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Bob Crane Community Center



For Bob Crane Community Center updates, visit: uacommunitycenter.com

The Bob Crane Community Center is starting to rise from the ground at Kingsdale. This long-awaited project will take approximately two years to complete, but we plan to bring you regular updates along the way.

Construction Updates

The above photo shows the majority of the Community Center footprint within the Kingsdale redevelopment site.

Work at the site began immediately following the April 8 groundbreaking ceremony. In May and early June, crews placed several footers onsite and

began work on the foundations. The tower crane that will be used during construction was erected, and workers installed a new waterline across Tremont Road.

Community Center Manager

While the opening of the Bob Crane Community Center is still approximately two years out, UA Parks & Rec is laser focused on making sure they have the right team in place to be ready for opening day. To help with this effort, existing team member, TJ Putnam, has been selected to serve as the

Community Center Manager.

TJ brings to the position 19 years of progressive experience at the City of Dublin's Community Center, including general facility operations, fitness center operations and membership services. He joined the UA team in 2021, overseeing the department's registration management suite, leading the overall



REGISTER FOR BOB CRANE COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT E-UPDATES

Register for our monthly Bob Crane Community Center e-News for updates on construction and other useful updates as this exciting project progresses.



customer service efforts, supervising rental facilities staff, and serving as operations manager for the Northam Tennis Courts.

The City received more than 500 applications for the new position. TJ's passion to serve, his high regard for customer service and team building, and his experiences in a vast array of operational situations, positioned him as the lead candidate in the search process.

**Limited-Time Offer:
Include Your Photo in the
Bob Crane Community
Center Bear Mosaic**



In celebration of a successful \$8M Community Center Capital Campaign, you can now reserve a spot for a photo in the Bob Crane Community Center bear mosaic at a discounted price. For a limited time, make a gift of \$125 and include a photo of your family, the winning team, your childhood best friends, or consider making it a gift for someone special.

The bear mosaic will be displayed in a public location in the Community Center for all to enjoy.

This offer was previously \$250. Proceeds benefit the Upper Arlington Community Center Capital Campaign.



<https://togetherua.org/>

National Night Out

6-8 pm, Tuesday, August 1 | St. Agatha's Parking Lot

The UA Police Division invites community members to its first annual National Night Out event, for a chance to interact with several local law enforcement agencies. Explore various safety vehicles, see demonstrations by local enforcement K-9 units, and get up close and personal with the UA Fire Division's engine and medic trucks, and Sparky's House.



The event will also feature refreshments from several local food vendors, giveaways from a Prize Wheel, inflatable games and more.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

We hope you can join us!



Information Session

4:30 pm, Sunday, July 16 | Amelita Mirolo Barn

Northwest Kiwanis is partnering with UA Parks & Rec and Grandview Heights Parks & Recreation to form an Aktion Club serving the Tri-Village Area. Aktion Club is the only service club for adults with disabilities, with more than 10,000 members worldwide. Club members become competent, capable, caring leaders through the vehicle of service.

Adults with disabilities, their caregivers and interested individuals are invited to attend this information session.



Celebrating Independence Day - UA Style!

It's no secret that UA knows how to put on an incredible Independence Day celebration, thanks to the hard work of the all-volunteer UA Civic Association (UACA). With this year's theme - Upper Arlington Traditions, featuring Mike Borders, Coordinator of Upper Arlington Special Olympics as the 2023 Parade Grand Marshal - the community's Fourth of July traditions are not to be missed. Read on for an overview of the day's activities, and some logistics and programming updates.

Parade

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

Parade Inclusive Zone

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

Parade Traffic & Safety Restrictions

The Police Division will place non-movable barricades or City vehicles at streets intersecting Northwest Blvd. As a result, local traffic will not be able to use Northwest per the following schedule:

- 6:30-7 am - all streets between Zollinger Rd. and Lane Ave. will be closed at Northwest.
- 7-7:30 am - most streets between Lane Ave. and North Star Rd. will be closed at Northwest. It will still be possible to cross Northwest at Guilford, Barrington and Waltham roads until approximately 8 am.
- Travel on Northwest Blvd. will be



limited after 7:30 am.

- Lane Ave. will remain open to traffic until approximately 8:30 am.

All streets are expected to be reopened to traffic by 1 pm.

Parking Restrictions

Parking restrictions will be in effect for most streets south of Lane Ave. that surround the parade route - in some instances this will be on both sides of the street, in other instances it will be on the fire hydrant side only. The affected streets will be posted in advance with "no parking" signs. No parking hours will be from 5 am-1 pm on the day of the parade. If you live in the area, please move cars into your driveway or to a nearby location where parking is permissible.

Party in the Park

Doors open at 5 pm at Northam Park, featuring The Conspiracy Band and

culminating in an exciting display of fireworks at 10 pm.

Northam Park Layout Changes

The construction taking place on the west athletic fields at Northam Park will impact Party in the Park logistics. The UACA's reserved table area and entertainment stage will be on the east fields, with limited surrounding space open to the general public. The UA Schools has kindly agreed to open the east playground/field space at Tremont Elementary School for fireworks viewing.

Fireworks Safety

Recognizing the dangers posed by fireworks if handled improperly, the City opted out of the State of Ohio's 2022 fireworks legislation, and continues to ban the use of consumer grade fireworks in UA. This includes sparklers, bottle rockets, firecrackers and trick noisemakers. It is not the intent of the

FROM CHAMBERS | Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

Northam Tennis Update

Plans to renovate the Northam Tennis Courts and service building at Northam Park were postponed in 2022 when bids exceeded estimates by approximately 20%. During 2023-24 budget discussions, City Council members expressed support for these improvements but also indicated a strong preference for accomplishing the work within the previously approved budget of \$4.2 million. The issue was revisited during Council's Retreat in January, emerging as one of four "Tier One" priorities for 2023.

Since that time, Staff has been working with the design team at OHM Advisors and recreation consultant Ballard King to determine the best path forward for this phase of the Northam Park Vision Plan. They presented a detailed report of their findings to Council in May that included history, usage statistics, and comparisons to similar facilities in the region.

From this analysis, the team concluded eight courts would be sufficient



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

to sustain the program, but recommended including a ninth court as a bid alternate. The recommendation also included some adjustments to the service building, reducing its size by approximately 12% and combining everything into one structure.

After some lengthy discussions, with extensive input from the tennis community, City staff has begun work to finalize the

designs for nine courts and to solicit bids from qualified construction firms in the Fall of 2023. If the bids are within budget, staff will seek approval of the construction contracts in the Winter of 2024.

Full details of this project can be found under the Parks & Recreation section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

City to be heavy-handed in enforcement, but the City has and will enforce its laws, especially when unsafe situations are witnessed by police.

