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



Throughout the Fall of 2021, the focus was on the detailed design process for the Upper Arlington Community Center. That focus continues into the New Year and, as promised, built into this process are many opportunities for residents to get involved.

Fall 2021 Engagement Activity Summary

A series of community engagement activities kicked off in October, with the following highlights:

Open House 1

At the first Open House, held October 20, information was shared about the detailed design process and project schedule, with a recap of the primary building program and uses that had previously been identified by the Community Center Feasibility Task Force. Participants were then able to provide input on how they envisioned using the aquatics, gymnasiums and

community spaces, and were able to play with blocking/stacking options to help identify preferred placement of specific program spaces.

Open House 2

At the November 10 Open House, details were shared about the City's prospective partners for the Community Center and their aligned mission around health, wellness and recreation. The design team also discussed the multi-generational and multi-purpose nature of the proposed spaces within the facility that support the Community Center's holistic vision.

Two planning schemes were shared showing how the different program uses could be placed within the building. Some general preferences emerged from these options, including:

- A preference for placing parking underground to maximize ground floor programming space (if the budget allows)

- A preference for placing the Senior Lounge on the second floor with program rooms
- A preference for locating multi-purpose spaces on the top floor

Focus Groups and Work Groups

From late November into December, a series of focus group and work group discussions were hosted in person and virtually in order to facilitate robust conversations on specific programming areas, such as senior programming, youth & teen opportunities, aquatics, inclusion & accessibility, and sustainability.

In total, eight focus groups and four work group discussions occurred, with more than 85 participants, providing invaluable insight on needs and expectations for fulfilling the goal of creating a holistic, multi-generational facility that will truly serve as the community's central gathering space.

Questions of the Week Word Clouds



When the UACC opens, what's the first thing you look forward to doing in the new building?



What are your creative ideas for how we may repurpose the Macy's blue bricks salvaged from the Kingsdale site?

Additional focus groups are anticipated as the detailed design process progresses.

UACC Website & Emails
uacommunitycenter.com

The design team has been encouraging residents to become and stay engaged in the process by regularly checking the UA Community Center website, and registering for email updates. In November alone, the website was viewed by more than 2,500 unique users and by early December, 485 people had registered for regular email updates.

Questions of the Week

Beginning in late November, the team began posing a weekly question about the UA Community Center - from ideas for making use of the blue bricks salvaged from the former Macy's/Lazarus building to seeking creative ideas for making sure the UA Community Center feels welcoming to all. Above are two word clouds depicting the most popular responses to two of the questions posed.

This is your Community Center, so don't miss these upcoming opportunities for helping to shape this exciting new facility. Visit uacommunitycenter.com for project updates and to sign-up for the UA Community Center mailing list.

YOUR INPUT WANTED!!!
Complete Our Online Survey
Open Through January 14
www.surveymonkey.com/r/uacommunitycenter

Input received from the community engagement process to date has been used to help develop an online survey that is currently available, and we invite and encourage you to participate in this next step in the process. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete but the feedback will provide invaluable guidance for the detailed design process.

Community Meeting 3
2022 State of the City Address
Thursday, February 17
Upper Arlington High School

In addition to some of our regular State of the City Address activities, the design team will be unveiling the preferred planning strategy and schematic design concept for the Upper Arlington Community Center. This will be a night you won't want to miss! See the State of the City Address article on page 4 for additional details.

UA Community Center Capital Campaign Update

In the September/October issue of *UA Insight*, we shared word of the Upper Arlington Community Foundation's launch of a Community Center Capital Campaign and the exciting news of a \$2 million lead gift from Loann Crane in honor of her husband, Bob Crane. Since that time, campaign members have been reaching out to individuals and families who have expressed an interest in financially supporting this initiative.

"Securing private funds in partnership with the City is crucial to creating a vibrant gathering place for all of our residents by providing an exciting mix of activities, educational events, and social and recreational opportunities," said campaign co-chair Margie Pizzuti. "The \$2 million lead gift from Loann Crane represented the first significant private commitment to lead by example. It has inspired others in the community to follow with their financial support of this long-awaited Community Center."

"Based upon the success of the campaign to date, we're confident that we will raise at least our original goal and secure additional dollars to assure that the Center is built in a way that reflects what our citizens envision with this creation of this exceptional gathering place," added campaign co-chair Mike Fitzpatrick. "We're encouraged by the opportunity for additional financial support, that can be raised through a broad based, grassroots effort to ensure that all our community's citizens feel a sense of ownership in the Center. As the design plans for the Community Center are finalized in the coming months, those additional dollars raised will be crucial to enhancing and maximizing the use of space within the facility."

An update on the Foundation's Community Center Capital Campaign will be shared with the community at the 2022 State of the City Address on February 17 (see page 4 for additional details). To learn more, please call 614-451-0700.

2022 State of the City Address & UACC Community Meeting

Thursday, February 17, Upper Arlington High School

6 pm Reception; 7 pm Address and UACC Update

With the dawning of each New Year comes a report out to the community from City leaders, at the annual State of the City Address. For 2022, we are mixing things up with a move to February, a change of location and a focus on the Upper Arlington Community Center.

The evening will begin with a 6 pm reception with refreshments, allowing for networking and an opportunity to meet with members of Council and the Administration. Then, beginning at 7 pm, City Manager Steve Schoeny and members of Council will highlight accomplishments from the past year and provide a look ahead to what's on the

horizon, while also honoring our 2021 Community Award recipients. Members of the Community Center Capital Campaign Committee will also be on hand to provide an update on their efforts to raise private funds to help offset the costs for constructing the Upper Arlington Community Center while assuring that this new facility meets the community's vision.

Thereafter the Community Center design team will unveil the preferred planning strategy and schematic design concept for the Upper



Arlington Community Center, affording the community a first look at what the building might look like.

This is an exciting time for Upper Arlington as we look forward to realizing a once in a lifetime opportunity for our community.

We certainly hope you can join us for our annual catch up and networking event. Watch for more details in the coming weeks via our *City Insight* e-News and on our website.

2021 Community Awards Nomination Deadline: Friday, January 14

A State of the City tradition that continues unabated is our annual Community Awards program. Each year, we seek nominations of the many worthy individuals and groups that have helped make our community better in some way. Now is the time to submit your nominations for the following categories:

- **Business** - recognizes an Upper Arlington business that is actively involved in the community through support and participation in community service projects, providing financial or in-kind support for various causes or events, or bringing other benefits to the community.
- **Community Enrichment** - presented to an individual or group that has spearheaded or is involved in a project or program that enhances the City's quality of life through the arts, education, recreation, cultural diversity or enhancement of the natural environment.
- **Community Safety** - celebrates an individual or group involved in programming to raise awareness of or improve the overall health and safety of members of the community, or for a significant one-time act to help others in the community during a moment of need.
- **Senior** - awarded to an individual who is actively involved in his/her community through volunteer service, taking a leadership or participatory role in community programs.
- **Youth** - presented to a youth individual or group actively involved in volunteer service, or the participation in and development of community programs to benefit others.

Visit upperarlingtonoh.gov for additional details and to fill out our online nomination form by the January 14 deadline.

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2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The 2022 construction season will be another busy one, as our Engineering Division oversees efforts to reduce a backlog of necessary work as part of year eight of the City's, first 10-year Capital Improvement Program. Read on for a summary of this year's projects.

