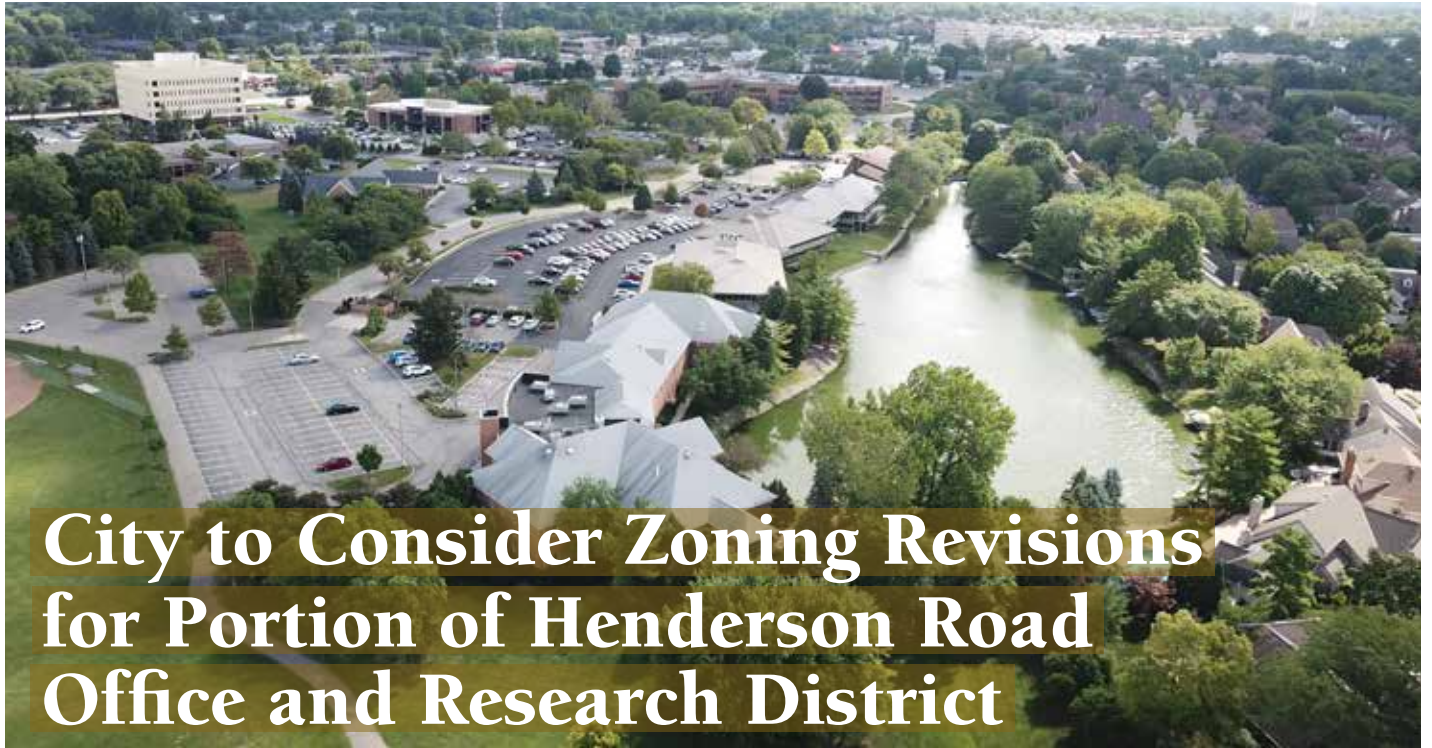


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SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER 2022



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



City to Consider Zoning Revisions for Portion of Henderson Road Office and Research District

The City is readying to undertake a public engagement and review process relative to possible zoning revisions for a portion of the ORC Office and Research District located on the south side of Henderson Road. This area is accessed by Arlington Centre Boulevard and is primarily comprised of outdated office buildings.

The concept under consideration would be to rezone this area as a Planned Mixed Office District (PMOD) with the intent of retaining the existing amount of office space within the district at a minimum, while allowing for a limited number of additional uses, such as residential and retail, as future redevelopment projects occur.

A series of public meetings have been scheduled beginning in September of 2022, so that Staff can share insight on what is being considered and obtain community input and suggestions for accomplishing the best possible outcome for the

surrounding neighborhoods, the Henderson Road corridor and the community as a whole. Thereafter, the emerging zoning revision proposal will be scheduled for review and a recommendation from the Board of Zoning and Planning in October, with City Council scheduled to review and possibly take action to amend the City's zoning code in November.

We invite and encourage you to be involved in this review process.

Background

The Central Ohio region continues to experience unprecedented growth, with changing market forces and redevelopment trends reshaping commercial districts in many communities. Large, single-use office complexes have become outdated and unpopular, especially if they are not in prime locations with direct access to highways and resources. In order to

attract and retain quality employees, companies are rethinking the workplace, increasingly blending office spaces with convenient amenities and housing opportunities.

Professional and medical office uses are important to the City, as a primary source of revenues generated from income taxes and company withholdings. Since just five percent of the City is zoned for commercial use, with approximately one percent dedicated to office use, preserving and enhancing what we do have is critical to the City's long-term success.

Recognizing these challenges, the City believes it must make some zoning updates to the portion of the ORC Office and Research District located on the south side of Henderson Road, which is primarily comprised of outdated office buildings. The updates being considered would better align this area with market trends and help it remain viable for the long term.

Community Meetings

Meeting 1a: In-Person

6 pm, Wednesday, September 14
3600 Tremont Road

Meeting 1b: Zoom

6:30 pm, Thursday, September 15

Join the Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86122546023>

us/j/86122546023

Passcode: 518368

Join by Phone: 888 475 4499 or 877 853 5257

Meeting ID: 861 2254 6023

Meeting 2: Zoom

5 pm, Monday, October 3

Join the Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84049734425>

Passcode: 712009

Join by Phone: 888 475 4499 or 877 853 5257

Meeting ID: 840 4973 4425

Meeting 3: Zoom

5 pm, Monday, October 17

Join the Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83152009698>

Passcode: 308252

Join by Phone: 888 475 4499 or 877 853 5257

Meeting ID: 831 5200 9698

Formal Public Review Process

Note: All meetings will be held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road.

Board of Zoning & Planning Work Session

6 pm, Wednesday, October 5

Public testimony is not typically taken at work sessions

Board of Zoning & Planning Hearing

6 pm, Wednesday, October 19

Public hearing, BZAP recommendation

City Council Meeting

7 pm, Monday, November 7

1st Reading, Public Hearing

City Council Meeting

7 pm, Monday, November 14

2nd Reading, Public Hearing

City Council Meeting

7 pm, Monday, November 21

3rd Reading, Public Hearing, Council Action

The City has experienced success with several mixed-use projects in recent years – such as the Lane I and II developments on Lane Avenue. Combining a mix of uses within an efficiently designed footprint is a proven and desirable model that makes financial sense for developers and property owners – fulfilling the market demand for live/work communities and creating a 24/7 synergy.

Two major property owners in this area have indicated that they are considering redeveloping some or all of their respective sites.

National Church Residences is reviewing options for modernizing their national headquarters. As an industry leader in senior and multi-family housing, they wish to incorporate a mix of uses that would help them attract and retain employees while also creating a campus that showcases their areas of expertise.

