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## Envision Henderson

## Community Conversation Results

The Envision Henderson corridor planning process has wrapped up its initial round of community and stakeholder engagement. Through dozens of live and online meetings, the planning team gathered more than 700 comments from 400 unique participants. The focus of the feedback ranged from assessments of the corridor's current condition to ideas for future improvements. The planning team, including MKSK and Burgess and Niple, reviewed each of the responses and developed a summary of the overarching themes :

- **The qualities of place are important in UA, but are lacking throughout the Henderson Road corridor.** There is a lack of consistency with respect to architecture, site design, landscaping, signage, and other visible elements. The pattern and architecture of sites and buildings is haphazard and negatively impacts the area's overall sense of place.
- **Current market processes could be harmful to the quality of the built environment and the City's fiscal position.** These processes are not self-correcting. The softening retail and office markets - especially as they are impacting more dated products - could act as a drag against community priorities.
- **Movement inside, into, and across the corridor should be safer for motorists and non-motorists.** There are areas where these dangers cluster, but generally, safety along the corridor should be looked at holistically. Access management is a key challenge.
- **The character, quality, and consistency of future projects is a priority.** New projects should meet the community's high standard for form and function, mixing timeless materials with a land-use profile that complements current and emerging market demands. These projects can have a mix of uses, but should be scaled and placed appropriately.
- **There is a need to move beyond simple, transactional spaces.** Single use areas are disconnecting and have resulted in a fragmented building pattern and overbuilt infrastructure and parking.
- **There are residents here and they are important and part of the broader UA community.** The communities tucked into the corridor are often more than 50 years old and generally more affordable because of the range of housing types. These neighborhoods are an important part of the cities of Upper Arlington and Columbus and should be connected into, rather than fenced out of, complementary spaces as they evolve along the corridor.
- **The stitching between the cities of Columbus and Upper Arlington will define the future success of this planning effort.** Work in either community will have an



# Bob Crane Community Center Updates

As the physical construction of the Bob Crane Community Center continues at an impressive pace, the City's Parks & Recreation Department has been building out its operations plans in readiness for opening day. This includes taking a deep dive into the equipment and materials needed to furnish and run the facility, mapping out hours of operation, programming, and staffing needs, as well as developing a budget and a fee structure that will achieve the City's revenue goals.

## Fee Structure

The department provided an update to City Council in June that included an overview of the planned fee structure. Later in the month, the department held two public meetings to share this information with the community.

As fees were developed, the department was guided by a series of goals:

- Keep the fee structure simple and easy to understand.



- Establish pricing that is favorable to UA residents and those employed in the community.
- Incentivize memberships.
- Provide a framework that allows the department to ease into operations and be positioned for adjustments based on usage.

The resulting fees on opening day will be as follows:

- **Individual Monthly Membership (ages 3-59):** \$35 for Residents, \$70 for Non-Residents.
- **Senior Monthly Membership (ages 60-plus):** \$22 for Residents, \$44 for Non-Residents.
- **Monthly Rate for Each Additional Person Per Household (all ages):** \$22 for Residents, \$44 for Non-Residents.
- **Daily Admission:** \$10 for Residents, \$20 for Non-Residents (initially, Non-Residents will be limited to one daily admission).

## Additional Fees

- **Child Watch:** \$6 per two-hour session for Members, \$12 for Non-Members. This facility will accommodate ages 3-months up to 9-years and patrons must be on site while their child is in the Child Watch area.

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impact on the other. Coordination and collaboration are key to the plan's success. The Zone In (City of Columbus zoning code updates) and LinkUs (Central Ohio Transit Authority Bus Rapid Transit proposal) processes will have a profound impact on the north side of the corridor with respect to development opportunities. The communities should continue to work together to achieve shared, strong outcomes while maintaining their unique identities.

- **The "gateway" aspect of the corridor can be better embraced.** Henderson makes up the northern boundary for the City and this "gateway" should showcase the

best aspects of the community. The corridor's larger lots and existing mix of uses make it an ideal location for addressing community needs without overburdening existing neighborhoods.

- **Not all redevelopment is inherently "good" or "bad."** Change should be considered and metered, following a strategy, and leading to incremental transformation of the corridor. The design, integration, materials, architecture, landscaping, and market fundamentals make up a short list of elements to consider for any proposed project. Additionally, these decisions are important.

The planning team will be ready to report out on its findings to date, test some concepts and share an update on next steps. We hope you can join us for this next phase of community engagement.