Fishinger Road Phase I

Long awaited improvements to Fishinger Road begin in 2022, enhancing the connectivity and aesthetics of this major thoroughfare. Phase I runs from Mountview Road to Tremont Road, with full street reconstruction, new curb and gutter, improved LED streetlights, new sidewalks and a shared-use path. The City has secured grant funding of up to \$4.2 million to support this \$6.9 million project. Phase II - scheduled for 2023 - will complete the project, running from Mountview to Riverside Drive. Concurrent with these improvements, a new waterline will be installed along this entire section of Fishinger.

McCoy Road Phase II

The final phase of work on McCoy Road - resurfacing and spot curb and gutter repairs, between Riverside Drive and Woodbridge Road - will be undertaken in 2022. This follows 2021 waterline replacement and resurfacing work between Woodbridge Road and Kenny Road.

Street Reconstruction Program

Street reconstruction projects are comprised of full pavement replacement, new curb and gutter and new driveway approaches. For 2022, the following streets are scheduled for this extensive maintenance and repair work, with an estimated cost of \$1.9 million:

- Bedford Road - between Cambridge Boulevard and King Avenue
- Benderton Court - from the cul de sac to Rosebery Drive
- Chelsea Road - from Roxbury Road to Cambridge Boulevard

- Elderberry Court - from the cul de sac to Rosebery Drive
- Cimmaron Road - from Zollinger Road to Swansea Road
- Onandaga Drive - from Asbury Drive to Tremont Road
- Rosebery Drive - from Benderton Court to Belrose Lane
- Westminster Road - from Mt Holyoke Road to North Star Road

Street Maintenance Program

Sections of 17 streets are scheduled for street maintenance work, which comprises street resurfacing and spot curb and gutter repairs, per the following list, at an estimated cost of \$1.4 million:

- Baronsmede Court
- Brixton Road
- Clairemont Road
- Chelton Place
- Eastleft Drive
- Edgehill Drive
- Hillside Drive
- Love Drive
- Lyon Drive
- Lytham Court
- Northam Road
- North Star Road
- Onandaga Drive
- Riverhill Road
- Shelbourne Lane
- Waddington Road
- Watergate Court

Other Highlights

- The 2023 Sustainable Sewer Solutions Program has expanded to accelerate our efforts in manhole rehabilitation and sewer lining. This is due to the City receiving a grant of over \$700,000 from the State for sewer and water infrastructure and the use of ARPA funding. The area includes sewers between Surrey Hill Place, Mountview Road, Fishinger Road, and Lytham Road.
- A new, five-foot-wide sidewalk will be installed on the west side of North Star Road between Zollinger

Road and Fishinger Road.

- The Wakefield Forest neighborhood north of the High School will undergo some sidewalk improvements, including a new section on the north side of Trentwood Road between Northwest Boulevard and North Star Road, and a new section on the west side of Mt Holyoke Road, between Trentwood Road and Zollinger Road
- The fifth of five phases of sidewalk maintenance projects across the City will be undertaken, completing the first full maintenance cycle for the community's entire sidewalk network.

Full project details - including an interactive GIS Story Map can be found under the **Construction Updates** page, at upperarlingtonoh.gov. As construction season gets underway, we also share project updates via our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Parks Capital Improvements

Northam Park Phase 2

Following on from drainage enhancements undertaken at the park during the winter of 2021-22, focus will transition to the replacement of the park service building, in support of athletic, tennis and general park uses. This will include a plaza in front of the building, replacement of the central plaza within the tennis complex, and replacement of three clay tennis courts.

Sunny 95 Park Multi-Sport Court

The existing hockey/basketball court will be replaced by a larger court

Turkey Run Erosion Control at Reed Road Park

Erosion control measures will be implemented to stabilize the stream, both at Reed Road Park and downstream from the park.



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Steve Schoeny

Community Relations Committee Update

A little over one year into its formation, and the Community Relations Committee (CRC) is starting to build some momentum in its efforts to support UA as a welcoming community for all.

The CRC held its first meeting on October 22, 2020. For the balance of 2020, the Committee worked to further define its role and mission. In early 2021, the CRC divided its work into three areas of concentration:

- **City Operations:** Working with the Administration to improve diversity, equity and inclusion within the City's operations. This includes police community relations.
- **Improving From Within:** Highlighting the diversity of our community today and supporting the diverse individuals and communities that already exist within Upper Arlington.
- **Improving From the Outside:** Finding new and improved ways to encourage more people to consider Upper Arlington as a place to live, operate a business, work or visit.

Over the course of 2021, the CRC advised the City on making some notable improvements to internal operations and police community outreach.

- The City revised several key aspects of its hiring process, requiring that all positions be posted openly, even if strong internal candidates exist, with applications and resumes stripped of any identifying information during the initial screening process.

- Recruitment materials have been enhanced to emphasize the value of a diverse workforce, with a series of recruitment videos developed in support of the City's hiring goals.
- Members of the Police Division have become CRC meeting regulars, speaking with the Committee on multiple occasions to discuss key elements of our policing policies and procedures, including hiring and evaluation processes, use of force policies, body worn cameras, criteria for traffic stops, the division's complaint policy, and race-based statistical analysis. These discussions led directly to a community training that is focused on providing information on these topics for busy residents who care about these issues.

In 2021, the CRC made good progress in its efforts to highlight and support Upper Arlington's existing diverse communities.

- **uacommunityrelations.com** - A Community Relations website has been launched to serve as a depository for the work of the Committee as well as providing useful resources for the community.
- The Committee's feedback led to the City working with the UA Public Library to develop an annual community calendar of cultural and religious observances, which is expected to launch early in 2022.
- The City has taken a more expansive approach to recognizing cultural celebrations and observances in Upper Arlington and more generally with guidance from the Committee. Of note, on the calendar page of this issue of *UA Insight* you will see details of some Black History Month

plans that are under development thanks to a collaboration of several community groups.

- Where appropriate, the Committee has worked with City Council and other community organizations to support communities within Upper Arlington when there have been concerns about safety based on events inside or outside of UA.

To effectively make Upper Arlington more accessible to visitors and to expand its appeal to prospective new residents, the Committee determined that more information is needed relative to existing perceptions about Upper Arlington. The Committee is helping the City Manager's Office with a contract to survey our residents - especially those who are newer to the community - about their experiences choosing UA and becoming part of the community.

Goals for 2022

Beginning in August 2021, the City Manager's Office and the CRC began developing a grant program for community organizations to work on moving the mission of the CRC forward. In early 2022, the City will release a request for proposals to implement programs in UA that are focused on:

1. Increasing UA residents' knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of diversity within UA and throughout Central Ohio.
2. Increasing the number, type and quality of positive interactions by non-residents with the UA community.
3. Increasing the sense of belonging and inclusion of all UA citizens, with special focus on non-majority residents and those without pre-existing connections to UA.

Parks & Recreation Sponsorship Opportunities

The expectation is that the City will provide grants of up to \$15,000 in support of the development of new programs that fulfill one or more of the above listed goals.

Members of the CRC believe that this grant program represents an opportunity for a huge leap forward in achieving the charge that Council set out for the Committee, promising to engage community members and organizations. The Committee and the City Administration both view the 2022 grant cycle as a pilot year, and we are anxious to learn from our successes and failures through the process.

Additionally, the findings of the City's research with newer residents about their experience becoming part of the UA community will likely lead to an additional set of priorities and potential programs. The Committee also anticipates wanting to test some of the initial research findings with populations outside our community.

I wish to thank members of the CRC for their work to date. For any new entity, it takes time and effort to find its feet. This process was made more challenging as a result of COVID-19, with the CRC's initial meetings held virtually. As we enter the New Year, I am optimistic and excited about the coming year for this entity and for our community.