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

Pools & Northam Tennis Holiday Hours

Monday, July 3

- Northam Tennis - closes at 3 pm
- Tremont Pool - closes at 9 pm

Tuesday, July 4

- Northam Tennis - closed
- Tremont Pool - closed

Wednesday, July 5

- Northam Tennis - regular 7 am opening may be delayed by

firework cleanup

- Tremont Pool - opens at 1 pm (as long as fireworks cleanup is complete)

Gratitude

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

- Event Chairs Michelle and Steve Gdovin
- Parade Chairs Susie and George Pattison
- Float Chairs Katie and Andrew Widing
- Judging Chairs Cara and Jeremy Logsdon
- Fireworks coordinators Brandon McIntire, Doug Falor
- UACA President Jordan Braunstein

When these "Fourth of July" teams first take on the role of Judging Chairs,

they are committing to a four-year cycle of increasing responsibilities, ending as Chairs for the entire day. UA is fortunate to have residents willing to undertake the planning and logistics involved in enriching our community in this way.

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

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

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

Franklin County Auditor's Office 2023 Property Reappraisal

www.franklincountyauditor.com/knowyourhomevalue

Ohio law requires that the value of every property within Franklin County is updated in 2023 to reflect the current real estate market.

Home values across Franklin County are expected to increase by a historic amount because of multiple factors, including a strong real estate market, high demand for housing, lack of housing supply, local population growth and outside investment.

The Franklin County Auditor's office is working to ensure residents are aware and prepared, and that you have a voice in establishing the most accurate value for your property.

In August, a proposed tentative property value will be mailed to every property owner in the county. If you are satisfied that this value is accurate, you do not need to do anything else. This value will be used to calculate your property taxes payable in 2024.

If you feel that the tentative value is too high or too low, the office wants to hear from you. Property owners can further discuss those values at in-person and virtual "property value review" sessions that can be scheduled throughout the month of September

July is National Park & Recreation Month

Since 1985, people in the United States have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July to promote building strong, vibrant and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation. This year's theme – "Where Community Grows" – celebrates the vital role park and recreation professionals play in bringing people together, providing essential services and fostering the growth of our communities.

In UA, you can celebrate Park and Recreation Month in so many ways. Visit our weekly Farmers Market. Cool off at one of our three outdoor pools. Explore the nature trail and prairie garden at Northwest Park. Join us for this

(scheduling to open in August).

The 2023 Property Reappraisal is not intended to increase or decrease taxes, but to keep property values up to date with Franklin County's real estate market. While a change in value may impact your tax bill, that is not the goal. The only goal of the Franklin County Auditor's office is to complete the most accurate assessment of property possible. It is important to keep in mind that taxes do not change at the same rate as property values (a 20% increase in value does not correlate to a 20% increase in taxes, for example) and are based on voter approval at the ballot box.

The state of Ohio Department of Taxation office establishes the final valuations and rates for all residential and commercial properties throughout Franklin County. For those who participate in property value reviews, these final values will be mailed to you in December.

Scheduling for a September property value review session, as well as additional information about the 2023 Property Reappraisal, can be found by visiting www.franklincountyauditor.com/knowyourhomevalue.

year's Arts on Arlington event at the Mallway on July 13 and the Summer Celebration family event at Thompson Park on July 21.

"This month is the perfect time to highlight all the stories, memories and experiences that park and recreation professionals help make happen right here in Upper Arlington," said Debbie McLaughlin, Parks & Recreation Director. "We encourage everyone to share their own park and recreation story with us."



Storm Damage Reminders



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

If a damaged tree is a threat to public safety, or obstructing the street or sidewalk, call Parks & Forestry at 614-583-5340 during office hours. After hours situations can be reported to 614-459-2800. For immediate emergencies call 9-1-1.

Residents can dispose of tree debris through the yard waste collection component of our Solid Waste Program or by taking items to the Regional Composting facility on Roberts Road. Visit the Solid Waste section of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

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

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Steve Schoeny

City Contracts with The Montrose Group, LLC for Economic Development Consulting Services



Following the departure of former Economic Development Director, Joe Henderson, early in 2023, we decided to explore alternative options for fulfilling the City's economic development needs. After issuing a Request for Proposals for a consulting firm to take on this role, we selected Columbus-based The Montrose Group, LLC as the preferred team. On April 17, 2023, City Council subsequently approved a one-year contract with the Montrose Group at a cost of \$72,000, approximately half the budgeted amount for a fulltime position (including benefits).

The contract with Montrose focuses on implementation of the City's Economic Development Blueprint, a strategic plan completed in 2022. Core components of their efforts include business retention and expansion support, business attraction marketing strategies, small and minority business enterprise (MBE) business support, and participation in relevant Community Development Department projects.

During the selection process, the Montrose team presented a strong project approach that will blend well with our goals and organizational makeup. The fact that they have a local presence was an added benefit.

Upper Arlington has an impressive record in the economic development arena and is clearly a desirable

community for businesses looking for a central location with first class residential and educational opportunities. Making sure we are proactively connecting with and supporting our existing business base is critical, while always seeking new opportunities to maintain a strong, diverse business community.

Throughout this contract with Montrose, we will explore fresh ideas for growing our economic development program and, ultimately determining the best approach over the long term. I am confident that in a year's time, we will be ready to come back to City Council with a recommendation on next steps.

For information on UA's business community and the City's economic development efforts, visit upperarlingtonoh.gov/ua-ec-dev/.

UA Community Foundation Grant Provides Microchip Readers to Help Track, Rescue and Reconnect Missing Pets with Their Families

For any responsible pet owner, one of their worst nightmares is for their dog to go missing - perhaps a side gate was left open, the dog slipped its collar when out for a walk or took off in fear during the 4th of July fireworks season.

One of the benefits of social media platforms like Facebook is the ability to quickly share that a dog is missing, letting others in the community know who to contact if the dog is seen or retrieved. Or residents also often use these platforms to post pictures of a loose dog with details of where they saw it in the hopes of connecting with the owners or friends and neighbors who might know the dog. Thankfully, on many occasions, dogs are quickly reunited with their owners but there are instances when a dog has been found but it's proven challenging to track the owner down.

The UA Police Division's ability to assist when dogs are lost has been greatly improved. Thanks to some caring community members and the Upper Arlington Community Foundation, a grant has enabled the division to purchase two Hero pet microchip readers and various pet supplies, such as dog collars and leashes, pet carriers, bite gloves and snare poles.

When a loose dog is found, residents can call the Police non-emergency number, at 614-459-2800. The responding officer will make use of the microchip reader to scan the dog. If a microchip is present, they will then check a pet microchip lookup website that helps guide them to the company that should have the pet owner's information on file.



Bear was the first beneficiary of the new microchip readers, and was successfully reunited with his family in short order.

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CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Independence Day** - Tuesday, July 4. Solid Waste collection is delayed by one day for all zones.