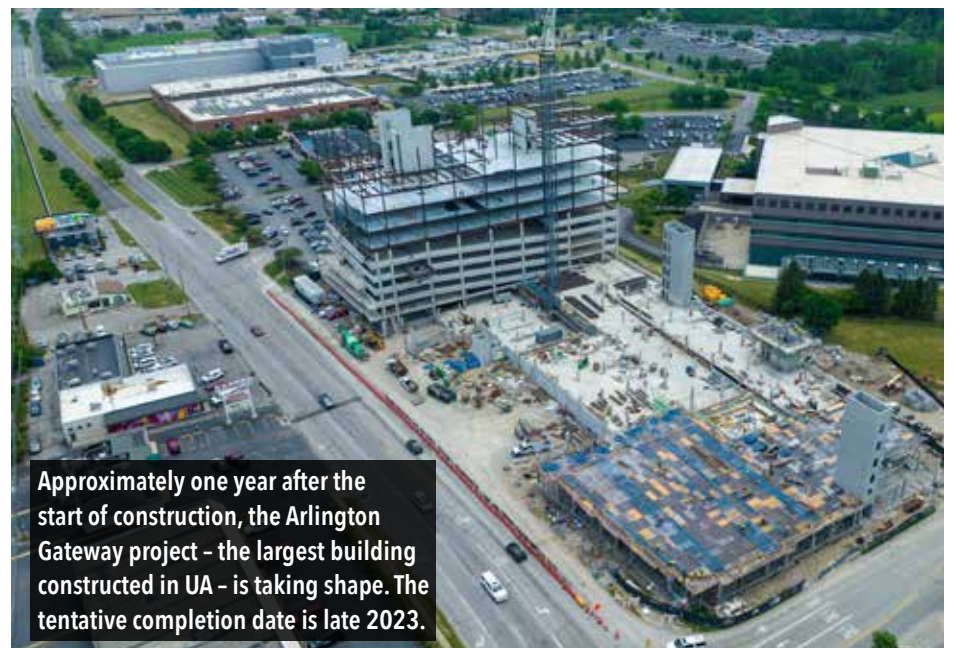
The office complex at 5000 Arlington Centre Boulevard will become the headquarters for Gosh Enterprises, Inc. This multi-brand restaurant company – which includes Charleys Philly Steak, Bibibop Asian Grill and Lennys Grill & Subs – is currently making a series of

improvements to the existing building, but they have also indicated a desire to incorporate a mix of uses into any future redevelopment projects.

The concept under consideration would be to rezone this area as a Planned Mixed Office District (PMOD). This would essentially retain the amount of office space found within the district today by placing minimum square footage requirements per acre for any future redevelopment projects, while allowing for other uses, such as residential and retail, once the office minimum has been met. It would also take the opportunity to address some housekeeping items, such as modernizing the commercial use table and revising some terms within the existing code.

The possible zoning revision is just focused on the area south of Henderson Road, accessed by Arlington Centre Boulevard. It does not address the entire ORC Office and Research District. At a future date, the City hopes to undertake a more comprehensive study of the entire Henderson Road corridor that would include the City of Columbus, since the north side of the corridor falls within their jurisdiction.

BUILDING BLOCKS



Approximately one year after the start of construction, the Arlington Gateway project – the largest building constructed in UA – is taking shape. The tentative completion date is late 2023.

3132 Family Sports Court at Sunny 95 Park



Replacement of the multi-use sports court in Sunny 95 Park should be complete by mid-October. This project was made possible thanks to the UA Lacrosse Association, which is providing over \$420,000 in funding. The new court will be named the "3132 Family Sports Court" in recognition of Kyle Vesper and Ned Smith, two former lacrosse captains who developed the same type of brain cancer. It can be used for basketball, box lacrosse and hockey, and lighting will allow for evening play during the winter season.

Fall Activity Guide Online at parks.uaoh.net

All UA households were recently mailed their fall copy of the *Activity Guide* from our Parks & Recreation Department. This edition is packed with a rich variety of classes and programs for all ages and interests. It also features details of various upcoming events, including Fall Fest, Cycle UA and Winter Festival, as well as featuring the program guide for this year's Labor Day Arts Festival.



If you have misplaced your copy of the *Fall Activity Guide*, you can always view it online, at parks.uaoh.net, where you can also register for classes and programs.

ARTS

labor day

FESTIVAL

UPPER ARLINGTON

Immerse yourself in the arts at this year's Labor Day Arts Festival, featuring over 120 talented fine art and craft artists displaying and selling their work. This year's Festival also includes a hands-on art activities area, live performances, food trucks and community booths. Be sure to check out a new high school student art display and interactive chalk art activity.

upperarlingtonoh.gov/LDAF

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
10 AM - 4 PM
NORTHAM PARK
FREE Admission

FROM CHAMBERS | Highlights of City Council & Its Policy Decisions

2022 Community Survey

Every so often, the City surveys residents to gauge how we're doing in terms of the services we provide, and to identify where adjustments might be necessary to stay in tune with the needs and desires of the community.

For the 2022 Community Survey, 1,500 randomly selected households were invited to fill out a survey. In true UA fashion, the level of community participation was high, with 496 responses. At press time, our consultant team from Illuminology was busy diving into the data to analyze the results.

The emerging opinions and themes will be used in a variety of ways - aiding City Council as it sets direction for the City and as it prioritizes projects for inclusion in the 2023-2024 budget. In addition, our City departments will use the data to determine satisfaction with existing programming and services, possibly obtaining new ideas or suggestions for improvement.



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

An online version of the survey open to all residents is also currently available through September 5. The data obtained from this tool will provide supplemental information but will not be included within the statistically valid analysis.

If yours was one of the randomly selected households invited to participate in the statistically valid survey

and you have already shared your responses to that survey, you do not need to participate again.

Illuminology will be at the September 12 City Council Meeting to share details of the survey process and findings. The meeting begins at 7 pm, at 3600 Tremont Road, and can also be viewed online, on the City Council page of our website, at upperarlingtonoh.gov.

Political Signage Guidelines

As election season approaches, the City wishes to remind residents about the proper display of political yard signs and banners.

Upper Arlington City Government is non-partisan, and City Council does not endorse political candidates. The City does not regulate language on a political sign, as this would infringe upon an individual's freedom of speech.

Below are guidelines for the display of signs or banners:

- Signs and banners must be located on the property and not in the public right-of-way.
- A maximum of five signs/banners are permitted per property.
- In addition to the five permitted signs, an additional sign/banner may be onsite for each street

frontage if the property is under construction or on the market for sale or lease.

- Signs/banners should not exceed eight square feet in size per side.
- Signs should not exceed four feet in height if free-standing, and should not be attached to any roof or roof element if mounted on a building.
- Signs/banners should not be illuminated.
- Signs with changeable copy/text are not allowed.

Last year, Council approved some amendments to the City's sign code, allowing the use of larger banners - up to three feet by six feet - during the time period of May 7-July 7. This amendment was made to facilitate the use of graduation banners for students, though

the enlarged sign size is extended to all messages during that period.

The City may be able to ask a resident to remove signs/banners only if they exceed the size requirements, are deteriorating or have been placed in the public right-of-way. If you believe this to be the case, call Code Compliance at 614-583-5073 or use our UA Click2Fix smartphone app to report an issue.

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

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

Warrant Forgiveness Program Scheduled for October

UA Police Division.....614-583-5150

The City's Mayor's Court and Police Division have partnered together to host a series of Warrant Forgiveness Days, every Thursday during the month of October. Between the hours of 9 am-1 pm on October 6, 13, 20 and 27, attending individuals with existing traffic or non-violent misdemeanor warrants issued by the City of Upper Arlington Mayor's Court will have their warrants canceled and new court dates issued with no cash bond required.

The City recognizes that outstanding warrants can be a barrier for those looking to work, raise a family and/or live in our community. Warrant forgiveness is a proactive, limited-time program designed to help individuals facing minor charges avoid arrest. During the forgiveness program, Upper Arlington Mayor's Court will cancel outstanding traffic and/or non-violent misdemeanor warrants and reinstate cases on a docket for hearing and disposition, with no cash bond required and no questions asked.

Important!