Each year, the City's Parks & Recreation Department hosts a series of popular, family-friendly special events that attract thousands of attendees and support UA's strong sense of community.

For 2022, we invite you to elevate your business presence in Upper Arlington by partnering with us as a community event sponsor. We offer a range of sponsorship levels that provide extensive exposure for your business and help build your brand as a proactive supporter of community programming.

Opportunities exist for the following events:

- Upper Arlington Labor Day Arts Festival
- Spring Fling, Summer Celebration, Fall Fest and Winter Festival
- Music in the Parks summer concert series



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

BUILDING BLOCKS

2021 Construction Stats

While at press time the final tally for construction values for 2021 was pending, as of November the numbers already represented the second highest in the City's history, at an impressive \$240 million.

Counted within this total are several significant commercial projects:

- Arlington Gateway
- Kingsdale Mixed-Use Project
- Golden Bear Redevelopment
- Scioto Country Club Pool House

On the residential side, the numbers include 18 new homes, 17 of which are replacement homes.

UA Click2Fix

Visit the AppleApp or GooglePlay store and search UA Click2Fix to download our new smartphone reporting app. Residents can use the app to submit requests or notify the City of issues such as potholes, street-light outages, damaged street trees, etc. You can also view the construction update map and contact staff using the app's Directory. Call Public Service at 614-583-5350 if you have any questions.



NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Friday, December 31** - New Year's Day. No Solid Waste delays.
- **Monday, January 17** - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No Solid Waste delays.
- **Monday, February 21** - Presidents Day. No Solid Waste delays.

Public Meetings

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 614-583-5030

A full list of public meetings can be found on our **Events** calendar, at upperarlingtonoh.gov. Highlights of upcoming Council agendas are shared on Facebook, with meetings

live-streamed. Follow @CityofUA for updates!

2022 Wall of Honor Nominations

Deadline: Friday, January 14

uahistory.org

Each May, a new bronze plaque is added to the limestone wall of the Municipal Services Center Plaza to honor a deceased UA resident who had a positive impact on the community and beyond through his or her professional, philanthropic, volunteer or public service. Nomination forms are available at www.uahistory.org. The 2022 induction ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 22.

City e-News

Get timely service news and special project updates from the City by e-mail:

- **City Insight** - weekly e-news on City services, special projects & events
- **Activity Link** - monthly updates from Parks & Recreation
- **Arts Link** - monthly art updates
- **Sentinel** - monthly program updates from the Senior Center

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

2022 Community Calendar upperarlingtonoh.gov

As a service to the community, the City provides an online Community Calendar of special events on its website. These event listings are oftentimes promoted by the City via other means, as space and scheduling permits. Now is the time to send us details of qualifying events for

FROM CHAMBERS | Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

2022 Marks Change in Council Members

The November 2 election brought with it some changes in City Council, effective in the New Year. Council Vice President Kip Greenhill has completed his second term on Council and was therefore not eligible for an additional term. Brian Close and Jim Lynch were successful in their bids for second terms. Kathy Adams and Ukeme Awakessien Jeter were selected by voters for their first terms. Incumbent Michele Hoyle will not return to Council.

The 2022-23 City Council is scheduled to convene for the first time beginning at 7 pm (with a 6:30 pm reception), on Monday, January 10, at which time, the four successful candidates will be sworn into office for their 2022-25 terms. Additionally, Council as a Whole will select who from its ranks will serve as President and Vice President. These two positions also serve as Mayor and Vice Mayor for ceremonial duties.

Business will also include Council Member assignments to various entities, including:

- Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
- Upper Arlington Commission on Aging
- Upper Arlington Leadership Program
- Community Improvement Corporation
- 3 appointments to City Council's Rules Review Subcommittee
- 3 appointments to City Council's Financial Policies Subcommittee

Council meetings resume their typical schedule the following week, typically being held the first, second and third Mondays of each month. Please check the City's event calendar at upperarlingtonoh.gov in advance of meetings, in the event of any schedule adjustments or cancellations. If you have questions, contact the City Clerk's Office, at 614-583-5030.

Call for Board and Commission Applicants

City Council is currently seeking applicants interested in serving on the following entities:

- **Community Relations Committee** - Two seats on the CRC will be available early in the New Year. The application deadline is Friday, January 7, 2022.
- **COTA Board of Trustees** - Upper Arlington has the opportunity to make an appointment to serve on this important regional entity. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, January 5. Visit <https://www.cota.com/about-us/board-of-trustees/> for details about the COTA Board of Trustees.

To complete an application form for either entity, look for the Boards and Commissions section of the City Council page, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

2022. Visit our **Events** section, at upperarlingtonoh.gov, where you will find submission details.

SCRAM! Wildlife Control

www.SCRAM!Wildlife.org

The City contracts with SCRAM! Wildlife Control, a division of the Ohio Wildlife Center, to provide wildlife management services to residents and businesses at a discounted rate. Full details can be found at www.SCRAMwildlife.org. The City has an **Animal Control** guidelines page under the **Resources** section of its website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Snow Angels

FIRE 614-583-5123

Each winter, the City's CARES Program and UA Commission on Aging partner on the Snow Angels program, matching volunteers to elderly neighbors who need help with snow shoveling. We encourage individuals, families and/or groups of neighbors to "adopt" a senior to help them with this winter chore.

COVID-19 Health & Safety Update

The City asks visitors to our public indoor facilities to put on a face mask before you enter. As a reminder, residents can conduct much of their business with the City online or via telephone.

Permit Portal RESOURCES | PERMIT PORTAL upperarlingtonoh.gov

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

2021 Income Tax Filings Deadline: Friday, April 15

www.ritaohio.com

All residents aged 18 years and over must file an annual income tax return with the City, regardless of whether any tax is due. The City uses the services of the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) for the processing of UA income taxes. As an extra service for RITA taxpayers, RITA provides onsite municipal income tax return assistance each spring free of charge at its various locations. Agents can answer questions, take payments and assist with RITA municipal income tax preparation.

Cultural Arts Performer & Vendor Opportunities PARKS & RECREATION

The City's Cultural Arts Division is making plans for the 2022 event season, specifi-

cally its Music in the Parks concert series and the Labor Day Arts Festival. The call is out for the following:

- **Band and performing arts participants** - deadline January 9
- **Food and refreshment vendors** - deadline January 9
- **Arts Festival artist exhibitors** - deadline February 11

Full details and links to the appropriate application forms can be found on the Cultural Arts Division page, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Help Keep Sidewalks Clear This Winter

Navigating the community on foot can be hazardous in the winter, especially for the elderly or those with disabilities. Help keep sidewalks in front of your property or business clear of snow and ice. If you have elderly neighbors, take a few extra moments to help clear their sidewalks too.

Fire Hydrants in Winter

FIRE 614-583-5100

If you find yourself clearing snow and ice from your driveway and sidewalk this winter and you have a fire hydrant in front of your property, please take a little extra time to clear the hydrant.

Community Special Event Application Process Updates

The City has changed the application and permitting process for community special events that require use of City property and/or City logistical and planning support. Event organizers are encouraged to start their applications early. For new proposals, planners may be required to attend a review meeting.

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

Separate applications are available for Block Parties, Mobile Demonstrations

Application Timeline

City Staff will review event applications per the following schedule:

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

and Car Washes.