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 614-583-5030

upperarlingtonoh.gov/city-council-city-clerk/
The City has an online portal for all public meeting agendas for City Council and its Boards and Commissions. To register for meeting agenda notices, simply visit the site, create an account, and subscribe to your preferred meeting types. A full list of public meetings can also be found on our 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 Parks & Recreation
- **Sentinel** - monthly program updates from the Senior Center

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

Municipal Services Center Security Enhancements

Public access to the Municipal Services Building, located at 3600 Tremont Road is now limited to the doors facing Tremont Road. All visitors must check in at the Police/City reception window to the right of the main doors, using a government-issued ID or equivalent. After check-in, visitors receive an adhesive visitor name tag to be worn for the duration of their visit.

Summer Utility Invoice

Payment Deadline: Friday, July 21
FINANCE 614-583-5291

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

Garage/Yard Sales

CODE COMPLIANCE 614-583-5070

Residents may conduct one garage/yard sale during any six-month period, not to exceed three consecutive days or two days on two consecutive weekends. Sales may be held from 8 am-8 pm, with items placed for display in a garage or

backyard. Any signage should be placed on private property only and should not exceed eight square feet.

Grass/Weed Control Guidelines

CODE COMPLIANCE 614-583-5070

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

Finance Awards

FINANCE 614-583-5291

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

- Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting. This marks the 35th consecutive year that the City has received this award.
- Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for the 2021 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). This is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for the preparation of state and local government popular reports. This marks the 17th consecutive year that the City has received this award.

Mosquito Prevention

Like clockwork, a rainy spring followed by warm weather brings mosquitoes out just in time for summer. Mosquitoes are not only a nuisance, they are a potential health risk as transmitters of diseases

Calling all Upper Arlington Businesses!

Join the **Water Quality Partnership** to learn how your business can help prevent stormwater pollution and improve water quality in local streams and rivers. Pledge by **August 31** to join the 2023 partnership!

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City of Upper Arlington



UPPER ARLINGTON WALL OF HONOR
 In May, the families of Robin Comfort and Joanie Dugger gathered with a sizeable crowd of friends and fellow community members as the two were inducted onto the Wall of Honor.



such as West Nile, La Crosse Encephalitis and St. Louis Encephalitis.

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

From mid-May through September, Franklin County Public Health (FCPH)

sets traps to identify areas where there are high numbers of mosquitoes or areas where mosquitoes are carrying West Nile Virus. If necessary, FCPH uses adulticiding (spraying) to reduce mosquito populations.

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

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

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

- Allow about one hour to pass before allowing children to play in areas that have been treated

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

Won't You Be Our Neighbor Podcast

You never know who might show up on our bi-weekly podcast, *Won't You Be Our Neighbor*. City Manager Steve Schoeny and City Attorney Darren Shulman discuss City happenings and introduce you to various members of our community. Recent podcasts have included Ferris the UA High School therapy dog (really!), incoming Schools Superintendent Dr. Robert Hunt, Greg Lehman of Watershed Distillery and UA's best known restaurateur, Cameron Mitchell. Get stated today, at <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/cityofua>.

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Schools[★]INSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

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Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

As the 2022-2023 school year came to an end, Upper Arlington Schools students, staff and families celebrated important milestones for those moving on to their next step – whether it's middle school, high school, college, career or the military.

Upper Arlington Schools' 99th annual commencement ceremony capped off the celebrations for the approximately 420 members of the Class of 2023, as they walked across the stage on May 28 at the Schottenstein Center to accept their diplomas and officially join the ranks of Golden Bear alumni.

"This is an incredible accomplishment, and it takes a great deal of determination and dedication to get to this moment," said Upper Arlington High School Principal Andrew Theado. "The Class of 2023 truly reflects our vision of uniquely accomplished

students prepared to serve, lead and succeed – with accomplishments in service and leadership and, of course, the success that they have ahead of them as they begin their next chapter in life."

Serve

The Class of 2023 has shown a remarkable commitment to service that goes above and beyond the school-based service and service-learning projects that they have engaged in throughout their time in the Upper Arlington Schools. Thirty-six students were recently recognized with the national President's Volunteer Service Award for individually contributing 50 or more hours of service to the community. Three of those students each dedicated a remarkable 250 hours, or more, to community service in the past year.

Lead

The members of the Class of 2023 have been leaders in all aspects of the academic experience in the Upper Arlington Schools. Of the Class of 2023 graduates, there are 13 National Merit Semifinalists and 16 Commended Scholars, and 85 members of the prestigious Cum Laude Society, the highest academic recognition a high school student can achieve on a national level.

Outside of the school day, these students have won regional and state recognition in athletics, the visual and performing arts, computer science and robotics, journalism and news media, and more. They are the next generation's

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UA+Ed, Its Donors Support Meaningful Learning Opportunities

The Upper Arlington Education Foundation (UA+Ed) has a long history of providing meaningful learning experiences for students and for providing donors opportunities to make a lasting impact on education in the Upper Arlington community.

In the nearly 40 years since it was founded in 1985, UA+Ed has supported generations of students through grants, scholarships and awards that go above and beyond the district's budget. These opportunities 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 2022 alone, UA+Ed approved 77 grants and gave over \$155,000 – impacting every student in every school. These grants have supported all facets of the UA Schools experience, including STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics); literacy; the visual

and performing arts; athletics; and co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

Some examples include equipment for computer science and STEM learning opportunities for multiple grade levels; "buddy benches" and other initiatives that support well-being; a new digital kiosk at Jones Middle School that honors the history and legacy of alumni; author visits and motivational speakers; and scholarships for the 8th grade Washington, D.C., trip.

"This is an incredible time to be part of the Education Foundation, as we grow the number of grant requests from our staff and the amount we have given to support those meaningful opportunities for our students," said Alice Finley, executive director of UA+Ed. "We are grateful for the continued support of our alumni and community, and we invite everyone to join us for our favorite annual FUNdraiser to continue to support our students."



On the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, UA+Ed will host its 17th Golden Bear BASH! from 6-10 pm, September 3 at the Amelita Mirolo Barn. This adults-only event raised \$130,000 last year, and proceeds go to supporting the UA+Ed's mission of providing meaningful opportunities for students.

Sponsorships, and information, are available at uaeducationfoundation.com.

Parent-Teacher Organizations Enhance Experiences for Students

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

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

Joining the PTO "helps to build a sense of community and helps parents become more engaged and familiar with school initiatives and programs,"



said Ali Petty, the president of the Upper Arlington High School PTO. "PTO members choose their level of engagement, and it is an amazing opportunity to connect with students and administrators at all levels."

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

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

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

Find your PTO online!

Visit www.uaschools.org and select your school under the "Our Schools" menu to find a link to the PTO.



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Robert Hunt, Ph.D.

