school PTOs committed to enriching the educational experience for all students.

"During my 13 years as a mom of UA students, being a part of the PTO has been one of the greatest joys," shared Kelley Swiney, the PTO president at Upper Arlington High School. "Whether you have 20 minutes a year or 10 hours a month, we **need** and **want** you to be involved."

Help plan a school event, join a committee, attend a monthly meeting, or simply show your support at a social fundraiser. Every role makes a difference.

Joining your school's PTO is easy – and it starts each fall with the annual membership drive. Your membership and donations directly support meaningful programs for students and staff,



including teacher mini-grants, author visits, student scholarships, new student events, field trips and more.

"Every dollar we raise helps support the students, teachers and staff in our buildings," Swiney added. "We look

forward to seeing you at a PTO event soon!"

Ready to get started? Visit www.uaschools.org/PTOs to find a link to your school PTO. Have questions? Reach out to uahighschoolpto@gmail.com.

BITES From the Apple



SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



Hastings Teacher Recognized by State

Jordan King, strings teacher at Hastings Middle School, has been named the District 7 Teacher of the Year by the State Board of Education. This honor makes him one of just 11 candidates in the running for the 2026 Ohio Teacher of the Year.

King joined Upper Arlington Schools more than 10 years ago and earned the District Teacher of the Year award for the 2023-2024 school year.

Hastings Principal Penny Stires says that Mr. King's classroom is a perfect example of what happens when mutual respect, academic rigor and strong relationships intersect. "Students are encouraged to take risks, make mistakes, and grow from them – an environment that builds both technical skill and personal confidence. This nurturing space has become a hallmark of his program and a cornerstone of student development at Hastings Middle School."

Upper Arlington Schools Superintendent Robert Hunt

echoes that sentiment, saying Mr. King "is known for the meaningful relationships he builds with students, ensuring they feel valued and inspired."

Since its inception in 1964, the Ohio Teacher of the Year program annually identifies exceptional teachers statewide celebrating their effective work in and outside the classroom. The program's mission is to provide opportunities for professional learning to exemplary teachers as leaders and advocates for public education. The next steps in this year's program allow four of the 11 district winners to move to the final selection phase for the 2026 Ohio Teacher of the Year, who will represent Ohio teachers statewide and nationally during the 2025-2026 school year.

Staff Members Honored for Excellence, Service

Congratulations to the staff members who were honored at our staff Convocation ceremony on August 11!

Shelly Bloom, a gifted intervention specialist at Tremont Elementary School, was selected as the District Teacher of the Year. Receiving building-level teacher of the year awards were:

- **Ashley Stechschulte**, 2nd grade teacher, Barrington Elementary School
- **Susan Brooks**, lead teacher, Burbank Early Childhood School
- **Bethany McFarland**, 3rd grade, Greensview Elementary School
- **Catherine Shapiro**, school counselor, Hastings Middle School
- **Christy Charlton**, global language teacher, Jones Middle School
- **Michelle McCoy**, Online Academy teacher, UA Hub
- **Warren Orloff**, science, Upper Arlington High School
- **Suellen Sharp**, occupational therapist, Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School
- **Dulcy Delcamp**, music, Windermere Elementary School

Also receiving district-level awards were:

- Classified Employees of the Year: **Kim Culp**, Transportation; **Jeff Cooper**, Operations; **Amber Putnam**, Nutritional Services; and **Alison Maute**, Secretarial/Bookkeeping Division
- Support Staff Employee of the



Year: **David Voss**, paraprofessional, Tremont Elementary School

- Dr. Homer Mincy Administrator of the Year: **Jason Wulf**, Greensview Elementary School principal

The Nancy Losekamp Career Development Leadership Award recognizes teachers for their work to engage students in service learning. The 2025 recipients are: the Windermere Elementary School second-grade team, **Amy Leahy, Amy Meyer, Katie Shough** and **Kelly Wlodarski**; Hastings Middle School sixth-grade team members **Elizabeth Blank, Dana Flowers** and **Beth Joseph**; and Upper Arlington High School language arts teacher **Marlene Orloff**.

In its fifth 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 2025 Joanie Dugger Educators of the Year are: **Shelly Bloom**, Tremont Elementary School; **Catherine Shapiro**, Hastings Middle School; and **Warren Orloff**, Upper Arlington High School.