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

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

Schools[★]INSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

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Strategic Plan Update

For the past two years, Upper Arlington Schools has remained focused on the priorities in the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan. Approved by the Board of Education in August 2019, the strategic plan identifies a focused set of recommendations that support the district's mission - to challenge and support every student, every step of the way.

"The 2019-2024 Strategic Plan guides everything we do in our schools, and at the heart of it is our long-standing excellence in academics and our commitment to ensuring that our students are prepared to succeed in life," said Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

The strategic plan identifies two priorities - whole learning and student and staff well-being - with continuous improvement serving as the foundational element of the plan.

Here's a look at the progress on each priority area of the strategic plan.

You'll be able to read more in our *Quality Profile*, the district's annual accountability report, when it is released in early 2022.

Whole Learning

This priority area focuses on academics – the center of the Upper Arlington Schools experience. It builds on the district's long-running philosophy of educating the whole child in order to set students up for success here and in their next step in life.

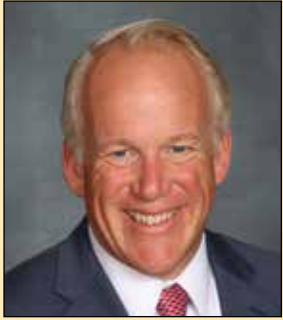
With this in mind, Upper Arlington Schools launched a new all-day kindergarten program in the fall to better meet the needs of developing learners so that they are able to grow academically, socially and emotionally. The Board of Education had been planning for this for the past few years - preparing to launch the program as soon as there was space available thanks to the completion of all five new and renovated elementary schools in August 2021.

"By transitioning from a part-day to a full-day program, we now have double the time in the classroom each day with our youngest learners to develop their skills in the core academic areas such as literacy and math," said Andy Hatton, Ed.D., the associate director of learning and leadership.

Another major stride in this strategic priority is the implementation of the new multi-tiered system of support (MTSS) framework. Upper Arlington Schools is taking the lead in education nationwide by implementing MTSS so that every student is able to maximize their growth through differentiated and individualized instruction with a focus on the whole child.

"MTSS brings to life our mission to challenge and support every student, every step of the way," Hatton said.

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SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

Service Learning Equips Our Students With Knowledge, Skills for Life

Learning new skills and meeting community needs through service learning is a year-long commitment for our students and our staff – a tradition that stretches back decades in our school district.

Service learning is an important part of our academic program and whole learning, a priority in the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan for Upper Arlington Schools. It is the first action word in our vision – uniquely accomplished students prepared to serve, lead and succeed – and it speaks to all of our values: start with heart, strength in team and contagious drive.

Service learning gives students an opportunity to meet a real community need that connects back to what they're learning in the classroom. They gain an understanding about things that are bigger than themselves and are able to take away a lifelong lesson of the importance of serving others – all while incorporating academic skills in areas such as literacy and language arts, math, science and social studies.

We have incredible service-learning projects unfolding in our schools all the time. I'll share a recent example that has a long history in our schools.

The story stretches back two decades and spans three schools – Hastings Middle School, Upper Arlington High School and Jones Middle School, where it started.

Twenty years ago, Loretta Heigle, then a sixth-

grade teacher at Jones, worked with her students on an extensive service-learning project about the "Lost Boys of Sudan." Driven out of Sudan by civil war in the late 1980s and separated from their families, the Lost Boys, as they became known, were the survivors of a tragic exodus, walking more than a thousand miles to seek refuge in Ethiopia.

The project at Jones about these survivors sparked interest at the high school and a relationship with two Lost Boys who were then attending The Ohio State University. The high school teachers involved in the project connected many of their curriculum standards to this issue and eventually helped fund a clinic in Sudan.

That work then sparked the interest of a student at Hastings Middle School, who was the son of one of the high school teachers and encouraged his teachers to create a service-learning project on this topic at Hastings.

Now, 20 years after the original project at Jones, Hastings continues this

service-learning tradition each fall with the sixth-grade class and Bol Aweng, one of the Lost Boys, to support the Buckeye Clinic in Sudan and further medical support for the people there. This is the seventh year for the service-learning project at Hastings. Students read books in language arts class about the Lost Boys and South Sudan and watch videos about the current situation in South Sudan, and then the project culminates in a walkathon to raise money to support the Buckeye Clinic.

This year, Upper Arlington High School broadcast journalism students and teacher Amanda Fountain have come on board to tell the story of this 20-year service-learning partnership. This gives the high school students real-world learning experience, supports their academic growth and, for some of them, takes them back to what they learned as sixth-graders working on this project at Hastings.

We have many, many more incredible examples of service-learning projects like this happening in our schools. It is wonderful to see our students growing as learners and deepening their commitment to service through projects like these.

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



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Student and Staff Well-being

Upper Arlington Schools believes well-being is critical to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment where students and staff can thrive. "As Dr. Imhoff says, academics are our main business, but we also know that students who aren't well can't learn," Hatton said.

To guide the work on this strategic priority, Upper Arlington Schools will be using feedback directly from students in order to understand the bigger picture of where they are as individuals.

2021-22 SCHOOL DATES**Winter Break**

Monday, December 20 - Friday, December 31

No School for Students; Staff Report Per Schedule

Monday, January 3

No School for Students and Staff; Martin Luther King Day

Monday, January 17

Elementary Early Dismissal (Grades K-5) for Parent - Teacher Conferences

Thursday, January 27

Dismissal at 11:05 am; no lunch service

Early Dismissal (K-12)

Wednesday, February 16

Dismissal at 1 p.m. for elementary students; 1:30 p.m. for secondary students

No School for Students and Staff: President's Day

Monday, February 21

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

Friday, March 11

Spring Break

Monday, March 14 - Friday, March 18

No School for Students; Staff Report Per Schedule

Monday, March 21

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



Over the past year, Upper Arlington Schools has engaged students in two surveys focused on well-being – one for students in grades 3-12 and another for students in grades 7-12.

"These surveys will provide valuable feedback to inform our work to support students, which is critically important to academic achievement," Hatton said.

Continuous Improvement

The foundational element of the strategic plan is continuous improvement - and this applies to every facet of the district, from academics to finances. Over the past year and a half, Upper Arlington Schools has creatively stretched its financial resources by reducing its budget reserve; seeking out approximately \$4.6 million in cost reductions, primarily through a three-year hiring freeze on new positions; and utilizing additional COVID-related funding made available to school districts.

"Looking to the future, as we continue to build on the tradition of excellence in our schools, our five-year financial forecast will be an important guide for us," said Treasurer / CFO Andrew Geistfeld, who shared the new forecast in November of 2021. "This is an

important check-in point for us as a district and will help us keep a clear view on what our future impacts and needs are."

You can read more about the five-year forecast in the Treasurer's Notes column in this newsletter, and you can find the new five year forecast at www.uaschools.org/treasurer.aspx.

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SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Kindergarten Registration Begins in February



The Upper Arlington Schools community is looking forward to welcoming the Golden Bears Class of 2035! Children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2022, are eligible for kindergarten during the 2022-2023 school year.

The district is pleased to offer a full-day kindergarten program for the families of Upper Arlington. Full-day kindergarten in Upper Arlington Schools gives our younger learners more opportunities to learn and grow socially, emotionally and academically.

Before registration begins, all five elementary schools will offer kindergarten information nights to provide families with more information about the kindergarten program and registration process.