Community Collaboration is at the Heart of Excellence in Our Schools

Over the past several months, as I have been working to transition to the role of the next superintendent of the Upper Arlington Schools, I have spoken with many people in this community about why it's such a wonderful place. In those conversations, one thing almost always came up: the Fourth of July.

I will officially become the superintendent of schools on July 1, and my family and I will experience our first Upper Arlington Fourth a few days later.

It is no surprise to me that this day is so special to so many people here. This community has a long tradition of coming together, in many different ways.

I have always believed the best public schools are those that are a reflection of the values and expectations of the community. As an Ohio native and a longtime educator in this state, I have always admired this great school district and how the Upper Arlington community and the schools work together to provide an innovative program and educational experience for students.

For the past two years, I had the privilege of serving as the superintendent of the Barrington 220 Community Unit School District, northwest of Chicago. While my family

and I really enjoyed our time there, we have always admired Upper Arlington Schools. When the call came that they were searching for a superintendent, it was an opportunity we couldn't pass up. I am very excited to come back to Ohio and make this community our home - both as a parent and as a superintendent.

My wife, Shannon, is an incredible educator and is excited to continue her career here as a literacy specialist with the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio. We are the proud parents of four children - "the bigs and the littles," as we call them. Our littles - Emerson and Hawken - are in elementary school and are excited to become Golden Bears. Our bigs - Ashton and Braden - are on to their next step in life. Braden is continuing his academic pursuits in college, and Ashton recently graduated from the University of Dayton and will begin her teaching career in Worthington Schools this fall.

Over the past few months, I have been working closely with the Board of Education, Interim Superintendent Kathy Jenney, Ed.D., and our administrative team to prepare for this transition. I'd like to thank Dr. Jenney for her leadership and congratulate

her as she prepares to retire after 10 years with our district.

Looking ahead, I will remain committed to continuing the conversation and will be spending a lot of time listening to our stakeholders about what's going well and how we can improve. This will begin to inform what the process will be for us to define the next iteration of excellence for the Upper Arlington Schools. I had an opportunity to begin those conversations in May with the latest round of Listen Learn Lead community engagement sessions. We heard from hundreds and hundreds of students, staff members, parents and grandparents, and community members, and that feedback will help inform my priorities for my first year as superintendent. You can learn more about the Listen Learn Lead process on our website, www.uaschools.org/ListenLearnLead.aspx.

I look forward to meeting many more of you as we continue working collaboratively to help our schools be the best they can be.

Robert Hunt, Ph.D., is the superintendent of Upper Arlington Schools.

You can email him at superintendent@uaschools.org and follow him on Twitter at [@Hunt_EdLeader](https://twitter.com/Hunt_EdLeader).

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budding scientists, inventors and innovators, and legal minds.

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After graduation, the members of the Class of 2023 are headed off for college, the military and some other destinations, too. They will be attending more than 100 colleges and universities across the

country, and some are making different plans, whether it's for a gap year, career or another path. Two graduates have committed to serving our country in the military and ROTC programs, and 20 have committed to continuing their athletic and academic pursuits at the college level.

"It's no surprise these graduates have big plans for the future. Their long list of achievements speaks for itself," Theado said. "We wish these students the best and are so excited to continue to watch them grow as they go on to their next step in life."

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

Upper Arlington Schools is committed to being a good steward of our community's investment in our schools. As part of that commitment,



it is essential that we provide our community a clear and transparent view of our district's finances.

The five-year forecast provides that important check-in point for our community twice every year. It includes three years of actual data and five years of anticipated revenues and expenditures – offering a look at both our current financial status and our outlook, including the potential impact of any future needs.

This legally required document is presented to the Board of Education and filed with the state of Ohio every November, and is updated every May.

The May 2023 update reflects a few key changes since the November 2022 filing, including the 2024 calendar year property revaluation by the Franklin County auditor's office. These updates to property values are completed every three years, based on state law, to reflect changes in the real-estate market.

This fall, all Franklin County

homeowners will be receiving a new appraisal estimate from the county auditor. While property values are expected to increase by an average of 30 percent countywide, that doesn't mean homeowners will be paying 30 percent more in property taxes – or that school districts will be receiving 30 percent more in property tax revenue.

As you may recall, a state law known as House Bill 920 ensures that voted operating levies do not grow as property values increase. In fact, as property values increase, tax rates actually decrease for homeowners, so the district gets about the same amount of money. There are exceptions to this, including something called inside millage, a fixed amount that is legally provided for by the Ohio Constitution and is not related to levies or bond issues approved by voters. Because of that, Upper Arlington Schools will receive an additional \$2.1 million per calendar year beginning

in 2024. For context, that amounts to less than 2 percent of the district's total annual revenue.

In addition to the upcoming revaluation, the most recent update to the five year forecast also takes into account the governor's proposed biennium budget, which was still making its way through the legislative process as of the writing of this column. Based on what we knew as of May, we expect the total amount of state aid that we receive to remain relatively the same.

You can take a closer look at the five-year forecast on our website, www.uaschools.org/treasurer.aspx. While you're there, you can also explore the other documents we have available – including the 2022-2023 Financial Update, our annual financial accountability report to the community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at treasurer@uaschools.org.

2023 UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM LEFT: Vice President Nancy Drees, President Lori Trent, Jenny McKenna, Lou Sauter and Nidhi Satiani



Thanks to a partnership with the City of Upper Arlington, Board of Education meetings take place in the Council Chamber of the City's Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road. In general, 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, August 8, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, September 12, 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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BITES From the Apple

SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



135 UAHS students receive service awards

With a total of more than 14,000 hours of service, 135 UAHS students were honored as recipients of the 2023 President's Volunteer Service Award. These awards are given in two categories, Young Adult and Teen, based on the graduating class of the recipient. Congratulations to this year's recipients!

Young Adult Awards Gold: 250+ hours - Nathan Adams, Claire Geistfeld, Riddhi Gupta, Hannah Hiller, Bella Klisovic, Kathryn Overmyer, Alana Sayat and Lucas Xie

Young Adult Awards Silver: 175+ hours - Skylar Burkle, Natalia Caruso, Richard Frenken, Avery Golowin, Allie Gomez, Cathryn Kanel, Margaret Malone, Parker McGinty, Rakshambika Sankarraman, Lucas Skoracki and Zachary Root