The Upper Arlington Education Foundation also presented the inaugural Amity Difference Maker awards, which honor those who help create a school culture where everyone feels safe, valued and heard. Recipients exemplify compassion, innovation, and leadership in strengthening community connections, building inclusive spaces, and inspiring positive change. This year's honorees are Upper Arlington High School senior **Brooke Tice**, recognized for her extraordinary advocacy and inclusion efforts on behalf of deaf and hard of hearing students, and **Kati Nelson**, the administrative secretary for central registration, whose welcoming spirit and dedication exemplify the district's value of Start With Heart. Each recipient received a \$1,000 grant from the Upper



FOSTERING A CONVERSATION

*From the Classroom to the Community
Conversations that Matter*

John O'Leary

Ignite a Radically Inspired Life

Wednesday, September 17 at 6 p.m.

UA High School

Performing Arts Center

Tickets on sale August 6 at
fosteringaconversationua.com



Arlington Education Foundation to further their impact.

Additionally, 20 staff members were recognized for 20 years of service to Upper Arlington Schools and nine staff members for 30 years of service.

Fostering a Conversation Presents John O'Leary

Fostering a Conversation – a student-led initiative presented in collaboration with Upper Arlington Schools, the Upper Arlington Education Foundation and Alumni Association, and the UA Community Foundation – is bringing our community together on September 17

for a day of inspiration and connection across generations.

Upper Arlington High School students will welcome John O'Leary, burn survivor, bestselling author and the inspiration behind the upcoming film *Soul on Fire*. During the day on September 17, O'Leary will speak with the entire student body and small groups of students at the high school. That evening, the entire community is invited to hear his powerful message, which challenges us all to live more boldly, joyfully and intentionally.

Tickets, \$25 or \$5 for students, teachers and faculty, are available at www.fosteringaconversationua.com.

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Celebrating Generations at the UAHS Open House



On July 3, Upper Arlington Schools, the Upper Arlington Education Foundation (UA+Ed) and the Upper Arlington Alumni Association proudly welcomed alumni, educators, community members and friends to the annual Upper Arlington High School Open House. The event celebrated the legacy, service and impact of the Upper Arlington Schools and those who have shaped its history. The open house featured a ceremony honoring five retired UA Schools educators and four alumni for their achievements, accomplishments and contributions to the district and the community. Educators Nancy Botti, Jean V. Crawford, Karen E. Pettus, Vicky Sherer and Thomas A. Williams were honored as inductees into the Educator Hall of Fame. The following graduates were also recognized: Outstanding Alumni Award recipient Annie Burtch Stair, '99; Distinguished Alumni Award recipients the Honorable Robert Doyle, '60, and Erin Moriarty, '70; and Inspirational Young Alumni Award recipient Gabrielle Shell, '20.



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Twelve Upper Arlington High School students took learning beyond the classroom this summer through the district's global education program with an unforgettable journey to Andros, Bahamas, that combined science, culture and exploration.



In June, 24 middle and high school students had an amazing time exploring Germany, Switzerland, Austria and even a quick stop in Liechtenstein – one of the global education opportunities offered by our district.



This summer, Upper Arlington High School students embarked on a once-in-a-lifetime global education experience in South Africa, visiting sites such as Cape of Good Hope and embracing adventure and discovery every step of the way.



Upper Arlington High School art students created stunning live mural paintings during the Teen Art Project event at the Ohio State Fair. Their finished pieces will soon be showcased in Ohio State Parks across the state.



The students and staff on the YES summer paint crew traveled across the district between June and July to get the school buildings refreshed and ready for the new school year.



This summer, Burbank Early Childhood School learners had a jaw-some time celebrating Shark Week, featuring a "Baby Shark" dance party, shark-themed stories, bubbles and more!