The Warrant Forgiveness Program only applies to Upper Arlington Mayor's Court. If you have active warrants through another agency or court, they will be strictly enforced and you could face jail time. If you wish to participate in the Upper Arlington Forgiveness Program but are unsure if you have additional outstanding warrants, check with the following agencies:

- **Franklin County Clerk of Courts:** www.fcmcclerk.com/case/search, or call 614-645-8186
- **Union County Clerk of Courts:** municourt.co.union.oh.us/ or call 937-644-9102
- **Delaware County Clerk of Courts:** clerkofcourts.co.delaware.oh.us/ or call 740-833-2500
- **Licking County Clerk of Courts:** lickingcounty.gov/depts/clerk/ or call 740-670-5791
- **Fairfield County Clerk of Courts:** www.fairfieldcountyclerk.com or call 740-652-7360
- **Pickaway County Clerk of Courts:** www.pickaway.org/offices/clerk-of-courts/index.html or call 740-474-5231
- **Madison County Clerk of Courts:** www.co.madison.oh.us/departments/court_system/clerk_of_courts/index.php or call 740-852-9776

Fire Prevention Week - October 9-15

By Captain Alan Thompson, Fire Marshal
UA Fire Division.....614-583-5100



Fire Prevention Week started in 1922 as an annual observance of the devastation caused by the Great Chicago Fire and as an opportunity to share fire safety lessons. The Great Chicago Fire of October 8-9, 1871, killed 250 people, left 100,000 people homeless and destroyed 17,400 buildings and 2,000 acres of land. It is a powerful reminder of how dangerous fire can be.

From October 9-15 we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape." While there are a hundred ways to help prevent fires, our primary concern is that everyone gets out safely when a fire occurs. Working smoke alarms on all levels of your home and in all sleeping areas is the best way to make sure everyone is aware of a fire in a timely manner. The next step, and this year's focus, is a well thought out and practiced fire escape plan. Please see the links below. I strongly encourage you to take the time, as a family, to print off the Home Escape Plan Grid, draw a basic layout of your home, plan two ways out of every room and establish a meeting place. And then practice that plan.

Today's fires burn hotter, faster and produce more smoke and toxins than ever before. You may have just a minute or two to safely escape. Having working smoke alarms and then knowing what to do when they "go off" is imperative.

While the members of the Upper Arlington Fire Division are proud to call ourselves "Firefighters," and rightly so, we would rather be "Fire Preventers." Please reach out to our Fire Prevention office at 614-583-5119 with any questions or concerns that you may have. We would be glad to help you make your home or business a safer place to be.

Links and Resources:

- <https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/FPW/educate/2022/FPW22Grid.ashx>
- <https://youtu.be/ohC9HXfryJc>
- <https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week/About>

UA Community Center Community Meeting

6-7:30 pm, Tuesday, September 6

Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road

Join Via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82277054416>

From the very beginning, the pursuit of an Upper Arlington Community Center has been driven by community members and guided by extensive community feedback. The detailed design process has been no different, with several community meetings and focus groups held along the way, and many adjustments and improvements made based on the feedback received.

As this phase approaches the one-year mark, one final Community Meeting has been scheduled so that the design team can share the fruits of their labor.

Please join us before the September 6 City Council Meeting for an "It's so close we can taste it" preview of the final building design. The meeting format will include a formal presentation that can also be watched via Zoom. Following the presentation, several break out stations will be available in the Concourse so that attendees can view



different programming areas in greater detail, ask questions and share their thoughts.

Full details on the UA Community Center can be found at uacommunitycenter.com.



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Steve Schoeny

Cheers to a Great Summer

After two years of canceled or adjusted summer programming, this summer has been a much needed return to business as usual for our Parks & Recreation Department. And, thanks in part to the way the team was able to plan and pivot during the pandemic, I think some of our events and programs have benefited from a willingness to try something new here and there.

To date, my favorite event of the summer was Arts on Arlington. This new event brought UA artists, live music, food vendors and community groups together at the Mallway for a delightful evening, while showcasing the shops and businesses that can be found in our oldest commercial district.

Other summer favorites - such as the Music in the Parks summer concert series and Summer Celebration - attracted larger than usual crowds, with residents eager to enjoy outdoor entertainment opportunities close to home.

There's one more event on the immediate horizon - the Labor Day Arts Festival on Monday, September 6. With some of the park's greenspace temporarily out of commission following the recent installation of new underground storm sewers, Cultural Arts has pivoted yet again. An adjusted Festival layout moves the artist tents to the Tremont Road parking lot. This new layout takes advantage of the evenly spaced rows of parking, while providing easy access from numerous directions and making it much easier to locate or return to an artist of interest when you're ready to purchase some art.

I hope to see you at the Festival, and when you do stop by, be sure to visit the Community Groups Tent, where you will be able to meet with members of the Community Relations Committee, view renderings for the UA Community Center, and chat with Staff about the many exciting things going on in UA.

CityINSIGHT

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NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Labor Day** - Monday, September 5. Solid Waste collection is delayed by one day for all zones.

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. If you are interested in receiving City Council meeting agenda updates, send us an email, at city.council@uaoh.net.

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
- **Sentinel** - monthly program updates from the Senior Center

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

Background Checks

Available 10 am-4 pm M-F

**Finance Counter, 3600 Tremont Rd
POLICE 614-583-5150**

The Police Division offers background check services to those who need it for a job, licensing, volunteer work, etc. The City will only conduct WebChecks between the hours of 10 am-4 pm, Monday-Friday. You can pay for the WebCheck at the Kiosk located in the foyer of the Municipal Services Center (3600 Tremont Road), near the main entrance.

For requests for one-four individuals - no appointment is necessary to start the WebChecks process, however, you must complete the process in person. For groups of five or more - an appointment is required and all the individuals

must attend this appointment in person to complete the process. Contact Finance to schedule an appointment, at 614-583-5291.

Beggar's Night Safety Tips

6-8 pm, Monday, October 31

POLICE 614-583-5150

Tips for Kids

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

Tips for Parents

- Be sure you know where your child will be trick-or-treating.
- Avoid costumes that are flammable or obstruct vision or movement.

- Supply your child with either light colored clothing or a flashlight.
- Check your child's candy before she/he eats any. If you think anything has been tampered with, notify Police.

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

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery*

Sunday, November 6

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

Prescription Drug Disposal

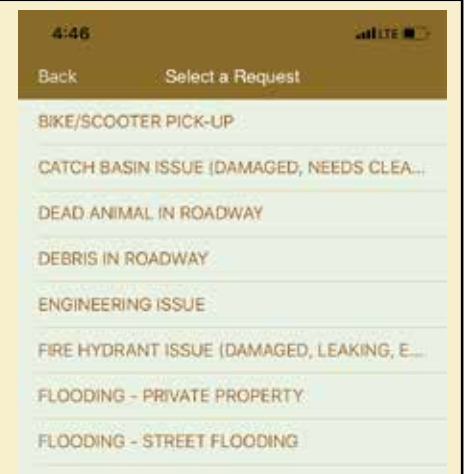
POLICE

614-583-5150

With ongoing renovations to the Police Division offices at the Municipal Services Center, the Police Division is no longer accepting old or unused prescription

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.



drugs. The closest alternative is at the CVS pharmacy at Kingsdale. The division is still participating in the Fall and Spring DEA Drug Take Back drop-off events, with the fall date scheduled for Saturday, October 29, from 10 am-2 pm, in the Tremont Road parking lot of the Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road.

Sunday Swim at UAHS

PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

Sunday Swim lap swimming will be available at the UA High School Natatorium from 1-3 pm most Sundays beginning September 18. For details and to register, visit parks.uaoh.net

Parking Restrictions During OSU Home Football Games

PUBLIC SERVICE 614-583-5350

To address parking, access and safety concerns, the City is restricting parking for streets in the proximity of OSU's campus abutting North Star Road on home football games. Hours of restriction run from four hours before through four hours after each game. "No Parking" signs will be posted on the fire hydrant side of the following streets:

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

2021 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR)

FINANCE 614-583-5291

Each year, the City's Finance Department produces two reporting documents on all things City finances - the *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report* or ACFR (formerly known as the CAFR) which goes into great detail, and the *Popular Annual Financial Report* which provides a "soup to nuts" summary. In the 2021 PAFR, you will find an accessible overview of the City's financial position, its policies, and its commitment to providing responsive services and programs in a fiscally

responsible manner. We provide details of how the City's revenue is generated, where dollars are spent, and how the local economy impacts Upper Arlington's overall financial status. Our PAFR documents have received an Award for Outstanding Achievement from the Government Finance Officers Association every year since 2005.