Young Adult Awards Bronze: 100+ hours - Micah Anderson, Andrew Ardoin, Shervin Bajestani, Sophia Barger, Sydney Barrett, Angelo Bowman, Emma Braum, Kathryn Brooks, Josh Brown, Sofia Call, Brayden Daubenmier, Logan Daubenmier, James Davis, Daessm Fischer, Isaac FoslerLussier, Chloe Friedman, Max Golembiewski, James Gray, Saumya Gupta, Elias Haney, Meredith Hanosek, Rebekah Harper, Samatha Hart, Brooks Hiller, Max Hoffman, Gabriel Holmes, Keegan Hughes, Wendy Jiang, Nayeon Kang, Ella Lakatos, Matthew Lederer, Bella Lewis, Elizabeth Liu, Ariana Lucas, Gabe Lynd, Rachel Miller, Sophie Miller, Holden Milliken, Nathan Narcelles, Sally Oh, Connor Okamura, Jack Peterson, Natalie Potts, Alea Ramsey, Hallie Rehl, Will Robertson, Ethan Samora, Kiersten Schantz, Avery Shea, Karoline Sheehan, Ryan Sivakumar, Elliot Snyder, Cynthia Song, Abigail Swart, Layla Swartz, Corina Villena-Aldama, Vivian Vukceвич, Keita Watson, Jack Westhoven, Carson Widman and Nathanael Wood

Teen Awards Gold: 100+ hours - Luke Ashby, Margo Bache, Leo Capetanopoulos, Mia Caruso, Mallory Huber, Joon Kang, Rae Liu, Thomas Lowrey, Logan Magliery, Emily Malone, Erin Malone, Meredith McCormick, Isaac Meats, Marley Nemeth, Natalie Ness, Kassra Shavezpur, Hadley Taylor, Macie Zhong and Frederick Zuckerman

Teen Awards Silver: 75+ hours - Tallulah Blower, Bennett Dial, Stella Goff, Michael Lindsay and Maddie Reisz

Teen Awards Bronze: 50+ hours - Avah Anderson, Maureen Burky, Kyrie Coble, Abby Cui, Corbin Cummons, Gavin Cummons, Rowan Geygan, Drew Golowin, Daryn Goodwin, Seungri Han, Maxwell Hanks, Kate Hauswirth, Jackson Lloyd, Evelyn Logsdon, Charlotte Milligan, Caden Moore, Sophia Norton, Sophie Port, Erin Samora, Carl Schweisthal, Jihoon Son, Sophia Thyer, Selis Tufekci, Jillian Vagnier, Brooke Vaughan, Jane Yahn and Nurim Yoo

Uniquely Accomplished

- Recent UAHS graduate **James Underwood**, who was the editor in chief of the *Arlingtonian* newsmagazine for the 2022-2023 school year, was named the Student Journalist of the Year by the Ohio Scholastic Media Association.
- UAHS rising senior **Ashley He** received the Yale Science and Engineering Association Award and was named a Melvin Scholar at the Buckeye Science & Engineering Fair – placing her among the top students in the state.
- UAHS rising senior **Gracie Clark** received a CAPA Marquee Award for best actress in a supporting role for her performance as Babette in UAHS's production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*.
- UAHS rising seniors **Shira Bohrer** and **Rhys Young** were selected for the 2023 Achievement Award in Writing from the National Council of Teachers of English, which recognizes some of the best student writers in the nation.
- UAHS rising freshman **William Duan** was selected out of more than 500 student essayists as winner of the 2023 Ohio District's Optimist Club essay contest.
- Seven Hastings Middle School students in grades 7 and 8 received awards in Le Grand Concours, the 2023 National French Contest – including a platinum award and a perfect score by **Libby Mark**. Also receiving awards were: **Violet Binkley**, silver; **Degen Coble** and **Mia Burkey**, bronze; and **Ellie Carstens**, **Erika Hartley** and **Timmy Burd**, honorable mention.
- Yicheng Lin**, a rising sixth grader at Hastings Middle School, placed second in the state and highest among

his peers on the sixth-grade level exam this spring for the Ohio Math League Contest.

UA Schools staff receive Golden Apple Awards

Each spring, the UA Civic Association recognizes outstanding staff members at Upper Arlington's public and private schools with Golden Apple Awards. Congratulations to the 2023 Golden Apple Award winners from UA Schools!

- Burbank Early Childhood School: **Susan Laux**, preschool teacher
- Barrington Elementary School: **Amy Adams**, third grade teacher
- Greensview Elementary School: **Austin Syar**, third grade teacher
- Tremont Elementary School: **Jessica Zimpher**, reading specialist
- Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School: **Kristin Santilli**, 2 / 3 teacher
- Windermere Elementary School: **Katie Shough**, second grade teacher
- Hastings Middle School: **Janice Daubenmier**, social studies teacher
- Jones Middle School: **Brian Shininger**, math teacher
- Upper Arlington High School: **Doug Wilson**, intervention specialist
- District: **Matt Stanley**, athletics site manager and substitute teacher



ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 1:00 - 4:00 PM
UPPER ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



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All are welcome!

FEATURING

Tours of the school

Alumni Awards and Educator Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony beginning at 2:30 PM

Shopping for UA Swag at Bear Essentials

UAHS Open House to honor alumni, educators

The UA Alumni Association and UA Schools are pleased to announce the alumni and retired educators who have been selected for the 2023 Alumni Awards and 2023 Educator Hall of Fame. These individuals will be recognized at an awards presentation on July 2 during the UAHS Open House, sponsored by the Alumni Association. The open house will be held from 1-4 pm, with the awards presentation at 2:30 pm.

2023 Alumni Awards

- Distinguished Alumni Award: **Col. (R) Michael J. Johnson**, '83, and **Robert C. Young, M.D.**, '57
- Inspirational Young Alumni Award: **Molly Seguin**, '07
- Outstanding Alumni Award: **Kathy Adams**, '93, and **Mike Fitzpatrick**, '91

2023 Educator Hall of Fame

- **Kay Barr**, global language, UAHS
- **Frank Cole**, language arts, UAHS
- **Don Valentine**, orchestra, UAHS



2023-2024 SCHOOL DATES

Staff Convocation and Meetings
Monday, August 14

Staff In-Service Day
Tuesday, August 15

First Day for Students (Grades 1-6 and 9)
Wednesday, August 16

Kindergarten Orientation
Wednesday, August 16 and Thursday, August 17

Classes in Session for Grades 1-12
Thursday, August 17

All Students in Session
Friday, August 18

Labor Day: No School for Students and Staff
Monday, September 4

Early Dismissal (K-12)
Wednesday, September 20
Dismissal at 1 pm for elementary students; 1:30 pm for secondary students

For the full 2023-2024 school year calendar, please visit our website at www.uaschools.org/calendars.aspx.

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School Year Send-off

As the 2022-2023 school year came to a close, our schools hosted some special celebrations for students. From field days at the elementary schools to outdoor games and team-building activities at the middle schools, students packed a lot of fun into the final days of the year. The graduating Class of 2023 and fifth and eighth graders moving on to middle school or high school had their own special celebrations, too, including senior receptions at the elementary schools, clap-outs, and promotion ceremonies.



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Upper Arlington High School's Elizabeth Poling, Clara Reynolds, Maggie Robertson and Elaina Schneider were state runners-up in the 4x400 and set a new school record.