A message from UA+Ed

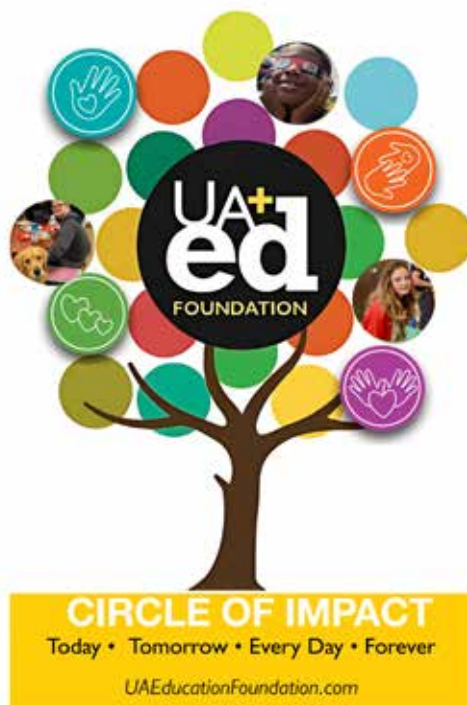
Education is the most powerful investment we can make in the future of our community. When you support the Upper Arlington Education Foundation (UA+Ed), you are promoting educational excellence, sparking innovation, and nurturing the well-being of every student in our schools.

For 18 years, the Golden Bear Bash has been a beloved tradition during Labor Day weekend – bringing our community together and raising vital support for our schools. While UA+Ed knows that the BASH! is a great party, we believe it is time to evolve from a single fundraising event to a year-round, mission-focused model – one that deepens engagement, meets donors where they are, and keeps the positive energy of the BASH! going all year long.

Our partnerships with families, community members, alumni, and businesses are still very important to us. That is why, this year UA+Ed invites you to join our newly launched **Circle of Impact**.

WHY?

- **You spoke. UA+Ed listened.** Through recent donor feedback, we learned that our community of supporters is deeply committed to our mission—whether or not it's tied to an annual event.
- **We have created more accessible and individualized paths for giving,** to meet each donor where they are.
- **By providing multiple giving**



opportunities and mission-focused events, we will honor our past, celebrate our present, and build momentum for the future of each and every student in our schools.

HOW?

Please consider supporting our mission in one of these ways:

Make a 100% tax deductible gift TODAY!

Become a monthly donor and support students EVERY DAY!

Learn more and join UA+Ed's Circle of Impact: UAEducationFoundation.com, or contact Alice Finley, Executive Director - 614.487.5007 ext. 1120.

The Upper Arlington Education Foundation (UA+Ed) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to providing meaningful opportunities for students in our community that are beyond the district's budget.



2025-2026 SCHOOL DATES

Labor Day; No School for Students and Staff

Monday, September 1

End of First Quarter (Grades K-12)

Thursday, October 16

No School for Students: Staff Report Per Schedule

Friday, October 17

Teacher Work Day; No School for Students; Staff Report Per Schedule

Monday, October 20

General Election Day: No School for Students; Staff Report Per Schedule

Tuesday, November 4

No School for Students; Staff Report Per Schedule

Wednesday, November 26

Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28

For the 2025-2026 calendar, visit

www.uaschools.org/calendars. For a calendar of community events in our schools, visit www.uaschools.org/communitycalendar.

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Small Business Resource Fair returns October 18

10 am-4 pm, Saturday, October 18

Join us at the Tremont Road Branch on Saturday, October 18 from 10 am-4 pm for our Small Business Resource Fair. You'll connect with essential business organizations, chat with experts, network with other local business owners, explore useful tools and resources, and discover what you need to succeed, no matter where you are in your entrepreneurial journey.

Visit our atrium to chat with representatives from these organizations:

- Better Business Bureau of Central Ohio
- City of Upper Arlington
- Columbus Chamber of Commerce
- Columbus Urban League Minority Business Assistance Center
- ECDI and Women's Business Center
- Emerald Creative Content
- Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation
- Ohio Department of Development
- Ohio Department of Taxation
- Ohio Secretary of State
- Rebel Marketing
- SCORE Columbus
- Small Business Administration
- Small Business Development Center
- Tri-Village Chamber Partnership
- Upper Arlington Community Foundation and Leadership UA
- Upper Arlington Public Library

The day will also include presentations by professionals who understand your business challenges:

- 11-11:50 am – **What to Consider Before Starting a Business**
- Noon-12:20 pm – **What to Know About Getting a Business Loan** with Matt Hoffman from Heartland Bank
- 12:30-12:50 pm – **Small Business, Outsized Impact: Leveraging AI to Grow Your Small Business** with James Russell from the City of UA
- 1-1:20 pm – **Reputation Management: Building Trust Where It Counts** with Jessica Hamlin from BBB of Central Ohio
- 1:30-1:55 pm – **Send Better Emails (Without Being Annoying)** with Yasmine Robles and Izzy Dadosky from Rebel Marketing