As a cost savings measure, we printed a limited number of copies of the 2021 PAFR that are available at the UA Libraries and City buildings, but you can always find the online version on our website.

Leadership UA Class of 2022-23

Application Deadline: September 9
leadershipua.org

For three decades, Leadership UA has been guiding its adult students through the ins and outs of UA's history, government, education and community services. Throughout the course—which runs from September through April—participants are afforded incredible networking opportunities while engaging in hands-on leadership development exercises and practices that prove invaluable both professionally and personally. The program is currently accepting applications for the 2022-23 program.

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.

Special Events Applications Deadline for January 1-March 31, 2023

Events: October 17
PARKS & RECREATION 614-583-5300

The City has an application and permitting process in place for special events that require the use of City property and/or City logistical and

planning support. This includes quarterly submission deadlines in advance of a planned event so that Staff have ample time to review all requests and manage its finite supply of equipment and staffing while balancing its support of longstanding community events with new and unique event proposals.

Call for Poll Workers

vote.franklincountyohio.gov/
Poll-Worker

The Franklin County Board of Elections hires approximately 5,500 community-minded individuals to help operate polling locations each election day. Training and compensation is provided. You must be a registered voter in Franklin County and available to work on election day. Efforts are made to place poll workers at convenient locations, which include public schools, township halls, libraries and churches.

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.

Friends of UA Parks

friendsofuaoparks.com

The Friends of Upper Arlington Parks coordinate monthly gatherings from 9 am-Noon on Saturday mornings, helping clear invasive species from UA parks and to assist with tree planting efforts. All tools are provided, wear long pants and closed -toe shoes. Upcoming dates include:

- September 17 - Reed Road Park
- October 15 - Reed Road Park
- November 12 - Thompson Park

Leaf Collection Public Works Division614-583-5350

The City will provide leaf collection services late October-early December, weather permitting (the dates will be announced in September).

Residents are advised to refrain from placing leaves at the curb until one week before the start of the program AND to stop at least one week before the program ends. The timeframe for collection each year does not change since the Public Works Division must fit this service in with other seasonal services.

A Leaf Collection Tracking Map is available on the **Leaf Collection** section of our website, so that you can follow the progress of collection crews in your area and anticipate when they are likely to be on your street.

Please follow these guidelines:

- Place loose-raked leaves close to the edge of the street in the tree lawn, **not in the street**.
- Leaf piles should extend no further than two-three feet behind the curb.
- Do not place grass clippings, rocks, sticks or other objects in leaf piles - please continue to use the weekly yard waste collection service to dispose of other yard waste debris.
- Keep piles away from signposts, light poles, trees and mail boxes.
- Do not block storm sewers as this can increase the chance of flooding in the event of a heavy rain.
- Parked vehicles should be at least 15 feet away from either side of leaf piles so that collection crews have safe access to the leaves with their truck and leaf machine.



Bring Us Your Pumpkins! October 31-December 4

Don't throw away your pumpkins, compost them! Even though pumpkins are 100% compostable, they are not accepted as yard waste, so any pumpkins set out for curbside collection are taken to the landfill. To help remedy this



issue, the City has partnered with GoZero Services to provide a pumpkin collection bin, located next to the food waste containers in the Fancyburg Park parking lot. Please **DO NOT** put any pumpkins in the lime-green food waste containers, these are reserved for food scraps only.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Events

swaco.org

The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) is hosting two fall drop-off events for household hazardous waste, per the following:

- **8 am-2 pm, Saturday, September 10** - 8 am to 2 pm, Westerville Service Complex, 350 Park Meadow Rd.
- **8 am-1 pm, Saturday, September 24** - 8 am to 1 pm , 3226 Kingston Avenue, Grove City, OH

SWACO also contracts with Environmental Enterprizes, Inc. to operate a year-round collection site, at 645 E. 8th Avenue in Columbus. Hours are:

- Wednesdays: Noon-6 pm
- Thursdays: 9 am-5 pm
- Fridays: Noon-6 pm

Visit SWACO's website for guidelines on accepted items.

Solid Waste Reminders

Public Works Division614-583-5350

Households are required to keep trash and recycling containers out of view from the street—in a garage, shed, screened behind a fence or landscaping, etc.—except when putting them at the curb the night before or by 7 am on the morning of collection. Remove containers from the curb by 7 am of the day following collection.

Place all items for disposal at the curb between 6 pm the night before and 7 am on the day of your regularly scheduled collection day. Keep trash and recycling containers at least three feet apart from other items to provide easy access for the collection equipment. Do not park cars in front of containers, as this makes collection difficult and could result in damage to your vehicle. Containers must be removed from the curb by 7 am of the day following collection.

Place trash items in your grey trash container (bagged) with the lid opening facing toward the street. If you have additional items that cannot fit into the container from Local Waste, place them in a secondary, lidded container clearly marked as "trash," and bring to the curb.

Place accepted recyclables loose (do not bag) in your blue recycling container and wheel to the curb with the lid facing toward the street.

Schools[★]INSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

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November 8 Levy Request

After delaying an operating levy request for two years, the Upper Arlington Board of Education is returning to voters on the November 8, 2022, ballot with a 6.9-mill operating levy request to provide funding to maintain the district's high-quality educational program.

"Amid the difficulties that families and residents have faced over the past two years, our school district has been good stewards to our community by creatively stretching our financial resources so that we did not have to return to voters until this fall," said Board of Education President Lori Trent.

The role of the school district in an operating levy request is to provide factual information so that community members may make an informed decision on November 8. Below is a sampling of the frequently asked questions available at www.uaschools.org/LevyFAQ.aspx. The district will be adding to the questions and answers as it hears from community members this

fall. If you have questions, please contact boe@uaschools.org.

What would the operating levy fund?

The 6.9-mill request would provide operating funding needed for the district to maintain the current level of high-quality academic programming for Upper Arlington's growing student population. Because of the way school funding is structured in the state of Ohio, operating levies are the primary way that suburban school districts similar to Upper Arlington deal with rising costs due to inflation.

What would the new operating levy cost homeowners?

For an Upper Arlington homeowner, the proposed 6.9-mill operating levy would add approximately \$241.50 a year in property taxes per \$100,000 of appraised home value as determined

by the Franklin County auditor. For an Upper Arlington home with a county auditor's appraised home value of \$400,000, that would amount to an additional \$966 per year based on calendar year 2022 tax valuations.

It's important to note that appraised home valuation isn't what your home would sell for – it's an amount determined by the county auditor and available on your property listing on the auditor's website.

How long has it been since the last levy?

Upper Arlington voters approved a 3.75 mill operating levy in November 2017, which was meant to maintain the current educational programming at the time. Also in November 2017, voters approved a bond issue that funded the first phase of the facilities master plan.

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Board Of Education Launches Superintendent Search After Imhoff Announces Retirement

This summer, Upper Arlington Schools Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Ed.D., announced that he will retire in January 2023, sharing that his 10 years in Upper Arlington have been the most memorable of his 30-plus years career in public schools.

"We have amazing students, the most dedicated and talented teachers, and an incredibly supportive community," Imhoff said. "Our own children are both UAHS graduates, and our family will always be Golden Bears."

In retirement, Imhoff and his family plan to stay in Upper Arlington. He will continue to support public education by working as the director of governmental

relations for the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA).