Upper Arlington High School's girls lacrosse team weathered nearly three hours in delays due to storms to capture their 11th state championship with a 14-10 win over Olentangy Liberty on June 3.



The JV 8+ boat represented the Upper Arlington Crew at the Scholastic National Championships in May and finished seventh in the country out of all public and private schools.



The Upper Arlington High School boys lacrosse team clinched a regional title over Hilliard Davidson and went on to the state semifinals – where they lost to Cincinnati St. Xavier in overtime.



Hastings and Jones Bears spiked out hunger through a friendly, fun and, at times, a little silly volleyball competition / fundraiser in May – resulting in the donation of \$1,978.65 and 300 nonperishable items to Mid-Ohio Foodbank.



Upper Arlington High School's Symphonic Choir received a Superior rating, placing the ensemble among the top choirs in the state, at the Ohio Music Educators Association adjudication in April.

New Faces Join UA Schools Administrative Team

This summer, Upper Arlington Schools will welcome six new administrators to serve students, staff and families in several different roles.

Stephanie Siddens, Ph.D. Deputy Superintendent

Dr. Stephanie Siddens is joining new Superintendent Robert Hunt, Ph.D., to serve as the deputy superintendent. She has more than 25 years of



experience in education, most recently as interim superintendent of public instruction for the state of Ohio. She previously served in a variety of roles with the Ohio Department of Education, including director of the office of early learning, senior executive director of the center for curriculum and assessment, and senior executive director for the center of student supports.

Greg Thompson Chief Operating Officer

Greg Thompson is joining the district after serving as director of business services for Beavercreek City Schools for nearly seven years. He got his start in school operations in Dublin City Schools. He has extensive experience in all aspects of district operations, including safety and security, construction and facilities master planning, maintenance, transportation and nutritional services.



Kristin Robbins, Ed.D. Director of Secondary Education

Dr. Kristin Robbins is a UA resident and

parent of two Golden Bear alumni. She has served as the principal of Bexley High School since 2018. Prior to that, she spent 18 years as the assistant principal there. She began her career in the Westerville City Schools, where she served first as a language arts teacher and later as a dean of students.



Michelle Peterson Barrington Elementary School Principal

Michelle Peterson comes to UA from Lakota Local School District, north of Cincinnati, where she was principal of Creekside Early Childhood School, a building that serves students in kindergarten through second grade. She has more than 25 years of experience in education, including five years as a principal.



Jacki Prati Tremont Elementary School Principal

Jacki Prati is a longtime UA resident and a parent of four Golden Bears. She has served as the principal of J.W. Reason Elementary School in Hilliard for 11 years and was recently named the 2023 Ohio Principal of the Year by the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators. Previously, she spent



12 years as an elementary teacher and literacy coach in the Hilliard and South-Western school districts.

Penny Stires Hastings Middle School Principal

Penny Stires comes to UA with 30 years of experience in education and nearly 20 years of experience as a middle school



administrator, in Colorado and Central Ohio. She most recently served as principal of Fort Collins High School in Colorado. She brings to the Hastings community a strong background in special education and school improvement and a dedication to building strong relationships with students, staff and families.

Mindy Bean Middle School Athletic Director

Mindy Bean is excited to support the Golden Bears as the new middle school athletic director. She comes to Upper Arlington from Purcell Marian High School in Cincinnati, where she served as the assistant athletic director. She has previously served as an athletic site manager and substitute teacher in UA. She will assume the role that was previously held by Logan Erwin, who is becoming the new assistant director of student life at Upper Arlington High School.



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Smile! Raina Telgemeier Visits July 15

Our Tremont Road Branch will host author Raina Telgemeier for three separate sessions on Saturday, July 15. She'll speak at 9 am, Noon and 3 pm, to share her journey from being a kid reader and artist to a teenage cartoonist to a professional author. Registration is required and is currently open on our program calendar at ualibrary.libnet.info/events.

Raina will talk about where she gets her ideas and how she uses her life as a springboard for story ideas. She'll share art from milestones along the way and will offer a peek into the process of making a graphic novel. She'll even



create live artwork for the audience while she answers questions!

Raina Telgemeier is the author and illustrator of the graphic novels *Smile*, *Drama*, *Sisters*, *Ghosts*, and *Guts* – all #1 New York Times bestsellers. She also adapted and illustrated four graphic novel versions of Ann M. Martin's *Babysitters Club* series.

Her books are primarily written for kids ages 8-12 but all ages are welcome to attend this interactive presentation. Cover to Cover Children's Books will be onsite if you'd like to purchase any copies of Raina's graphic novels for signing.

Summer Reading Program Continues in July

There's about one month left in our 2023 Summer Reading Program! There's still time for your whole family to earn prizes and entries in our grand prize drawings.

Pick up a reading log at any of our branches, or download one at ualibrary.org/summer-reading. Use your log to track the days you read or your reading goals. Once you've finished your log, visit one of our branches to receive a prize.

- **1st log:** coupon packet, treasure chest selection, and grand prize drawing entry
- **2nd log:** book, treasure chest selection, and grand prize drawing entry
- **3rd log and beyond:** treasure chest selection and grand prize drawing entry

Keep reading throughout July to earn entries for our grand prizes. You could win a 2024 Upper Arlington family pool pass, a private family cooking class with the executive chef at Littleton's Market, Kings Island tickets, a LEGO set, a Dog Man basket, plush animal, or other great prize.

Thank you to our 2023 sponsors: the Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library, The Buckeye Lady, City of Upper Arlington, Columbus Museum of Art, Cover to Cover Books for Young Readers, Cub Shrub, Grandview Theater & Drafthouse, Kings Island, Littleton's Market, McDonald's, Ohio Renaissance Festival, The Original Goodie Shop, Piada Italian Street Food, and Rita's Italian Ice.





A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Beth Hatch

A question I sometimes hear when I tell people I work at the Library is “do people even use the libraries anymore?”... usually followed by a comment about how they assumed libraries were irrelevant due to Google and the Internet.

I emphatically share that libraries are still popular and relevant with some staggering statistics: There are more libraries in the US. than McDonald’s. The 251 public libraries in Ohio have more than 7.7 million library card holders and see 29.6 million library visits in

a year. Here at the Upper Arlington Public Library, we welcome over 1,000 visitors every day who check out books and movies, attend programs, study in our quiet areas, do research, read the newspaper, and bring their children to play in our Early Learning Play Areas.

Although libraries still hold on to traditional services like book collections and programming, they are always thinking of new ways to serve and enhance programs, services, collections, and buildings to meet the needs of the community. UAPL is no exception.

Your library offers special services like passports and home delivery, unique collections like light therapy lamps, Wi-Fi hotspots, and memory care kits. We’ve ramped up our programming with Life-size Candyland, magicians, show dogs, trivia at SIP, murder mystery dinners, and yoga with kittens and goats.