## Stay Involved

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



**Community Meeting 2**  
**6:30 pm, Thursday, August 8**  
**3600 Tremont Road**

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- **E-Sports:** \$4 for Residents/ Members, \$8 for Non-Residents for a 90-minute session.
- **Program Fees:** All program fees will transition to Resident and Non-Resident rates (currently, the Senior Center offers Member/Non-Member rates).

## Rental Spaces

Several spaces within the facility will be available for rental, including:

- **Fifth Floor Event Center:** Resident/ Member and Non-Resident rates will be available, with pricing scaled according to peak/non-peak days and holidays. This facility can be rented in its entirety or as three smaller spaces. As an example, the rate for a Friday or Sunday rental of the entire space will be \$235 per hour for Residents/Members, and \$353 per hour for Non-Residents.
- **Gymnasium:** A full-court gymnasium will be available for \$60 per hour for Residents/Members, and \$120 per hour for Non-Residents.

- **Program Rooms:** These spaces will be rented for \$50 per hour for Residents/Members, and \$100 per hour for Non-Residents.
- **Indoor Pool:** While limited, the pool will be available for two-hour blocks, at \$500 for Residents/Members, and \$1,000 for Non-Residents.
- **Party Room:** Located adjacent to the pool, two-hour rental packages for 20 people will include just the party room (with access to the playground) at \$125 for Residents/ Members and \$250 for Non-Residents, or the party room plus 10 admissions to the pool at \$200 for Residents/Members and \$400 for Non-Residents.
- **E-Sports/Room:** This space will be available for 2-1/2-hour blocks at \$300 for Residents/Members and \$600 for Non-Residents.

## Next Steps

UA Parks & Rec anticipates opening rentals for the Event Center later this year for dates beginning mid-year 2025, so watch for updates on opportunities

for reserving this space for weddings, conferences, graduation celebrations and more.

As the holiday season approaches, it will be possible to purchase gift cards that can be used toward memberships and programs at the Community Center.

We anticipate opening regular membership sales early in 2025.

Use the QR code below for more on the Bob Crane Community Center, where you can view the presentation to City Council and the presentation slides, both of which go into greater detail on the process used to determine the rates shared here. If you have any questions, please contact the department, at [parks@uaoh.net](mailto:parks@uaoh.net).



## Swimming Pool Safety

As the warm weather invites us to dive into the cool waters of swimming pools, it's crucial to remember that safety should always come first. Whether you're enjoying a backyard pool or a community aquatic center, following essential safety guidelines can prevent accidents and ensure a fun experience for everyone.

Here are some safety tips:

1. **Supervision is Key:** Always supervise children when they are in or near water. Never leave them unattended, even for a moment. Drowning can occur quickly and silently.
2. **Learn CPR:** Providing immediate CPR can greatly improve the chances of survival in drowning incidents.
3. **Use Barriers:** Ensure the pool area is enclosed with a fence at least



four feet high, with a self-closing, self-latching gate. This helps prevent unsupervised access, especially by young children.

4. **Swim with a Buddy:** Having someone with you adds an extra layer of safety, as they can assist in an emergency.
5. **Educate About Water Safety:** Teach children how to swim and educate them about the dangers of running

around the pool and diving in shallow water.

6. **Proper Equipment:** Ensure the pool is equipped with safety devices such as life rings, reaching poles, and pool covers, and make sure the pool's depth markings are clear and accurate.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there are approximately 3,960 fatal unintentional drownings, including boating-related drownings, annually in the U.S.—an average of 11 drowning deaths per day. Additionally, nonfatal drowning injuries in swimming pools account for nearly 6,400 emergency room visits each year among children under 15 years. These statistics highlight the importance of vigilance and safety measures around swimming pools.

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### Coffee With Council

3:30-6:30 pm, Wednesday, August 7

Part of UA Farmers Market

Devon Road/Tremont Center

Recognizing that residents have busy lives, members of City Council have scheduled a series of dates when they come to you via community events and programs that are already happening. One such date is coming up on August 7, with Council hosting the UA Farmers Market Community Booth.

As you visit the market to stock up on fresh-from-the-farm produce, be sure to stop by the Community Booth to touch base on how you think things are going in the community, to ask questions, and to share ideas.



2024-25 UPPER ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

FROM LEFT: Todd Walter, Kathy Adams, Brian Close (Vice President), Ukeme Awakessien Jeter (President), Jim Lynch, Heidi Munc, John Kulewicz

## Remembering Two Members of Our UA Family

The week of May 27 was a sad and difficult time for many, as we lost two individuals who were an integral part of the City family and the UA community.