Board of Education President Lori Trent shared her congratulations for Imhoff on his next chapter, saying "We are so grateful for his visionary leadership during the past 10 years and wish him the very best as he retires."

Following Imhoff's announcement, the Board of Education took the first step to launch a search process for the next superintendent by requesting proposals from search firms to guide the process.

"The Board of Education is committed to setting up a thorough and comprehensive search process and looking forward to prioritizing

community engagement and feedback from parents and guardians, students, staff and the school district community as a whole," Trent said.

"We want to hear from as many stakeholders as possible as we create the profile of a successful candidate and move forward in this process together."

The Board of Education was scheduled to meet in mid-August to interview search firms during a public session. While that meeting had not yet been held as of the deadline for this publication, the Board of Education will be sharing updates on the process and next steps as they are available at www.uaschools.org/2022SuperintendentSearch.aspx.

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Why do suburban school districts like Upper Arlington keep asking for operating levies?

In Upper Arlington, approximately 96 percent of district revenues are fixed, with little or no room for growth. A major factor in this is House Bill 920, a state law passed in the 1970s.

HB 920 ensures that voted operating levies do not grow as property values increase. As property values increase, the millage collected for each voted operating levy is reduced to ensure the district's funding from the operating levy remains flat. In short, as a homeowner's property value increases, their school operating tax rate actually decreases.

A major factor in the impact of HB 920 is inflation. Every three years, the value of taxable property in a school district is determined by the county auditor. If inflation has caused the value of the property to increase, the auditor reduces the school tax rate so schools do not receive more money. So, as inflation drives up the value of property, HB 920 prevents schools from collecting more money. However, that also leaves districts unable to meet the increases in school costs caused by inflation and enrollment growth.

Generally speaking, the only way school districts see an increase in property tax revenue is when voters approve a new operating levy. That contributes to the need for suburban school districts like Upper Arlington to return to voters every three years to keep up with the cost of doing business.

2022-23 SCHOOL DATES

**No school for Students and Staff: Labor Day
Monday, September 5**

**Early Dismissal (K-12)
Wednesday, September 21**

Dismissal at 1 pm for elementary students; 1:30 pm for secondary students

**End of First Quarter (Grades 6-12)
Friday, October 14**

**No School for Students; Staff Report Per Schedule
Monday, October 17**

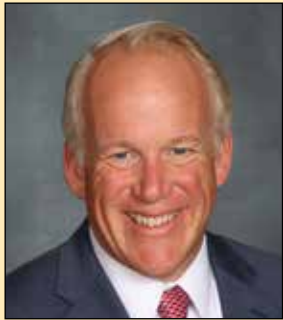
**Elementary Early Dismissal (Grades K-5)
Thursday, October 27**

Dismissal at 11:05 am; no lunch service

**End of First Trimester (Grades K-5)
Monday, November 7**

**General Election Day: No School for Students; Staff Report Per Schedule
Tuesday, November 8**

**For the full 2022-2023 school year calendar, visit:
www.uaschools.org/calendars.aspx**



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Paul Imhoff, Ed.D.

New School Year Filled with Opportunities

We are incredibly excited to have all of our students and our staff back for the 2022-2023 school year!

In the days leading up to the first day of school on August 16, we were thrilled to welcome our amazing staff and have everyone back together to kick off the new year. This year, we have more than 40 new teachers joining our team. While the majority of them were hired for existing open positions, the Board of Education did approve hiring three for new positions due to enrollment growth at the elementary level.

Enrollment growth presents an exciting challenge for our schools and our community. As of the start of the school year, our enrollment has risen to approximately 6,300 students and will likely continue to grow throughout the year. We'll be providing updates on staffing and enrollment to the Board of Education this fall with more details.

This is our second year with our students and staff learning together in our beautiful new school buildings. We are looking forward to seeing our students learn and grow together in these spaces - in ways that weren't possible before.

This year, we will also be continuing our work to implement our strategic plan, which focuses on building our strengths as a district in two areas – whole learning, which is our core business of academics, and well-being. These priorities are rooted in our vision of uniquely accomplished students prepared to serve, lead and succeed and our mission – to challenge and support every student, every step of the way.

An important part of this work will be the continued implementation of a totally personalized student support system known as the multi-tiered system of support – or MTSS. More simply put, this is how we meet every student where they are so they can achieve at the highest possible academic levels. We started this work at the elementary

level last year and will be strengthening the processes at the secondary level this year so that we offer a strong continuum of support for all students.

As you know, this spring the Board of Education committed to a community engagement process – Listen Learn Lead – to bring us all together to make our schools be the best they can be. We recently presented the Board with a list of recommended next steps based on your feedback. We have already begun to take some initial steps to improve our communication with all of our stakeholders.

You'll see evidence of that on our district website – where we've expanded the information available about our academic program, our curriculum and other important resources for parents and guardians as they navigate their students' school career.

We are also adding more opportunities for community members to learn about what's happening in our schools – starting with a community school events calendar, available at www.uaschools.org/Community.aspx, and the opportunity for residents to sign up for our monthly e-newsletter.

We are incredibly lucky to live in a community that cares so deeply in supporting the success of the Upper Arlington Schools and its students. As the Board of Education has shared, these are just a few steps in an ongoing commitment to engage our community so that our schools can be the best they can be.

You can learn more about the recommendations at www.uaschools.org/ListenLearnLead.aspx.

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

Sign up to Receive UA Schools e-newsletters!

Upper Arlington Schools remains committed to keeping all stakeholders informed of what is happening throughout the district and receiving and responding to feedback from stakeholders.

New this fall, community members can sign up to receive the monthly district e-newsletter that is currently sent to families and staff at the end of each month. Please visit www.uaschools.org/emailsignup.aspx to complete an online form to subscribe to the e-newsletter. Current families with children in the schools and current staff members do not need to take any action, as they are automatically subscribed to these emails.



BITES From the Apple



SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



Staff Members Honored for Excellence, Service

Congratulations to the staff members who were honored at a staff ceremony in August! Receiving district-level employee of the year awards were:

- District Teacher of the Year: **Kim Wilson**, intervention specialist, Upper Arlington High School
- Classified Employees of the Year: **Brian Walters**, Transportation; **Seth Given**, Operations; **Ann Dominek**, Nutritional Services; and **Melissa Thien**, Secretarial/Bookkeeping Division
- Support Staff Employee of the Year: **Sarah Potter**, educational aide, Barrington Elementary
- Administrator of the Year: **Karen Truett**, Director of Communications

Receiving building-level teacher of the year awards were:

- **Stacie Caruso**, intervention specialist, Barrington Elementary
- **Laura Manns**, teacher aide, Burbank Early Childhood School
- **Allison Kulasa**, speech language pathologist, Greensview Elementary
- **Julia Gomez**, global language teacher, Jones Middle School
- **Eric Wylie**, social studies teacher, Hastings Middle School
- **Maredeth Washburn**, intervention specialist, Tremont Elementary

- **Anjali Das**, intervention specialist, Windermere Elementary
- **Caitlin Holland**, speech-language pathologist, Wickliffe Progressive Elementary

In its second year, the Joanie Dugger Educators of the Year Fund through the UA Education Foundation honors three educators - one from each level - who receive funding for projects of their choice. The fund was created in memory of Joanie Dugger, who retired as executive director of the Foundation in 2018 after 17 years of dedication to "Enhancing What Matters Most."

The 2022 Joanie Dugger Educators of the Year recipients are: **Stacie Caruso**, Barrington Elementary School; **Eric Wylie**, Hastings Middle School; and **Kim Wilson**, Upper Arlington High School.

The Nancy Losekamp Career Development Leadership Award is also awarded to three teachers for their work engaging students in service learning. This year's recipients are: **Jamie Trainor**, kindergarten, Windermere Elementary; **Nicole Morgan**, intervention specialist, Jones Middle School; and **Missy Haines**, art, UA High School.