Our streaming services and eBook

and audiobook collection are available 24/7. We’ve seen a staggering increase in their use – about 20% each year.

To re-envision our buildings along with our collections and programs, the Library has hired HBM Architects and Interior Designers to facilitate a 10-year Master Facilities Plan that will take into consideration our systems, infrastructure, maintenance, and use of our spaces. We’ll offer community engagement sessions this Fall in which you can participate to re-imagine library spaces to meet your needs.

A few of the areas we hope to address are how to add more meeting space and to meet the increasing needs of laptop users, as well as a more efficient use of our Customer Service Department at our Tremont Road Branch.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts on how the Library can better utilize its space in the upcoming months.

Program Highlights

Check out our *Library Link* program guide for the complete list of summer programs. Pick one up at any UAPL branch or download at uapl.me/3LSluvF.

Make Magic with the Alans

Jason and Stacy Alan will entertain your family with a highly interactive show full of imaginative props, humor, and, of course, magic! Join us at the Tremont Road Branch on Saturday, July 8 at 2 pm.

Balloon Sculpting with Erica Carlson

Erica Carlson visits the Lane Road Branch on Thursday, July 13 to teach kids how to make basic balloon twists and coach them through sculpting some of their very own creations. It’s an empowering experience that builds confidence and creativity. Erica will present workshops at 1 pm and 2:30 pm. For ages 7 and up; registration is required.

Giant Bubble Show

Logan Jimenez will dazzle you with a mix of circus stunts and bubble artistry. Your whole family will be amazed by bubble volcanoes, sculptures, and more! Don’t miss this special show on Tuesday, July 18 at 1 pm at the Tremont Road Branch.

Animal Ambassadors

Enjoy an entertaining and educational visit of animals from the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. You could see animals like a penguin, sloth, fox, armadillo, tortoise, owl, or lizard. Meet these creatures outside the Miller Park Branch on Friday, July 21 at 10:30 am.

Fun Day Carnival

Join us for the Miller Park Branch’s annual free outdoor carnival! Play games and win prizes in a book walk, bean bag toss, duck pond and more. Don’t miss

out on this fun summer tradition on Thursday, July 27 at 6:30 pm.

Puzzle Swap

Back by popular demand! Swap puzzles with other enthusiasts on Saturday, August 19 from 2-3 pm at the Tremont Road Branch. This is intended for adults with gently used puzzles, 300 pieces and up. Bring as many puzzles as you want.

Regency Tea Party and Trivia

From Jane Austen to *Bridgerton*, the English Regency era has proven the perfect backdrop for romance and drama. Practice your best high society manners over delicious tea and scones at the Lane Road Branch’s tea party, Sunday, August 20 at 1:30 pm. Do you know the proper way to show your marital status with a fan? Show what you know and learn new facts with a game of trivia on the opulent culture and elaborate customs of Regency society. Open to adults and teens; registration is required.

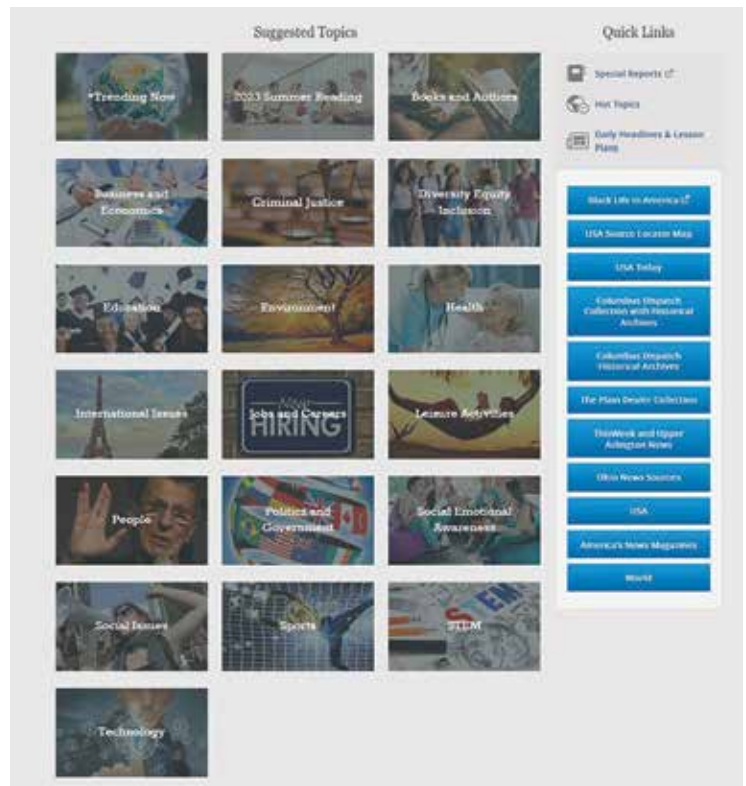
Library Adds New Online Resources

The Upper Arlington Public Library has expanded our already vast collection of digital newspaper access with **Access World News**. This resource gives you access to over 10,000 international publications. Those looking for Ohio-based newspapers will find the most recent issues of the *Plain Dealer*, *The Blade*, the *Akron Beacon Journal*, and the *Dayton Daily News*. **Access World News** also offers an impressive collection of regional, national and UK-based periodicals like *USA Today*, *The New York Post*, *The Guardian*, *The Times* (London) and many more.

Be sure to check out our other great newspaper resources including (but definitely not limited to) *The Columbus Dispatch* (archives and today's paper), *New York Times* digital edition, *ThisWeek Community News* (archives), and *The Wall Street Journal*.

Starting this July, we'll also offer access to **Candid Community's** suite of resources.

- **Foundation Directory Online** is an essential tool for any organization looking for funding. With access to information on over 242,000 grantmakers and 24 million grants this tool can help you reach philanthropists that will want to support your mission.
- **Grant to Individuals** includes profiles of over 10,000 grantmakers with details on funders that provide scholarships, grants, and a wide range of financial support to individuals.
- **Guidestar** allows you to search over 2 million nonprofits. You can target organizations that matter to you based on geography, organizational structure, and their financial metrics.



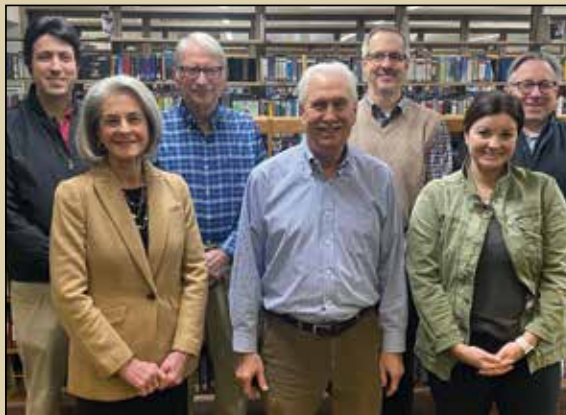
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2023 Board of Trustees

From Left: Stephen Flynn, Sue Ralph, William Shkurti, John Yesso, Vice President Kevin Fix, Kate Hare, President Peter Hahn



All meetings of the Board and its committees, with the exception of executive sessions, are open to the public.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- No July meeting
- 5 pm, Tuesday, August 15

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MAKING MEMORIES...building connections

Families took a sweet journey around the library with our popular life-size Candyland program.