- 2-2:25 pm – **SEO Made Easy for Small Businesses** with Maggie Zelasko and Amanda Kern from Emerald Creative Content
- 3-4 pm – **Time Tactics and Sanity Savers: Time Management and Preventing Burnout** with Sally Hackett from GROW Modern Mental Wellness

Other activities include tours of the Library's small business resources at 11:30 am, and mentoring roundtables with SCORE volunteers at 3 pm.



A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Beth Pfahler

An Update on Facilities

The Lane Road Branch officially reopened this summer – just in time to celebrate its 50th birthday – and the renovation was a success on every front. Not only were we able to implement all the improvements outlined in the 2023 Master Facilities Plan – including updates to the HVAC system, electrical systems, lighting, and sound absorption – but we also came in under the original cost estimate proposed in the Master Facilities Plan. The result is a refreshed, more comfortable, and more functional space for the community to enjoy for decades to come.

Building on that momentum, we

are now entering the second phase of our facilities plan: the Tremont Road Branch roof replacement. This estimated \$1.2 million project addresses critical roof maintenance needs at our largest location. The library has selected a design professional to handle plans and permitting, and we are on track to begin the roof replacement in 2026.

We're also looking at the Miller Park Branch. With just over 3,000 square feet available, we are carefully evaluating how to maximize the use of space in a cost-effective manner. Our goal is to create a more efficient and functional layout that enhances the patron experience.

The final and most ambitious phase of the facilities plan is the renovation of the Tremont Road Branch – our largest and most visited location. This will be the most complex and costly of

all our projects. The Master Facilities Plan generated ideas for multiple layout options that improve efficiency, wayfinding, and customer service. We plan to take a community-driven approach, similar to the process used for the new Bob Crane Community Center, by working closely with our Board of Trustees and inviting public input on the next steps. Together, we will evaluate recommendations, explore cost estimates, and identify the best path forward for this vital community resource.

To stay informed about the library's progress, including full details from the 2023 Master Facilities Plan, visit our website ualibrary.org. There, you can explore the full space assessment, recommendations, and long-term maintenance plan guiding these important projects.

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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Holiday Closings and Labor Day Arts Festival

The UA libraries will be closed on Sunday, August 31 and Monday, September 1. The Tremont Road Branch will be open for limited services (first floor only) on Monday, September 1 from 10 am-5 pm during the UA Labor Day Arts Festival. **IMPORTANT:** The drive-up book returns at the Tremont Road Branch will not be accessible by car on Sunday or Monday. However, they will be available for walk-up returns.

Share Your Program Feedback

If you've attended a library program

recently, we'd love to hear your thoughts! A short, easy-to-do survey is available anytime, and can be used to share feedback on any program, recent or past, adult or youth. Your comments help us understand what's working well and where there's room to improve. Library staff read every response to learn more about the kinds of programs our community values most. Visit <https://uapl.me/FF794> to give feedback.

OhioLINK and SearchOhio

As a reminder, OhioLINK and SearchOhio, the statewide borrowing systems for items not found in our

catalog, are undergoing software upgrades. These services are expected to return on October 27. No requests, checkouts or renewals can be made until that time, but items may still be returned.

Trick or Treat at the Library

Visit any UAPL branch during UA's Beggars Night on Thursday, October 30 from 6-8 pm to show off your costume and snag some Halloween treats.

Red Cross Blood Drives

The American Red Cross will hold blood drives at the Tremont Road Branch on Thursday, September 25, and Friday, October 3 from 11 am-4 pm. Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org using sponsor code UAPL.

OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

The Story She Left Behind

By Patti Callahan Henry

This book was inspired by a true literary mystery. Clara Harrington's mother vanished in 1927 when she was eight years old. She had written a bestselling children's book, but in her own invented language. Decades later, Clara receives a call from someone claiming to have discovered a dictionary of her mother's lost language. She is determined to translate her mother's sequel and hopefully find answers to her disappearance – even if it takes crossing continents to do so.