- **Barrington Elementary School** – Tuesday, January 25 at 6 pm
- **Greensview Elementary School** – Thursday, January 27 at 6 pm
- **Tremont Elementary School** – Thursday, January 27 at 6 pm
- **Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School** – Tuesday, February 15 at 6:30 pm
- **Windermere Elementary School** – Thursday, February 3 at 6:30 pm

Families interested in enrolling their child or children may do so beginning Monday, February 7 through an online registration form that will be available

at www.uaschools.org/kindergarten.aspx. We strongly encourage families to complete the registration process between February 7 and March 8 for staffing and planning purposes.

For more information on kindergarten registration and a map of the elementary attendance areas, please visit www.uaschools.org.

UAHS Boys, Girls Water Polo Win State Championships



Upper Arlington High School swept the water polo state championships, with back-to-back wins for the boys and girls teams on October 31, 2021.

In the state final match at Cincinnati Princeton, the boys team edged past Toledo St. Francis 11-10. The UA girls team followed up just a couple of hours later by defeating the Cincinnati Mavericks 9-5.

It is the third consecutive state championship for the girls, who won the 2020 state championship in May of 2021 after their season was postponed to the spring due to COVID-19. The girls team has won 19 state championships overall, including seven in the past nine years.

It was a triumphant return to the top for the boys team as they claimed their first championship in nine years. They have won six state titles overall.

UAHS Athletic Hall of Fame to Honor 10 Inductees in January

The Upper Arlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame will welcome 10 new inductees who have made outstanding contributions to the impressive history of the school's athletic program. The inductees, or family members representing them, will be introduced at the girls varsity basketball

game against Hilliard Bradley High School on Friday, January 21. They will then be honored at a ceremony on Saturday, January 22 at Upper Arlington High School, 1625 Zollinger Rd.

The 2022 inductees are:

- **Lara (Drauglis) Shaw** (Class of 1990), track and field
- **Chris Dusseau** (Class of 1995), water polo and lacrosse
- **Walter Heischman**, teacher, coach and superintendent in the Upper Arlington Schools
- **Tricia (Hoptry) Honeycutt** (Class of 1988), basketball and soccer
- **Dick Larkin**, head coach of football, basketball, swim, golf, tennis and track
- **Kristin McCandlish** (Class of 2005), lacrosse
- **Ted McNulty** (Class of 1969), football
- **Laura (Mills) Moore** (Class of 1996), softball
- **Mark Pfister** (Class of 1982), football
- **Shawn Trell** (Class of 1985), lacrosse

The Upper Arlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame is continuing to honor achievements of the 147 state championship teams, all automatically entered into the Hall of Champions within the Hall of Fame. The reception

In January will recognize the state championship teams from 1990 through 1999.

Learn more about the eligibility guidelines and submit a nomination for the Upper Arlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame at www.uaschools.org/uahsathletics.

UAHS Students Join Local Peers for Storytelling Workshop

Students from Upper Arlington High School recently came together with students from two other Columbus area schools to elevate their voices and share the power of their unique and personal stories in a workshop at the Columbus Metropolitan Main Library.

The Voices of Empathy Storytelling Workshop grew from a partnership between Tricia Fellingner, a global language teacher at Upper Arlington High School, and Donte Woods-Spikes, Columbus artist, documentary filmmaker and storyteller. Approximately 36 students from Upper Arlington High

School, Bexley High School and Eastmoor Academy participated in the Voices of Empathy workshop on November 12, 2021. Woods-Spikes served as the main presenter and facilitator.

"Everyone has a story – and those stories can be powerful vehicles for positive change in our communities," Fellingner said. "Sometimes, young people feel like no one is listening to them, and that's when they turn to social media to express their frustrations, fears and dreams. We want to equip young people with the tools to use their voices in spaces other than social media."

At the workshop, students built skills relating to the three major aspects of storytelling: personal narrative, telling someone else's story, and listening to someone's story. The program gave students the opportunity to develop empathy as they listen to and learn



from perspectives different from their own. When rooted in awareness and understanding, these skills are fundamental to sustaining an inclusive culture in Upper Arlington Schools, which directly supports the district's strategic plan priority of student and staff well-being and commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Voices of Empathy was organized by Upper Arlington Schools with the financial support of several Columbus and Upper Arlington community organizations.

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

In November, I presented to the Board of Education a five-year financial forecast for the district covering three years of actual data and five years of anticipated revenues and expenditures. This is a legally required document that is presented to the board for approval and then filed with the state of Ohio.



This document is an important check-in point for our district, so that we can keep a clear view on what our future impacts and needs are.

The new five-year forecast reflects what we have been anticipating for some time – that the biggest impacts on our future finances will be inflation,

enrollment growth and the decision to delay an operating levy for two years as a result of the pandemic and the economic situation.

As you may know, the last 10 years have been a period of significant growth for our district, and past projections have indicated that enrollment will continue to grow.

At the Board of Education meeting in January, we will be sharing a new enrollment projection report. This independent report is prepared by an outside agency that looks at everything from real estate trends to birth data to project how many students will be enrolled in our schools during the next 10 years. The updated report will provide us with an even clearer picture of the growth that is ahead of us.

As of next fall, it will have been five years since we last went to voters to request additional operating funding. Over the past two years, in the absence

of new operating funding, we have creatively stretched our financial resources by reducing our budget reserve; seeking out approximately \$4.6 million in cost reductions, primarily through a three-year hiring freeze on new positions; and utilizing additional COVID-related funding made available to school districts.

Even with the proactive steps we have taken, our expenditures are already outpacing our revenue. This is a typical levy cycle for a school district, and it's why school districts usually go back to voters every three years to request new operating funding.

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

To review the new five year forecast, please visit our website at www.uaschools.org/treasurer.aspx.

SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Members of the Greensview Elementary School Kindness Club offered words of encouragement for students on their way to school.



Thanks to the annual Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School harvest food and winter gift drive, hearts and bellies were full for families who receive assistance from Heart to Heart Food Pantry.

Celebrating Veterans

Hastings and Jones middle schools were thrilled to welcome former and current service members, both in person and virtually, for their annual Veterans Day celebrations. These opportunities for students in eighth grade not only serve as a way to celebrate veterans in our community but also offer a deeply impactful learning experience for our students. They spend time learning about the service and experience of their special guests, part of their American history studies in eighth grade. One veteran who attended the Jones Middle School Veterans Day program shared that it is "one of the many shining examples of just that sort of education beyond the textbook."



SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



Windermere Elementary School students created artwork and then stretched their paragraph writing skills by reflecting on what they're thankful for.



Congratulations to 14 Golden Bears who signed their letters of intent on National Signing Day to continue their academic and athletic pursuits at the college level!



Barrington Elementary School students learned about economics, marketing and advertising, and visited The Ohio State University for the Buckeye Bonanza, a legacy service learning project of almost 30 years.



Tremont Elementary School kindergarteners were thinking hard about how to design their own thinking caps during their Elementary Explorations learning time.



Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School students spent time doing hands-on learning connecting back to their studies about indigenous peoples during National Native American Indian Heritage Month.



Upper Arlington High School Vocal Music ushered in a historic year for the arts with the premiere performance in the new performing arts center at the high school.

Alumni & Educator Awards

The Upper Arlington Alumni Association and Upper Arlington Schools are pleased to announce the alumni and retired educators who have been selected for the 2021 Alumni Awards and 2021 Educator Hall of Fame, respectively. These individuals will be recognized this summer at an awards presentation during the Alumni Association Open House on July 2, 2022. The open house will be held from 1 to 4 pm, with the awards presentation at 2:30 pm.