### Mary Ann Krauss

Mary Ann Krauss was one of our best known and most beloved community servants who quietly left her mark on many of the programs and amenities we enjoy today. She served on the UA School Board from 1982-1990, and on City Council from 2003-2012, guiding the work of the Schools and the City, and helping to set forth a vision for the community's continued health. She played pivotal roles in the founding of both the Upper Arlington Education Foundation - which enriches students' lives within the Upper Arlington Schools - and the Upper Arlington Community Foundation - which enriches the lives of all who



live and work here. She was an active member of many local civic groups, served on numerous boards, and lived her faith as a dedicated member of First Community Church.

Mary Ann played an integral role in the Community Foundation's first legacy project - helping to raise \$1 million for the Amelita Mirolo Barn in Sunny 95 Park. One of her greatest dreams for UA - a community center - took more than four decades to realize. Each time this issue was up for consideration, Mary Ann was a lead advocate, and when the circumstances were finally ripe for realizing her goal, she helped raise more than \$8 million to support the Bob Crane Community Center.

Mary Ann was honored by the Upper Arlington Community Foundation as its "Heart of UA" recipient in 2023. Later this year, she will be celebrated posthumously as the Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Whenever she saw a need, Mary Ann did something about it, and Upper Arlington is all the better for her vision, her resolve, and her kindness.

### Tom Paisley

Tom had served as the City's Code Compliance Officer since 2006. He was more than just a colleague; he was a friend and a mentor to many of us. His commitment to ensuring that Upper Arlington remained a safe and beautiful place to live and work was unparalleled. Through his diligent enforcement of our codes and regulations, he helped maintain the high standards that our residents and businesses expect and deserve.

He approached each task with a sense of responsibility and integrity, always striving to find solutions that balanced enforcement with compassion. His ability to connect with residents, listen to their concerns, and work collaboratively to resolve issues made a significant difference in our community.





## July 4th Reminders

UA knows how to put on an incredible Independence Day celebration, thanks to the hard work of the all-volunteer UA Civic Association (UACA). To help make sure the day is safe and enjoyable for everyone, we always share several reminders. Visit our website, at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov), for expanded details on the following items:

- Parade traffic and parking restrictions.
- The Parade Diversability Zone, hosted by the Red Oak Family Foundation to provide a sensory-friendly area for parade watchers.
- Details of this year's layout at Northam Park for the evening Party in the Park and fireworks.
- Fireworks safety reminders.
- Pet safety reminders.

## Pools & Northam Tennis Holiday Hours

### Wednesday, July 3

- Northam Tennis - closes at 3 pm
- Tremont Pool - closes at 8 pm

### Thursday, July 4

- Northam Tennis - closed
- Tremont Pool - closed

### Friday, July 5

- Northam Tennis - opens at 1pm (if fireworks cleanup is complete)
- Tremont Pool - opens at 1 pm (if fireworks cleanup is complete)

## Northam Park Improvements Update

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

The project includes:

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



- Some smaller shade/shelter structures.

The two west side athletic fields, which were completely rebuilt in 2023, are anticipated to open for active play in the Spring of 2025, having had time for the turf to become properly established.

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

## Devon Pool Improvements

Devon Pool improvements in recent years have focused on replacing the service buildings and upgrades to the main pool and diving well. Now it's time to consider options for the toddler pool area.

MSA Design has been selected to undertake a design process for this area, and in true UA-style, the first phase includes reaching out to the community for your input. The design team will be at Devon Pool in late June/early July to survey pool users, and we've created a simple online survey that will be available through the end of July.



MSA will develop some high-level concepts to be shared with the community later this year. If all goes according to schedule, the detailed design work will be completed in time to bid the project for construction following the close of the 2025 pool season.

Scan the QR code for project updates. If you have questions, send an email to [parks@uaoh.net](mailto:parks@uaoh.net).



# CityINSIGHT

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## CITY MANAGER UPDATE Steve Schoeny

### Inflection Points

There are periods of time when communities make choices that determine the foundations for their future. Central Ohio is in the midst of such a time period, where we are setting the rules for the future. There are two things coming up that will dramatically impact our exterior environment - LinkUS and Zoneln.

**LinkUS** is the Central Ohio Transit Authority's (COTA) effort to bring fast, reliable transit to Central Ohio - an issue that will be on the November 5 ballot. The signature piece of LinkUS is to build five BRT lines - essentially light rail without rails - and connect those lines to everyone through on-demand service, paths and sidewalks, as well as traditional busses. While there won't be a BRT line within UA, there will be a line connecting Dublin to Downtown via Bethel Road and Olentangy River Road.