Additionally, 18 staff members were recognized for 20 years of service to Upper Arlington Schools, and five staff members were honored for 30 years of service to the district.

UAHS Student Chosen for State Advisory Group

UA High School junior Ashley He has been selected by Governor Mike DeWine to represent Franklin County on the inaugural



Ohio Student Safety Advisory Council. She joins 15 other Ohio students to work with leaders from the Ohio School Safety Center, to identify school safety concerns and develop solutions. They will also develop strategies to encourage their peers to engage in maintaining a safe school environment and will be advocates for student well-being.

"School safety is one of our top priorities, and we are very proud to have one of our students representing not only our school community but also our county to help us continue to improve our efforts in this area," said High School Principal, Andrew Theado.

Uniquely Accomplished



- Congratulations to 14 Hastings Middle School students who were honored in the "Le Grand Concours" national French contest! Six students were National Laureate winners: **Edie Hampel** and **Santi Castro Araya**, gold award; **Elena Zhu** and **Nieves Alvarez-Puertas**,

silver awards; and **Anya Pathak** and **Aanya Bhutani**, bronze awards. An additional eight students received a "Certificat d'honneur" for honorable mention.

- Students on Windermere Elementary School's Food Rescue team, led by intervention specialist **Anjali Das**, were invited to speak on the K-12 Food Rescue podcast on Spotify, which shares the successes of students and teachers from across the country as they try to reduce food waste in their schools. You can find a link to their podcast episode at www.uaschools.org.

UAINSIGHT Receives Top Honors



Upper Arlington Schools is proud to have been recognized for excellence in communications by the Ohio School Public Relations Association (OHSPPA). The Communications Department received several awards at the annual OHSPPA professional conference:

- **Best of the Best in the state of Ohio:** the *UAINSIGHT* community newsletter, produced through a cost-effective partnership with the City of Upper Arlington and the Upper Arlington Public Library – bringing news about the city, library and schools to households every two months
- **Marks of Distinction:** UA Schools Facebook page and the Building Our Future: Grand Opening Commemorative Program
- **Mark of Excellence:** Building Our Future: Grand Opening Celebration video.

Collaborative Effort Archives Historic Images from Jones Middle School

Upper Arlington Schools, the Upper Arlington Education Foundation & Alumni Association, and the Upper Arlington Historical Society have collaborated on a project to archive historical images from Jones Middle School as it prepares to celebrate its 100th year in 2024.



Framed images housed in the halls at Jones celebrate generations of alumni through graduating class composites and individual collages honoring distinguished alumni in what is known as the "Tradition Hall." Given the age of some of these images, some are in need of repair.

The images were removed during the summer and digitally scanned with the assistance of the Columbus Library to preserve this important history for alumni and the community.

The Jones Tradition Hall was established in 1973 by a community member, working with the school principal and members of the PTO. It bears the motto "Students Today,

Leaders Tomorrow." Approximately 40 honorees were selected over three decades, in 1973, 1983 and 1993. Alumni with a range of professional experiences were celebrated in Tradition Hall – including business leaders, veterans, professional athletes and media professionals.

The Education Foundation & Alumni Association are reaching out to the alumni honored in Tradition Hall, or their surviving family members, so that they may receive the collage bearing that honoree's name, accomplishments, photos and memorabilia.

The Tradition Hall and graduating class composites will be archived by the Upper Arlington Library and made available to the public in the fall at www.uaarchives.org. The original graduating class composites will be kept in the Historical Society's archives in custom archival-quality boxes funded by the Jones PTO.

The Education Foundation and Alumni Association are considering additional ways to archive these images. One option is a digital kiosk located in Jones Middle School that can be viewed by students, staff members and community members. A similar kiosk, funded through a UA+Ed grant, is located along Golden Bear Boulevard in Upper Arlington High School.

Individuals interested in making a donation to UA+Ed to support this and other projects may visit

www.uaeducationfoundation.com.



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Alumni Open House

The Upper Arlington Alumni Association and Upper Arlington Schools welcomed alumni and the community for the 2022 Upper Arlington High School Open House on July 2. The open house featured tours of the new high school, a book talk by Leslie Lehr (Class of 1977) and a ceremony honoring 11 alumni and seven retired Upper Arlington Schools educators for their achievements, accomplishments and contributions to the district and the community.



The following graduates were recognized with Alumni Awards: Kim Shoemaker Starr, '73; Leslie Lehr, '77; Chris Gladwin, '82; Blake Haxton, '09; John Lowrey, '10; Rodger Curnow, '65; Rinehart "Riney" Wilke IV, '81; Debra Graves Livingston, '73; Jake Borelli, '09; Aimee Moulakis White, '93; Kent Beittel, '65; and all Upper Arlington alumni who serve as essential workers. Retired educators Arthur Lowell "AL" Guesman, Lisa Markovich, Kim Rhodes, Diane Haddad, James Lambourne, Bill Richards and Kevin Stotts were honored as inductees to the Educator Hall of Fame.



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More than 1,000 students – elementary through high school – participated in the Upper Arlington Schools summer learning programs: Summer Academy, Summer Reading and the Extended School Year program.



The district's summer learning programs were a huge success thanks to the teams of educators who supported the individual needs of each student. Pictured here is the Summer Reading team.



More than 40 new teachers are joining the Upper Arlington Schools team for the 2022-2023 school year. Among the group are six Upper Arlington High School graduates.



The Upper Arlington Schools orchestra program celebrated its 100th year with a July 4 float featuring alumni and current student performers.



The Upper Arlington High School athletic teams hosted youth summer camps throughout the summer to share their skills and have some fun with the next generation of Golden Bear athletes.



Students from across the district spent time this summer serving their community – including these hockey players who helped older Upper Arlington adults with the care and maintenance of their yards during a hot spell in June.

Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

Providing clear and transparent communication about the state of the finances of the Upper Arlington Schools is one of the district's major commitments to the community. We go to great lengths to compile thorough and transparent financial reports and documents, and to make them available to the community on our Treasurer's Office website.

Throughout the Board of Education's Listen Learn Lead community engagement process, it became clear that we needed to increase community members' awareness of these resources so that all of our stakeholders may be better informed about the district's use of taxpayer dollars.

To that end, I want to highlight some important resources that are available at www.uaschools.org/Treasurer.aspx.

Annual Financial Reports

Each year, we publish an annual financial update that is meant to provide our community with easily accessible information about the district's finances and the factors that will impact our financial situation in the coming years.



You can find the latest report, the 2020-2021 Financial Update, on our website, and we will be working in the coming year to provide an updated document reflecting fiscal year 2021-2022 after the audit is completed.

Annual Audits

In addition to the internal Financial Update, Upper Arlington Schools also relies on external, third-party reviews of the district's finances. Each year, the state auditor's office sends a team to audit the Upper Arlington school district, delving into financial records and reviewing the district's practices.

Upper Arlington Schools is proud to consistently earn a clean audit opinion and the Auditor of State Award, most recently for the 2020-2021 school year, recognizing our commitment to effective and accountable financial practices for the community.

Five Year Forecast

As I have shared many times in this column, the five-year forecast is a legally

required document that is completed twice a year, in November and May, and submitted to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) following approval by the Board of Education. The document covers three years of actual data and five years of anticipated revenues and expenditures. It provides an important check-in point for our district, so that we can keep a clear view on what future impacts and needs are.

Monthly Financial Reports

While our community has always been able to find monthly reports in our Board of Education update each month, we have created a webpage that houses these reports, dating back to last fall. The monthly reports offer an in-depth look at revenue collections, expenditures and the district's cash balance as it stands for the month and over the course of the fiscal year.

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

2022 UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM LEFT: Nancy Drees,
President Lori Trent,
Vice President 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, the meetings begin at 6 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Some exceptions apply, and last-minute scheduling changes are possible. Please refer to www.uaschools.org for the most up-to-date information.