– Donna, Lane Road Branch

Schooled

By Jamie Sumner

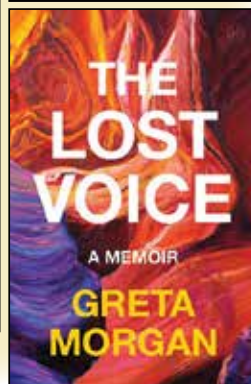
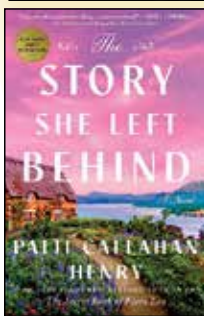
Imagine being 11 years old and about to start college – sort of. Lenny Syms' father has enrolled him in a brand-new experimental school on the campus of the university where he will begin teaching in the fall. Instead of desks and tests, each student must meditate and present a semester-long, self-directed project of their own choosing with very little supervision. Lenny just lost his mom and doesn't want to move or be a part of some weird learning experiment. But with the help of the other misfit students, Lenny works to process his grief and build new relationships.

– Laura, Technical Services

The Lost Voice: A Memoir

By Greta Morgan

Author Greta Morgan is a musician in bands like The Hush Sound, Springtime Carnivore, and Vampire Weekend. She dives into the trauma of losing her voice as a result of COVID-19 at the height of her solo career. She dives deep into what it means to find your voice (and yourself) again. Despite her voice returning



differently than before, she teaches us what it means to be at peace with one's new self. This is a heartfelt memoir about the past, present and the hopeful future of a musical artist.

– Tiffany, Facilities Department

Big Dumb Eyes: Stories from a Simpler Mind

By Nate Bargatze

Stand-up comedian Nate Bargatze shares stories of success and struggle on his way to fame. Nate shares personal touches on being a dad, a husband, and his childhood which makes this biography equally relatable and touching. If you're already a fan, get deeper intel into some of Nate's most famous skits and where he sees his career going next.

– Brittany, Lane Road Branch

The Summer Guests

By Tess Gerritsen

Tess Gerritsen writes about retired CIA operatives who help solve mysteries. The group of five call themselves the "Martini Club" as that is their drink of choice when they meet for "book group." They all live in the same small town in Maine and find

themselves drawn back into their former lives when dead bodies seem to randomly appear around them. A little romance, a little terror and a lot of suspense are part of this group as they try to solve the mystery (even though they aren't really supposed to!) The characters are

smart and interesting, and the author had me guessing until the final clue was revealed.

– Tammy, Miller Park Branch

Meet Me in Monaco

By Hazel Gaynor & Heather Webb

When Hollywood icon Grace Kelly slips into Sophie Duval's perfume shop on the French Riviera to escape a photographer hot on her trail during the Cannes Film Festival, both women's lives – and the pursuing photographer's – are impacted. This historical fiction novel explores blossoming love, perfume making, friendship, loyalty and tragedy. It's a completely enjoyable frolic through the South of France and Monaco, beginning in the 1950s and spanning three decades.

– Nancy, Miller Park Branch

MAKING MEMORIES...building connections



Families created colorful chalk art in our reading garden.



Our refreshed Lane Road Branch reopened on July 7 with new furniture, meeting rooms, and seating areas.



Kids hit the high seas at our Pirate Palooza to make treasure maps and pirate flags, tie sailor's knots, and even walk the plank.

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 16
- Tuesday, October 21
- No November meeting

2025 Board of Trustees

From Left: John Yesso, Kate Hare, Matthew Courser, William Shkurti, Kevin Fix, Peter Hahn, Sue Ralph

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Program Highlights

Geode Smash

That's no ordinary rock! Come to the Lane Road Branch on Wednesday, September 10 from 3:30-5 pm to smash open a geode and discover what's inside. Great for ages 6+. We'll be wrecking these rocks outdoors, so if the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll move the program to September 17.

A Visit from the Farm

Farm animal enthusiasts ages 2+ can see and interact with chickens, ducks, rabbits, turkeys, sheep, and goats from Bring the Farm to You in this fun and educational outdoor experience. See these winged and furry friends at the Miller Park Branch on Saturday, September 13 from 10 am-Noon.