Our pint-size prom featured bubbles, wagon rides, and other fun activities.



Party animals kicked off the Summer Reading Program at our Lane Road Branch with crafts, games and a photo booth.



Author Margaret Peterson Haddix visited to talk about and sign her books. She also invited kids on stage to ask what they think life will be like in the year 2075.



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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Library Summer Closings

All three of our branches will be closed on Tuesday, July 4. We will also be closed on Tuesday, August 22 for staff development.

August 22 Programs Canceled

Due to our closure on Tuesday, August 22, we have rescheduled the Move It!: Exercise for Seniors program to Tuesday, August 29 at the Tremont Road Branch. Miller Park has canceled the Book Buddies and English Conversation Practice programs scheduled for that day.

Summer StoryWalk

Visit the playground at Fancyburg Park to read the summer StoryWalk book, *Bear Can't Wait* by Karma Wilson. Each panel features activities to engage young readers.

Friends Book Sale

Visit our Tremont Road Branch between August 13-27 to shop the Friends of the UA Library Sale (Sale and the library will be closed on August 22). Friends members can shop the

members-only presale on Sunday, August 13 from 11 am-1 pm. The sale opens to the public that day at 1 pm. It's open during regular library hours thereafter, but shuts down 15 minutes before the library closes each day. The Friends will put out new items as they come in, so stop by throughout the sale and look for the "New Arrivals" sign. The members-only bag sale will be held on the final day, Sunday, August 27, 11 am-1 pm. Members can fill one of our shopping bags with books for just \$5. The fill-a-bag sale will be open to the public 1-3 pm that day at a cost of \$10 per bag. The items on the store's shelves are eligible for the bag sale, but items in the glass cases are excluded.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Donate blood at the Tremont Road Branch on Thursday, July 27 and Friday, August 11 from 11 am-4 pm. Visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code **UAPL** to make an appointment.

Friends Donation Days

Donate your unwanted books without ever leaving your car. The Friends of the UA Library will be in the Tremont Road Branch's parking lot on Saturday, July 22 from Noon-2 pm and on Sunday, August 20 from 1-3 pm. Friends volunteers will even unload your car for you! Please box or bag items if possible.

OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

Rebel with a Clause: Tales and Tips from a Roving Grammarian

By Ellen Jovin

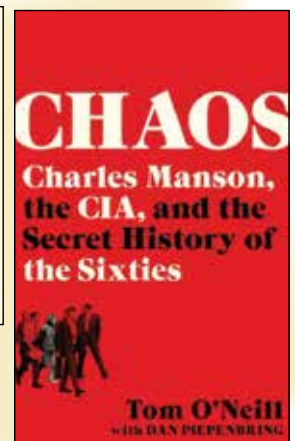
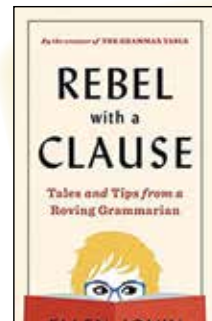
If you enjoy debating the use of Oxford commas and apostrophes with friends, this book is for you! There are so many grammar conundrums discussed, dissected and even diagrammed in an amusing and approachable manner throughout this book. The author's fun personality - and the colorful characters she meets in her travels across the country answering grammar questions - gives the text a conversational rather than textbook feel. This quick read is broken into short chapters by topic with a mini quiz at the end of each, and can easily be picked up and put down at your leisure.

– Nancy Byron, Miller Park

Chaos: Charles Manson, the CIA, and the Secret History of the Sixties

By Tom O'Neill with Dan Piepenbring

An intricately researched attempt to redefine the Manson murders and the context around them, journalist Tom O'Neill goes where few have gone before in his mission to get at the truth behind one of the most shocking events of the 20th Century. Pulling at every thread possible, the scope of O'Neill's investigation goes far beyond Manson and his cohort and reveals a tangled web of coincidence and conspiracy. *Chaos* makes for a fascinating read, as the author dedicated the better part of 20 years to writing this book. His attention to detail pairs well



with his ability to craft narratives around both the case and his own obsessive investigation.

– Collin Clemons, Research Department



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Concourse Gallery

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

Undesign the Redline

Ends July 7

UA Farmers Market

3-6 pm, Wednesdays

Littleton's Parking Lot, Tremont Center
commongreensohio.org/upper-arlington

UA's popular Farmers Market is held every Wednesday, rain or shine at its new location.

Fourth of July Celebration

Tuesday, July 4

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

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

Movies in the Parks

UA PARKS & REC | 614-583-5300

July 7

Sonic 2 (PG)

7:30 pm, Family Camp Out, Sunny 95 Park

August 11

Encanto (PG)

7:30 pm, Thompson Park South Shelter

UA Performance Series

UA PARKS & REC | 614-583-5300

Arts on Arlington

6-10 pm, Thursday, July 13

Mallway Park, 2096 Arlington Avenue

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

Summer Celebration

6-9 pm, Thursday, July 20

Thompson Park

UA Parks & Rec | upperarlingtonoh.gov

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

The Golden Gala: Through the Decades

6-8 pm, Friday, July 28

Amelita Mirolo Barn, Sunny 95 Park

UA SENIOR CENTER | 614-583-5320

parks.uaoh.net

UA older adults are invited to take a trip down memory lane and enjoy a second chance to attend Prom! Open to Senior Association members. Cost \$17, registration required by July 14.

National Night Out

6-8 pm, Tuesday, August 1

St. Agatha's Church

UA POLICE | upperarlingtonoh.gov

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Join UAPD to enjoy Graeter's Ice Cream, an Icee Truck and Papa John's.

The evening also includes inflatables and giveaways!

OhioHealth Grandview Yard Half & Quarter Marathon

7 am, Sunday, August 6

Begins in Grandview Yard

[//rungrandviewyard.com](http://rungrandviewyard.com)

Expanded to include a half marathon through part of UA, proceeds from this event benefit the UA Community Foundation.

Golden Bear Bash

6-10 pm, Sunday, Sept. 3

Amelita Mirolo Barn

UA Education Foundation

www.goldenbearbash.com

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

Labor Day Arts Festival

10 am-6 pm, Monday, Sept. 4

Northam Park

UA Cultural Arts | 614-583-5310

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

UACA Labor Neighbor Day

9 am-5 pm, Monday, Sept. 4

Hastings Middle School

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

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