2021 Alumni Awards

Outstanding and Distinguished Alumnus Awards have been presented annually since 1993 and have honored many accomplished graduates. In 2021 UAAA announced the Inspirational Young Alumnus Award. This new award was inspired by the current UAAA board, which includes 13 graduates ranging from the class of 1965 to 2014.

- **Outstanding Alumnus Award:** Roger Curnow, Class of 1965
- **Distinguished Alumnus Awards:** Rinehart "Riney" Wilke IV, Class of 1981, and Debra Graves Livingston, Class of 1973
- **Inspirational Young Alumnus Award:** Jake Borelli, Class of 2009

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2022 alumni awards online at www.bearalums.com, and recipients will be announced and recognized at the ceremony this summer. Also being honored are the recipients of the 2020 alumni awards: Outstanding Alumnus Aimee Moulakis White, Class of 1993; Distinguished Alumnus Kent Beittel, Class of 1965; and all Upper Arlington alumni who serve as essential workers.

2021 Educator Hall of Fame

The Educator Hall of Fame was established in 2007 by former UAHS Principal and current Upper Arlington City Council President and Mayor Kip Greenhill to honor "the best of the best" teachers in the district. The following four retired teachers were nominated by their peers and selected by a group representing teachers and alumni for induction into the Hall of Fame:

- **Diane Haddad**, language arts, Upper Arlington High School

- **James Lambourne**, science, Upper Arlington High School
- **Bill Richards**, history, Hastings Middle School
- **Kevin Stotts**, language arts, Upper Arlington High School

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2022 Educator Hall of Fame honorees, who will also be announced and recognized in July. To submit a nomination, please visit www.uaschools.org/EducatorHallofFame.aspx.

UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

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:

- Thursday, January 6, 5 pm – **Organizational Meeting**, Council Chamber

The schedule of meetings for the 2022 calendar year, including the regular business meeting for the month of January, will be set by the board at the January 6 organizational meeting. At this meeting, Nidhi Satiani and Lou Sauter will be sworn in for their first terms on the Board of Education.

At the December 14 regular meeting, outgoing President Scott McKenzie and Vice President Carol Mohr were recognized for their service to the Board of Education.

Please visit www.uaschools.org/board to view the schedule for the 2022 calendar year following the January meeting. For additional information on the members of the Board of Education and its policies, please visit the website listed above.





Library to Seek Additional Operating Funds in 2022

In 2022, the Upper Arlington Public Library will ask voters for an increase in operating funds – the first such request in 15 years.

In May 2022, voters will decide on a single ballot issue that asks for a renewal of our existing 2-mill operating levy plus a 1-mill increase. Our current levy expires in November 2022, and is collecting at just 1.41 mills – the 2nd lowest millage for any library in Franklin County.

Even with this proposed increase, the Library will remain an incredible value. The cost to the taxpayer will increase by less than \$3 per month per \$100,000 of home value. Importantly, by asking for a 10-year levy, we won't need to return to the voters for a decade.

Local community support is crucial to the operation of the Library: it supplies 53% of our income. The additional funds will be used to operate and maintain our buildings, sustain our collection of materials and electronic resources, increase service to seniors, and fund crucial building repairs like a new roof for the Main Library.

If the Library does not secure a stable increase in revenue, we will be forced to drastically cut hours, cut materials, programs and specialized services, and be unable to fund critical capital projects.

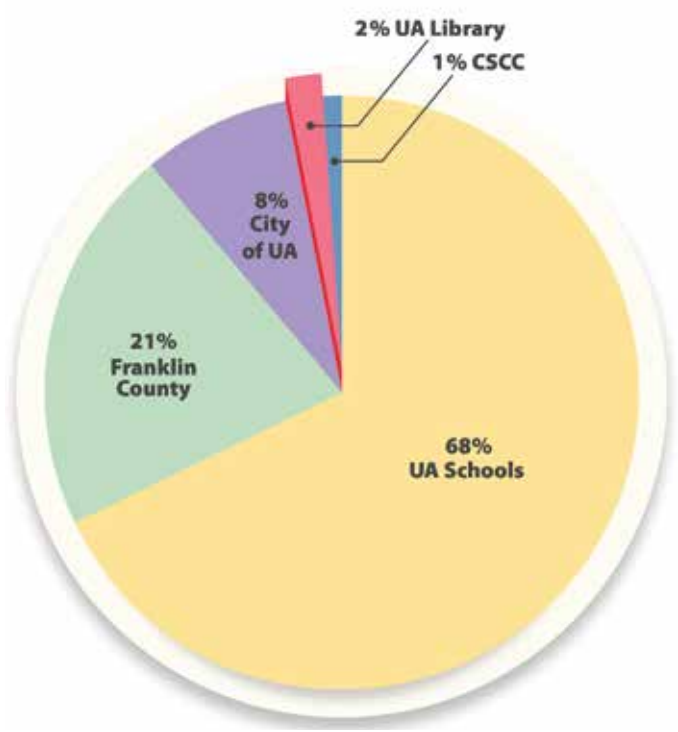
Look for more information on the levy over the next few months.

A Great Value for Taxpayers

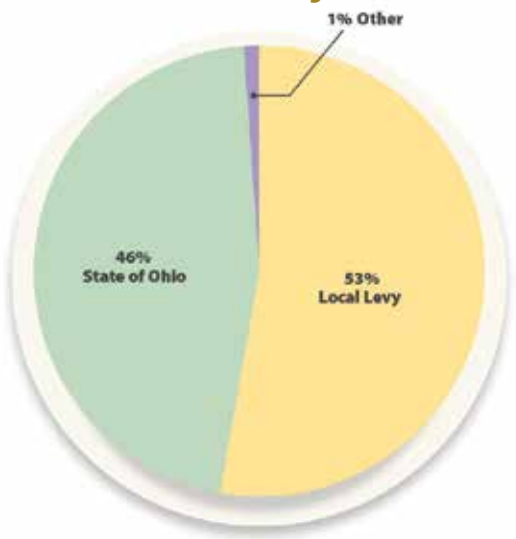
Local Support of Franklin County Libraries



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How the Library is Funded



Central Ohio Libraries Welcome Margaret Atwood

Nine local public libraries are partnering to welcome Margaret Atwood, author of *The Handmaid's Tale* and its sequel *The Testaments*, to the Palace Theater on Tuesday, March 15 at 7 pm. Tickets go on sale Monday, February 14 on our website at www.ualibrary.org.

Atwood's visit was originally scheduled for 2020 but was postponed due to the pandemic.

Libraries sponsoring this event include Bexley Public Library, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Grandview Heights Public Library, London Public Library, Plain City Public Library, Southwest Public Libraries, Upper Arlington Public Library, Westerville Public Library and Worthington Libraries.

Your library card gives you access to over 100 books, audiobooks, eBooks, and DVDs featuring the work of Margaret Atwood. Explore the collection at <https://uapl.me/3mHISC3>.



Program Highlights

Winter Word Play

Like word puzzles? Stop by the Miller Park Library's front desk from January 10-February 27 and pick up a new puzzle each week. Entries with the most correct answers can be entered into a weekly drawing for a \$10 gift card.

A Visit from Author Leigh Lewis

Children's author Leigh Lewis will visit the Main Library on Saturday, January 15 at 11 am to talk about her newest book, *Pirate Queens: Dauntless Women Who Dared to Rule the High Seas*. Set sail on the high seas with powerful female pirates from throughout history. Registration is required. Presented in partnership with Cover to Cover Books for Young Readers.