**Zoneln** is the City of Columbus' program to rewrite the rules of development for the 225+ square miles of Central Ohio that lie within its borders. Columbus borders all of UA with a couple small exceptions. As our region grows, there will be more redevelopment within Columbus. If you take even a cursory look at the areas of Columbus that surround UA, it's easy to see how those areas could be redeveloped.

When there are external factors influencing UA, it is the City's job to do three things:

1. Try to influence the outcome
2. Educate our residents
3. Plan to adapt

With LinkUS, we have been at the table with COTA, the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) and the City of Columbus from its inception - and I was part of the initial visioning team during my time at the City of Columbus. Since then, City Staff have sat on steering committees and participated in roundtables. While we might quibble here or there about LinkUS, UA's needs are reflected in the plan.

With Zoneln, our involvement has been more peripheral. Every community needs to own their zoning, and we are respectful of Columbus' need to listen to and reflect its own challenges and opportunities. That said, those needs and desires are not dramatically different to ours. Columbus wants safe, attractive, sustainable neighborhoods where different kinds of folks want to live, work and raise a family. We have monitored Zoneln to be sure there isn't anything that might hinder what we want for UA. While we might wish to tweak a few things within this plan, Zoneln is a solid step forward and will lead to a better future.

Over the coming months, you will hear a consistent drumbeat from the City to help educate our community. Most immediately, that means sharing information about the .5% sales tax levy for LinkUS that will be on the ballot in November. I believe supporting a regional transit solution that takes pressure off SR-315, I-270, Henderson Road, Fishinger Road, and Lane Avenue is vital to our future. More important than having UA residents agree with me, I want you to be informed on this issue. Whether you vote early or walk into the voting booth on November 5 to cast your ballot, this issue is too important for you to have not educated yourself.

We are already planning for the future, and will remain in planning mode for the next several years. The Envision Henderson process is about setting the rules for redevelopment in the part of UA that will be most impacted by LinkUS and Zoneln. The Northwest Corridor LinkUS line will be only 500 feet from UA at Sawmill and Bethel, less than half a mile at Dierker and .7 miles at Reed Road. We have to start planning NOW to define how we want Henderson Road to evolve. I hope that you will read the Envision Henderson article on page 2, and follow the process in the months ahead.

Our planning for the future won't stop there. After Envision Henderson finishes, we will take a short break, open the Bob Crane Community Center, then prepare for a reconsideration of the City's Master Plan. The Master Plan was created in 2001 and had a major update in 2013. The Master Plan sets out our community's goals, objectives and vision. In many ways, it is our strategic plan. It also provides overall guidance for land-use decision-making in areas where we do not have an up-to-date regional plan.

We are going to use the Master Plan update process as an opportunity to revisit our Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan. This plan was created in 2018, and we have accomplished much of what we set out to achieve. It is due for an update, and we have the opportunity to do that within the context of our overall City plan.

Central Ohio is at an inflection point. Together with our surrounding community, we are making decisions that will shape our future. Please take every opportunity to be informed about LinkUS, participate in the Envision Henderson process, and start thinking about what you or those who will follow you will want UA and all of Central Ohio to be in 10, 20, 50 years.

For more on LinkUS, visit [linkuscolumbus.com](http://linkuscolumbus.com). For more on Zoneln Columbus, visit [zone-in-columbus.hub.arcgis.com/](http://zone-in-columbus.hub.arcgis.com/).

# NewsBITES

CITY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

## Public Holidays

City offices are closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Independence Day** - Thursday, July 4. Thursday's Solid Waste collection will move to Friday.
- **Labor Day** - Monday, September 2. All Solid Waste collection zones are on a one-day delay.

## Public Meetings

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE | 614-583-5030**

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

## City e-News

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS | 614-583-5040**

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

- **City Insight** - weekly e-news on City services, special projects & events.
- **Activity Link** - monthly updates from Parks & Recreation.

Visit the *Connect* section of our website, at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov) to register.

## Won't You Be Our Neighbor Podcast

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

## Mosquito Prevention

Mosquito season is upon us, so make sure you are informed on ways to minimize the population around your property. The City contracts with

Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) for the provision of an integrated mosquito management program each year. When fogging is deemed necessary, the City typically receives at least 24 hour notice of areas to be treated, and in turn, we use our website, email database and social media to inform affected residents. It's also possible for residents to register for Mosquito Spraying Updates directly from FCPH. Check out our Mosquito Control page at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov) for full program details.

## CityofUA YouTube Channel

[youtube.com/@CityofUpperArlingtonOhio/videos](https://youtube.com/@CityofUpperArlingtonOhio/videos)

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

## 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.

## Citizen Police Academy

**Thursday Evenings, Sept 5-Nov 14**

**UA POLICE | 614-583-5150**

[upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov)

UA Police is accepting applications for the 2024 Citizen Police Academy, which will run on Thursday evenings in the fall. Any UA resident or business owner/leader who over the age of 21 is eligible to apply for this free program. Applications are being accepted through July 24.