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, September 13, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, October 11, 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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BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Library Offers Light Therapy Lamps

We're excited to announce that we've added six light therapy lamps to our collection for patrons to take home and use.

According to the Mayo Clinic, a light therapy lamp mimics outdoor light, which creates chemical changes in the brain that can lift mood and ease other symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) and depression. It can also help with sleep disorders and jet lag.

To reserve a lamp, visit our catalog at <http://catalog.uapubliclibrary.org> and search for "light therapy lamp." Lamps circulate for 28 days and are not eligible for automatic renewals. They can be picked up at any of our three locations, and must be returned in person, not in our bookdrops.

Light therapy lamps are most effective when used:

- Within the first hour of waking up in the morning.
- For about 20-30 minutes per day.
- At a distance of 16-24 inches from the face.
- With eyes open, sitting or working nearby, but not looking directly at the light.

These Circadian Optics Light Therapy Lamps are UV-free and simple to use: just plug in, press the button and relax. The lamps are safe for most adults, teens and children to use. However, if you have any of the following medical conditions, it is best to be under the care of a health professional while using light therapy:

- You have a condition that makes your skin especially sensitive to light, such as systemic lupus erythematosus,
- You take medications that increase your sensitivity to sunlight, such as certain antibiotics, anti-inflammatories or the herbal supplement St. John's Wort,
- You have an eye condition that makes your eyes vulnerable to light damage,
- You have bipolar disorder.

Please see the user's guide included with the lamp for complete instructions.



"I Love the 80s to Death Murder Mystery

Time to tease your hair, scrunch your socks, and...like, totally solve a murder!

The Main Library is excited to host "I Love the 80s to Death" on Saturday, October 15 from 6:30-9 pm. This free after-hours program is presented by the Murder Mystery Company, and is an immersive experience for adults ages 18+ in which you'll be an active participant!

It's the 80's again, and all the big names are here for a concert. Tensions run rampant as backstage secrets spill out into the spotlight with totally tragic results! This isn't an episode of *Miami Vice*, this is...murder. Can you help the crowd and the detective figure out whodunnit so everyone can be, like, totally chill or whatever?

You're encouraged to wear your retro best for this tubular event. We'll have light refreshments to fuel our sleuthing. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Please arrive on time as we cannot let patrons in once the mystery has begun at 7 pm.

Registration is required, so visit <http://uapl.me/mystery> beginning September 15 to sign up.



Library staffers Lauren, Donna and Beth got into the spirit of the 80s to promote our October 15 Murder Mystery Event.





A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Beth Hatch

October 2-8 is Mental Health and Depression Awareness week. The National Alliance on Mental Illness estimates one out of five adults experience mental illness, and 16.5% of youth ages six-17 experience a mental health disorder. In December 2021, the U.S. Surgeon General issued an advisory to highlight the need for a coordinated community response to address the nation's youth mental health crisis.

This fall and beyond, the UA Library will offer resources and programs funded by our ULEAD initiative – a Friends of the Library-funded enterprise in which our staff developed innovative projects, with several tied directly to mental health.

Depression

As we head into fall and winter, many

people suffer seasonal affective disorder from less sunlight. Symptoms include fatigue, depression, hopelessness, and social withdrawal. We now offer Light Therapy Boxes for checkout at all three locations to help combat these symptoms. See page 19 for more details.

Mental Health and Youth

In October we'll offer several ways to support families and their mental health. We're offering Family Yoga programs to each of our branches; see page 23 for details. Some of our storytimes focus on feelings and mindfulness, with information available afterwards to answer parents' questions. We'll also have displays highlighting the mental health resources available through the library system and community. We're working on offering an "Uplifting Message of Hope" community art project; stop by and share a message through words or art to give a lift to anyone who may need a boost. Finally, we're partnering with the Stand Project and Rainbow UA to present "How to Support Your LGBTQ Student," at 6 pm Thursday, October 20 at the Main Library.

Alzheimer's and Dementia

Dementia is the general term for a group of brain disorders that cause problems with thinking, memory, and behavior severe enough to interfere with daily activities. According to the Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's Disease is the most common cause of dementia. An estimated 6.5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's in 2022. About one in nine people (10.7%) age 65 and older has the disease.

We are creating memory care kits for caregivers of loved ones with dementia, designed to spark memories, create conversation and provide positive, engaging interactions. These kits will allow people with cognitive impairment, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease, and other dementia-related conditions and their caregivers to enjoy spending time together without worrying about completing a specific task or activity. Look for them late this year.

And of course, we have access to thousands of books on many topics related to mental health.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2022 Board of Trustees

From Left: President Peter Hahn, Sue Ralph, Kate Hare, William Shkurti, John Yesso, and Vice President Kevin Fix. Not pictured: Stephen Flynn



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

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- 5 pm, Tuesday, September 20
- 5 pm, Tuesday, October 18

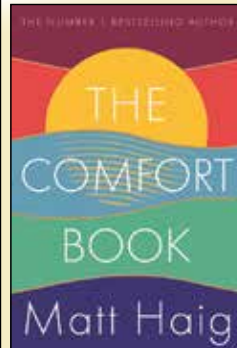
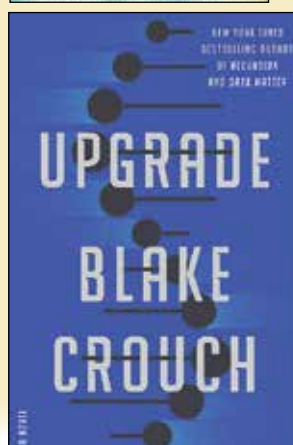
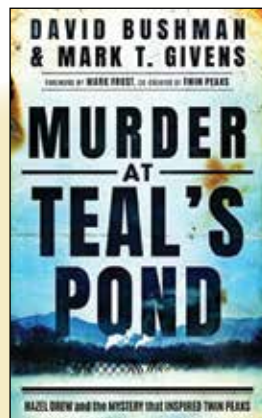
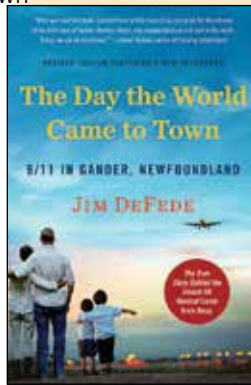
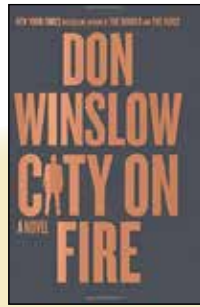
OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

The Comfort Book

By Matt Haig

From the author of *The Midnight Library*, this very short book aims to provide perspective, encouragement, and hope for anyone going through a difficult time. Haig speaks candidly about his own struggles with depression, sharing the things that served as a “life raft” for him. Structured as a non sequential collection of stories, quotes, advice, musings, and even playlists, this is the kind of book you could keep around to dip in and out of when you feel the need for comforting words.

– Bridie O’Shaughnessy, Miller Park



The Day the World Came to Town

By Jim DeFede

The most encouraging story that came out of the horrific tragedy of 9/11 is told on the pages of this uplifting book. When U.S. airspace was shut down and every plane was ordered to land at the nearest airport, the tiny town of Gander, Newfoundland (pop. 10,000) suddenly became a temporary home for roughly 6,600 “plane people.” The residents put their lives on hold, rolled out the welcome mat and took care of every possible need these visitors had – from filling prescriptions to providing clean towels and Kosher meals – during their several-day stay. Updated in 2021 with an Afterword that ties up a few loose ends 20 years after the original events, this book will restore your faith in humanity.

– Nancy Byron, Miller Park

Upgrade

By Blake Crouch

Years ago, Logan Ramsay’s mother used

genetics to address a problem with the world’s food supply. It went horribly wrong and millions died of starvation. While working for the government organization created to prevent another such tragedy, Logan finds himself “accidentally” modified beyond anything thought possible for the human race. What does this mean for Logan, his family, the world? Perfect for fans of Michael Crichton.