Beginning Genealogy

Have family documents and stories but not sure how to organize the information? Want to get started on your family history? Don't miss Beginning Genealogy on Tuesday, January 18 at 6:30 pm at the Main Library. Learn how to create an ancestor chart and family tree using information you already have as well as new online information. Registration is now open.

YouTube Storytime

Visit our YouTube channel at youtube.com/UAPublicLibrary for new recorded virtual storytimes this winter. Our librarians will present stories, rhymes and activities for young kids each Tuesday beginning January 18.

Marble Run Mania

Kids in grades K and up can experiment with different materials like straws, paper towel tubes, cardboard boxes, and marbles to create their own marble run. Learn about the laws of physics while having fun! Join us at the Lane Road Library on Thursday, February 10 at 4 pm. Please note: some children might need parent or caregiver assistance.

Supporting Your Family's Mental Wellbeing

Parents and caregivers, join behavioral health educator Allie DePoy from Nationwide Children's Hospital for some tips on making mental wellbeing fun for the whole family. This presentation at the Main Library on Wednesday, February 23 at 6:30 pm will focus on building resiliency in the family, healthy role modeling, and resources for family mental wellness. Participants can attend

either in-person or virtually. To attend virtually, you will need an Internet connected device. A link to Google Meet will be sent via email one day prior to the event. Registration opens February 9.

"Drive-In" Movie

Kids are invited to the Miller Park Library on Saturday, February 12 at 10 am or 3 pm to build their own car out of a box, paper plates, and other provided supplies. Afterwards, we'll jump in to watch a selection of youth movie shorts. Registration is required and opens January 29.

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A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Beth Hatch

Like many of you, I welcome the new year as an opportunity to reflect on the passage of time and welcome new beginnings. Here at the UA Library, this year has special significance because it marks the end of our current tax levy, signaling a return to the ballot to ask voters for continued funding.

On May 3, 2022, Upper Arlington voters will determine the future of the UA Library when they vote on a single ballot issue that asks for the renewal of our existing 2-mill operating levy plus a

1-mill increase. Approval of this request is critical to the continued operation of the library; without it, we will lose 53% of our operating funds.

Under Ohio law, levies are collected at a fixed dollar amount. Our current levy was first approved in 2008, with renewals in 2012 and 2016. Thus, the Library receives about the same revenue today as when it was first passed. Of course, our costs for books, eBooks, magazines, technology, electricity, natural gas, maintenance, and payroll have grown significantly during that time.

Few families could afford today's expenses on their incomes from 2008. If asked to further cut those 2008 dollars by half, most people would say it's impossible. That is the challenge the UA Public Library faces today and why we must turn to the community to support

this renewal with a small increase.

Through careful management, hard work by Library staff, and continued oversight by our community board of trustees, we have been successful in stretching our levy dollars much farther and for longer than we anticipated. The UA Library is an essential service in our community and provides great value to residents.

This levy is critical to the sustained operation of the Library. Thanks to the strong support of UA residents, we have been able to maintain a nationally ranked 5-Star Library without an increase in taxes for 14 years. With the passage of this levy, the Library can confidently make sure the library will continue to remain strong over the next decade. More information is available on page 19 and at <http://levy.ualibrary.org>.

The Economic Impact of Public Libraries

Fun fact: There are more libraries in the United States than McDonald's and Starbucks. Why do we think that is?

Public libraries have an incredible impact on their communities and the residents who live there. They serve as a welcome hub and gathering space, increase home values, and offer resources for small businesses and technology training. When given a choice, most people prefer to have lots of amenities in their community. The quality of schools, community centers, and libraries have a lot to do with making a community successful. Research shows homes located near a library are worth, on average, \$9,630 more than homes further away.

Ohio has the highest number of library transactions per capita in the country; residents use library materials and services at a rate that is more than

twice the national average. How does this translate into value? According to the American Library Association value calculator, the Upper Arlington Public Library saves users an estimated \$38,550,590.75 in a year. With our 33,837 cardholders, each Library patron saves an average of \$1,140 per year by checking out all kinds of items, such as books, magazines, movies, and video games. This is in addition to our other complimentary services like meeting rooms, programs for all ages, and access to computers and databases.

The next time you check out items from the Library, sneak a peek at the bottom of your receipt to see just how much you saved!

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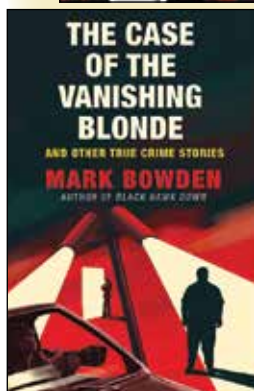
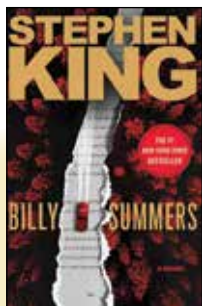
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

Billy Summers

By Stephen King

Billy is a decorated war Veteran with Houdini vanishing powers, a perfect killing machine, a hit man. Billy wants to retire, and with one job left to finish what could go wrong? Of course, everything! Part thriller, part crime novel, the first part of the book starts slow, but read on. Eventually the pace picks up like a speeding train to a great ending. Another good read from King.

– Vita Marinello, Adult Services

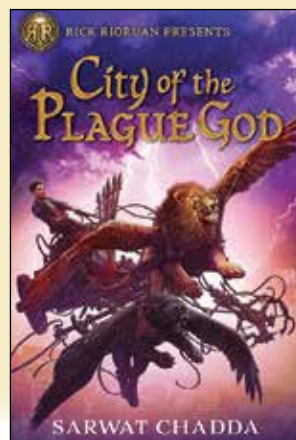
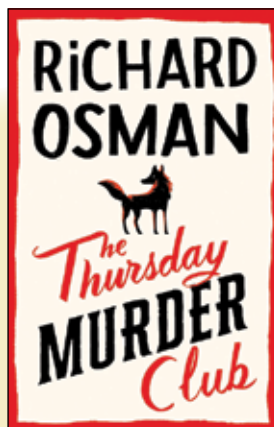


The Thursday Murder Club

By Richard Osman

Each Thursday, four friends at a peaceful retirement village in the English countryside meet to discuss unsolved crimes – until a local developer is murdered right under their noses. The ragtag, energetic bunch of septuagenarians jump at the opportunity to get their hands dirty solving a real crime and antagonize the local police as much as they aid them in investigating. A fun read with quirky characters – each with their own secrets that eventually come out.

– Nancy Byron, Miller Park

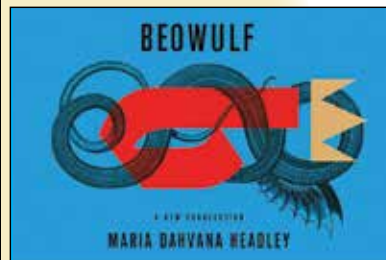


Six of Crows

By Leigh Bardugo

If you appreciate strong world-building and character development, then *Six of Crows* is a must-read. Although technically a YA fantasy, the caliber of the writing and complexity of the plot will also appeal to older readers. The book follows lockpick Kaz Brekker and his crew as they attempt the impossible: to break into the world's most fortified building and steal the most heavily protected item inside. The monetary reward will change their lives, but money is far from the crew members' only motive.

– Nicole Leavitt, Youth Services



The Case of the Vanishing Blonde: And Other True Crime Stories

By Mark Bowden

Award-winning author Mark Bowden has selected six of his most interesting and engaging crime stories from his

days as a crime reporter. These stories cover a wide variety of crimes but at the same time each one makes the reader sit up, take note and keep

reading. Just a couple of examples of the underlying issues in these stories: defining consent when drugs are involved and legally ensnaring Internet predators. This book would make an excellent book club selection as the various social issues would make for an

entertaining discussion.