Artificial Intelligence Series

Learn about AI at our Tremont Road Branch's fall series featuring talks by experts from The Ohio State University and the City of UA. Larry Hurtubise,

PhD from OSU presents "Getting Started with Generative AI" on Tuesday, September 23 at 6:30 pm. James Russell, economic development analyst for UA, presents "Artificial Intelligence: Genuine Ethical Concerns" on Tuesday, October 28 at 6:30 pm. Finally, Ross Morrow from the Public Service Department of the City of UA speaks on "Protecting Your Privacy in the Age of AI" on Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30 pm. Registration is open for all programs at <https://uapl.me/events>.

Throwback Book Fair

Join us for an after-hours, 18+ event that captures the nostalgia of a school book fair! Come to the Tremont Road Branch on Friday, September 26 from 7-9 pm to revisit your favorite childhood books, explore current children's literature, and find adult read-alikes.

Adult Crafting

Adults and older teens can get

creative at our Lane Road Branch by making sand art on Thursday, October 2 at 6 pm, and resin paperweights on Saturday, October 4 at 2 pm. Registration is required at <https://uapl.me/events>.

Cool Critters

Meet presenters from Cool Critters Outreach on Wednesday, October 8 at 3:30 pm for a wild program at the Tremont Road Branch. Get to know reptiles, invertebrates, mammals and other amazing animals. Live animals will be present.

Pint-Size Pumpkin Decorating

Creative kids and teens can decorate and keep one small pumpkin with various fun materials. Supplies are limited and available first-come, first-served on Tuesday, October 28 from 10 am-7:30 pm at our Miller Park Branch. Recommended for ages 3+.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Labor Day Arts Festival

10 am-5 pm, Monday, Sept. 1

Northam Park

UA Parks & Rec | parks.uaoh.net

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

UACA Labor Neighbor Day

9 am-6 pm, Monday, Sept. 1

Hastings Middle School

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

Featuring bike races for kids, a whiffle ball tournament, and a pet parade.

UA Farmers Market

3-6:30 pm, Wednesdays

Through October 22

Dorset Road at Tremont Center

commongreensohio.org/upper-arlington

Movie in the Parks

Remember the Titans (PG)

7 pm: Friday, September 12

Hastings Middle School Parking Lot

UA Parks & Rec | parks.uaoh.net

Nationwide Children's Golf Championship

September 15-21

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

History Speaks

Talking Trash

7-8 pm, Thursday, September 18

Amelita Mirolo Barn, Sunny 95 Park

UA Historical Society | uahistory.org

An interesting history of the evolution of trash collection in UA.

Cycle UA

10 am-1 pm, Saturday, Sept. 20

Begins & ends at Northam Park

UA Parks & Rec | parks.uaoh.net

Enjoy a 5-, 10- or 15-mile course throughout the community.

Seniorpalooza

Time TBD, Thursday, September 25

2151 Dorset Road

UA Commission on Aging

Fall Fest

1-5 pm, Sunday, October 5

Fancyburg Park

UA Parks & Recreation | 614-583-5300

Annual family event with a fall twist.

Music at the Amelita Mirolo Barn

5-7 pm, Thursday, October 16

Sunny 95 Park

UA Parks & Rec | parks.uaoh.net

Small Business Resource Fair

10 am-4 pm, Saturday, October 18

Tremont Library

UA Library | www.ualibrary.org

See page 19 for details.

UA Diwali & Navrati 2025

6-10:30 pm, Saturday, October 18

Bob Crane Community Center

Registration opens September 22. See page 8 for details.

Columbus Marathon

Sunday, October 19

columbusmarathon.com

The route passes through UA.

Prescription Drug Take-Back

10 am-2 pm, Saturday, October 25

Fire Station 72, Reed Road

Clear your medicine cabinet of old and unused prescription drugs.

UACA Golden Bear Scare

6-9 pm, October 27-29

Smith Nature Park, Fishinger Road

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

Free event.

History Speaks

Ohio v. Michigan: The Rivalry

7-8:15 pm, Wednesday, Oct. 29

Bob Crane Community Center

UA Historical Society | uahistory.org

Beggars Night & Pumpkin Patrol

6-8 pm, Thursday, October 30

Throughout UA neighborhoods

UA Police & Pumpkin Patrol ensure children are safe as they Trick or Treat.