– Laura Griffin, Technical Services

The Woman in the Library

The quiet of the Boston Public Library is disrupted by a scream and while the security guards search the building, four total strangers become fast friends. At first it seems like chance that Freddie, Cain, Marigold, and Whit find themselves sitting at the same study table in the library, but once a body is found, the connections between these new friends

suddenly become more complicated. Adding intrigue is the fact that this is a story within a story, and it leaves you guessing as to the reality of it all up until the end.

– Dana Grimes, Adult Services

Murder at Teal’s Pond: Hazel Drew and the Mystery That Inspired Twin Peaks

By David Bushman & Mark T. Givens

As a lifelong fan of *Twin Peaks* (yes, I watched when it debuted), I was excited to see a book about the unsolved murder case which inspired Mark Frost when co-creating *Twin Peaks*. Hazel Drew was found, beaten to death, floating in a pond in Sand

Lake, New York in 1908. This book follows the investigation into her death, looks into who Hazel Drew was, and asks if there was a cover up. By utilizing their research for this book, the authors reveal who they think committed this crime. It is an interesting look into the social structure of this area of New York and how it influenced the investigation into the death of this young woman.

– Matilda Davis-Northrup, Technical Services

City on Fire

Award-winning author Don Winslow’s most recent release is an excellent read that will remind the reader of the old classic gangster novels. Two New England rival family empires in the 1980s are co-existing peacefully until a beautiful woman stirs up the peace. Suddenly the Italian family name has been disrespected and the Irish must pay. Where does it stop? Does it stop? This action-packed novel is a definite page turner.

– Scott Potter, Adult Services

Explore...GATHER...grow!!



Families stopped by our table at the Arts on Arlington event to make customized buttons.



Little ones "competed" in our Baby Olympics, which included fishing, balance beam, and an adorable diaper dash.



Miller Park Library's annual carnival featured face painting, pasta pitch, bean bag toss, and more.



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LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Summer Reading Club

Our "Oceans of Possibilities" Summer Reading Program was a big success. We received grand prize drawing entries from 2,067 readers. Our most wished-for prize was the family pool pass, followed by the stuffed octopus and Kings Island family pack. Over 10,400 kids and teens attended our 218 summer programs. Thanks for making it a great summer!

Lane Road Early Learning Play Area

Thanks to gifts from generous private donors, this fall we'll debut an Early Learning Play Area in the youth department at the Lane Road Library. My Town will include fun and enriching

activities for young children, including a large train table with a map inspired by Upper Arlington, and a play store that can be a farmers' market, vet clinic, restaurant, or library. The area will include a separate section for babies and toddlers, with bench seating and age-appropriate toys. Installation is planned for early September.

Trick or Treat at the Library

Stop by any UA Library during Beggars Night from 6-7:30 pm on Monday, October 31. Show off your costume and get some candy while supplies last!

Blood Drive

There's a critical need for blood donations, and you can help by giving

at the Red Cross Blood Drive at the Main Library on Saturday, October 7 from 11 am-4 pm. Visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code UAPL to make an appointment.

September is Library Card Sign Up Month

If you still need an Upper Arlington library card, there's no better time to get one. Your card gives you access to millions of items, including eBooks, streaming content, reference subscriptions and more. Visit <https://www.ualibrary.org/account> to get cards for your whole family.

Library Closings

All three UA libraries are closed Sunday, September 4 and Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day. We are also closed Monday, October 10 for our annual Staff Development Day.

Program Highlights

Celebrating Sparky: Charles M. Schulz and Peanuts

Come to the Lane Road Library on Thursday, September 8 at 6:30 pm for an in-depth look at The Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum's exhibition *Celebrating Sparky: Charles M. Schulz and Peanuts*. Schulz, known as Sparky to his family and friends, created 17,897 comic strips, and Peanuts became a worldwide cultural phenomenon. Registration is required for this program.

Columbus Zoo: Senior Safari

Older adults are invited to the Main Library on Monday, September 19 at 1 pm to see some of the Columbus Zoo animal ambassadors up close, and learn fun facts about these animals from Zoo staff. Registration is required.

Crafty Kids Club

Join us at Miller Park Library each month for a new themed craft for kids. Crafts will be available from 10 am-Noon

on September 23, October 21 and November 18.

Whiz Bang Science Show: Solids, Liquids and Gases

See Dr. Dave bring the magic of science to life with States of Matter: Solids, Liquids, and Gases at the Main Library on Saturday, September 24 at 2 pm. Dr. Dave takes complex science concepts and explains them in a simple and entertaining manner. Using history, geography, and math Dr. Dave entertains AND educates! For ages four-12.

Learn American Sign Language

Adults and teens can learn beginner's ASL through a six-week course led by experts from Columbus Speech and Hearing. We meet at the Main Library from 6-7:30 pm, September 26, October 3, 17, 24, 31, and November 7. Registration is required.

Fire Truck Visit

The UA Fire Division will visit Miller Park Library at 10 am, Saturday, October 22 to teach kids about fire safety and to show off their fire truck.

Ghost Hunting

The Tri-C Ghost Hunters Columbus team will visit the Lane Road Library on Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30 pm for a discussion and equipment presentation. Registration is required.

Family Yoga

Explore mindfulness during a morning of family yoga with the Balanced Child Method. Designed for ages 3-8, but everyone is welcome. Each of our libraries will host a session this fall – Miller Park on Friday, October 7 at 10:30 am, Lane Road on Friday, October 14 at 10:30 am, and Main Library on Friday, October 28 at 10:30 am. Please register once for your whole family.



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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

Re-emergence: Chris Zenger Thru October 14

Gain a new appreciation of nature through the lens of a camera as Zenger expresses his love for art, photography, nature and science while reflecting on the germination of a re-emerging world.

UA Farmers Market

4-7 pm, Wednesdays Thru
October 26

Tremont Pool Parking Lot
commongreensohio.org/upper-arlington

Golden Bear Bash

6-10 pm, Sunday, September 4
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-4 pm, Monday, September 5

Northam Park
UA Cultural Arts | 614-583-5310

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

UACA Labor Neighbor Day

Monday, September 5

Reed Road Park

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

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

Heart of UA

6-9 pm, Sunday, September 18

Scioto Country Club

UA Community Foundation

uacommunityfoundation.com

Fundraiser event for the Community Foundation. Purchase tickets online.

Fall Fest

1-5 pm, Sunday, October 2

Fancyburg Park

UA Parks & Recreation | 614-583-5300

Annual family event with a fall twist.

Cycle UA

10 am, Saturday, October 8

Begins & ends at Northam Park

UA Parks & Recreation | 614-583-5300

Join UA Parks & Recreation Saturday, October 8 at 10 am for a 5-, 10- or 15-mile course through our community and parks, or throughout the weekend at your own pace. Register by September 9 to ensure you receive a t-shirt!.

UACA Golden Bear Scare

October 10-12

Elementary age kids: 6:30-7:30 pm

Middle School age: 7:30-9 pm (a bit scarier)

Smith Nature Park, Fishing Road

UA Civic Association | www.uaca.org

UACA pulls out all the stops for a fright night to remember in Smith Nature Park. Free event.

Columbus Marathon

Sunday, October 16

columbusmarathon.com

The 2022 Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon takes to the streets of Central Ohio on the morning of Sunday, October 16. The route passes through UA after leaving OSU - including portions of Guilford Road, Coventry Road and King Avenue - so come out to show your support.

Prescription Drug Take-Back

10 am-2 pm, Saturday, October 29

MSC, 3600 Tremont Road

UA Police | 614-583-5150

Clear your medicine cabinet of old and unused prescription drugs (pills only) at our fall collection day.

Beggars Night

& Pumpkin Patrol

6-8 pm, Monday, October 31

Throughout UA neighborhoods

The City's volunteer Pumpkin Patrol ensures children are safe while passing out candy.