– Scott Potter, Adult Services

Beowulf

By Maria Dahvana Headley

The introduction sets the tone beautifully for this first translation of *Beowulf* in 20 some years. Headley's work is lucid and engrossing. One of my favorite things about this book is her belief that (now that the original Old English epic is accessible to anyone with an Internet connection) an even wider set of eyes will bear even more interesting perspectives and translations. Multiple copies of this title are on my holiday list for dear ones.

– Eliza Sproat, Reference

City of the Plague God

By Sarwat Chadda

Sik thinks it's just another night at his parents' deli, but everything changes when a couple of demons crash the place. Literally: they destroy the entire building, demanding a mystery item from Sik that he simply doesn't have. Suddenly Sik's parents are in the hospital with a strange illness, one of Sik's classmates is behaving oddly, and Sik is pulled into a world of gods, demons, and monsters from his family's old stories. To save his parents and all of New York, Sik just needs to travel to the realm of the dead, find his brother, and bring back the Flower of Immortality. Should be easy since Sik is apparently, somehow, already immortal...right? A funny, fast-paced read perfect for fans of Percy Jackson looking for their next fantasy favorite.

– Annamarie Carlson, Youth Services

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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Sunday Hours Returning

Beginning January 16, all three UA Libraries will be open on Sundays from 1-5 pm. In addition, our Miller Park Library will add evening hours during the week. All three UA Libraries will operate on the following schedule effective January 16:

- Monday-Thursday from 10 am-8 pm
- Friday from 10 am-6 pm
- Saturday from 10 am-5 pm
- Sunday from 1-5 pm

Circulating Hotspots Now Available at Main Library

Stay connected on the go with our mobile hotspots. We've offered these for circulation for several months at our Lane Road Library, and now you can check one out at our Main Library, too. Borrow a T-Mobile-powered WiFi hotspot for up to 14 days, and have unlimited high speed data for up to 10 connected devices. Search our catalog at <http://catalog.ualibrary.org> with keyword "mobile hotspot."

Yeti, Set, Read! Winter Reading Club

Our Winter Reading Club for all ages continues through February 19. Stop by any of our locations to pick up a reading log and track your reading. Once you've reached your goal, visit the library to receive a bookmark and enter a raffle drawing for gift cards and yeti goodies. One raffle entry per participant per week.

New Research Databases

We've added two new databases to our list of nearly 200 online resources. ThisWeek Community Newspapers covers the news in Columbus' suburbs, from Bexley to Worthington, and you now have 24/7 online access to the full-text articles from 2002 to present. You're able to search by keywords and filter by

specific dates/date ranges. Cochrane Library compiles medical research, evaluates it, and breaks it down so that it's easier for patients to understand. The resources can be divided into two main categories: Clinical Answers and Cochrane Reviews. Clinical Answers answer a specific research question with a 1-2 sentence answer. Cochrane Reviews drill down into a specific study: what question researchers were trying to answer, what methods they attempted to use, what their results were, and rates the quality of the gathered evidence. Explore these and all our databases at <http://databases.ualibrary.org>.

Friends of the UA Library Sale

Visit the Friends' January Sale at the Main Library from January 10-16. Shop for fiction and nonfiction books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl and more...all at bargain prices. The sale will be held in the atrium during the Library's operating hours, ending 15 minutes before the Library

closes. The sale opens to the public at Noon on January 10, but current, paid members are invited to the presale from 10 am-Noon. Memberships will be sold at the door for anyone wishing to join. On the final day of the sale, Sunday, January 16 from 1-4 pm, shoppers can fill a paper grocery bag with books for one low price. Members can fill a bag for \$5; the nonmember price is \$10.

Friends Donation Days

Donate your unwanted books, media, and art to the Friends of the UA Library. Their donation carts are available whenever the Main Library is open, or visit their outdoor donation events on Saturday, January 15 from 10 am-2 pm or Sunday, February 13 from 1-4 pm.

Be the First to Read Your Favorite Authors

Reserve your favorite author's next published book by signing up for automatic holds. Choose from dozens of popular authors and your hold will automatically be placed on the title when we order it. Get started at <http://authors.clcoho.org>.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2021 Board of Trustees
From Left: Bill Shkurti, Board President Gloria Heydlauff, Stephen Flynn, John Yesso, Kevin Fix, Kate Hare and Vice President Peter Hahn



All meetings of the Board and its committees, with the exception of executive sessions, are open to the public. You can sign up to receive email notification of upcoming Board meetings at www.ualibrary.org/pages/board-trustees.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, January 19 at 5 pm
- Tuesday, February 15 at 5 pm



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar reflects what is known at this time. Plans are subject to change based on COVID-19 health and safety guidelines.

Concourse Gallery

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

Glimpses - Evie Zimmer

January 5-28

Take a glimpse into the creative journey of artist Evie Zimmer. Find yourself in a place somewhere between reality and fantasy while viewing Zimmer's large scale oil paintings.

Elementary Schools

February 2-25

Reception: 2-4 pm, Sunday, February 13

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



At the reception, guests can enjoy a Black History Month art activity that will be displayed on an adjoining gallery wall for the remainder of the exhibit.

History Speaks Author Talk

Beyond the River

by Ann Hagedorn

7-8:30 pm, February 16

Jones Middle School

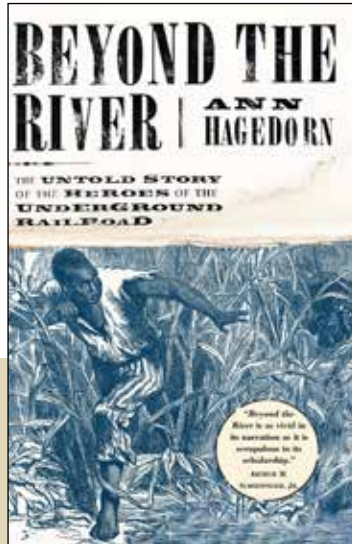
\$20 general admission

UA Historical Society

www.uahistory.org



Join us for an insightful evening into the stories of Ohio's Underground Railroad network led by Ann Hagedorn, author of 2003's *Beyond the River* hailed by the American Library Association as one of



the "25 most notable nonfiction books in America." Ms. Hagedorn tells the remarkable stories of participants - black and white - in the Ripley, Ohio line of the Underground Railroad. Ticket sales start in January - go to uahistory.org for information. *Beyond the River* is available for purchase from Cover to Cover, 2116 Arlington Avenue.

State of the City Address & UA Community Center Community Meeting
Thursday, February 17
6 pm Reception
7 pm Address & UACC Update

February is Black History Month

uacommunityrelations.com

Watch for additional community-sponsored Black History Month events throughout the month of February on the Community Relations Committee website, via the *City Insight* e-News and on social media.



UA High School

We hope you can join us at the new UA High School for the City's annual update, Community Award announcements and exciting news about the new UA Community Center.

UA Stage - 42nd Street

5 pm, Tuesday, February 22

UA High School

UA Civic Association

www.uaca.org

Annual event for seniors, offered in conjunction with the UA High School's Vocal Music Program. Reservations required, beginning January 26.

42nd Street

February 24-27

UA High School Performing Arts Center

www.uavocalmusic.org

The UA High School Vocal Music Program takes on one of the ultimate show-biz musicals.