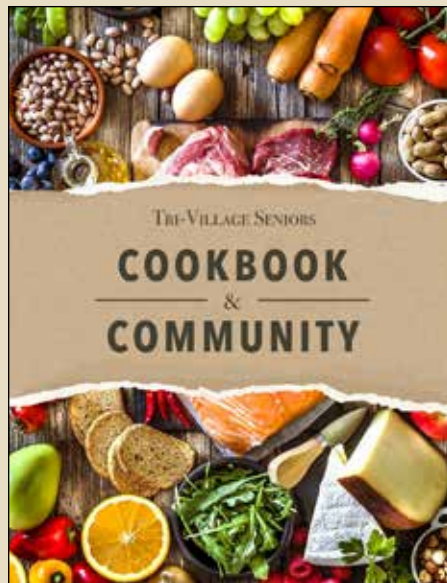
## Summer Utility Invoice

**Deadline: July 26**

**FINANCE | 614-583-5291**

The City's second semi-annual utility invoice was mailed to UA households

## UA High School Students Design Lion's Club Cookbook



This summer, the Tri-Village Lions Club will release a cookbook for senior citizens created and designed with the assistance of two UA High School students - Zoe Allen and Audrey Dwyer - and visual arts teacher Missy Haines.

"The Lions had the expertise to curate the recipes and provide the 'content' for the book but not to make it look good," said Jane Jarrow of the Lions Club. "So we turned to the High School - and hit the jackpot."

The final cookbook features approximately 100 pages, designed by the students, with recipes that encourage healthful eating habits for senior citizens. For information about purchasing a cookbook, visit [trivillagelionsclub.org](http://trivillagelionsclub.org).





In May, the families of Reed McClelland (left) and Dr. Link McKinley Murphy (right) gathered with friends and community members as the two former residents were inducted onto the Wall of Honor.

late June. This includes fees for Solid Waste, the Stormwater Utility and, in some cases, a Neighborhood Lighting Utility fee.

### Finance Awards

**FINANCE | 614-583-5291**

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

- Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting. This marks the 36th consecutive year that the City has received this award.
- Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial

Reporting for the 2022 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). This is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for the preparation of state and local government popular reports. This marks the 18th consecutive year that the City has received this award.

### Panhandling: There's a Better Way to Help! UA POLICE | 614-583-5150

In recent weeks, we have observed an increase in panhandling across the community. While panhandling itself is not illegal, we want to remind everyone of the City ordinance that restricts individuals from entering the roadway and obstructing traffic to accept cash, food, or other items from vehicles.

Our Police Division along with UA CARES have been actively responding to these situations. They engage with

individuals and families who are panhandling to identify their needs and help connect them with essential services, such as shelter, food, and other resources.

We understand the desire to provide immediate assistance directly to those in need. However, we encourage you to support the local organizations and services that are equipped to provide more long-term solutions.

### 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.

### Friends of UA Parks

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

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

- August 24 - Cardiff Park
- September 21 - Miller Park

**Calling all Upper Arlington Businesses!**

Join the **Water Quality Partnership** to learn how your business can help prevent stormwater pollution and improve water quality in local streams and rivers.

Pledge by **August 31** to be entered into our Stormwater Awareness Week prize drawing!

[franklinswcd.org/water-quality-partner-program](http://franklinswcd.org/water-quality-partner-program)

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## Events Around the Community



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** Members of the Community Relations Committee hosted a CRC Welcome Series tent as part of Rainbow UA's annual UA Pride event on June 9 at Sunny 95 Park; UA civic groups and non-profits co-hosted a lunch with local business representatives to network and begin to explore ways to partner on community projects; one of the vendors at the second annual St. Mark's Culture & Artisans Fair on May 4; the City hosted the third annual Pride Month Flag Raising Ceremony at the start of June; UA Realtors spent a day helping an older resident with various property maintenance needs.

## Good Neighbor Reminders for Dog Owners

Summer is the perfect time to enjoy our beautiful parks, and it's a time when we see a marked increase in residents out walking with their dogs. It's also a time when we typically receive an increase in complaints about negative encounters with dogs running loose in the parks.

While dog owners have every right to enjoy our public spaces with their dogs, it's important to be mindful of the safety of those around you. Being a responsible dog owner is not only the right thing to be out of respect for others who are trying to enjoy the community's public spaces, but to ensure your pet's safety and avoid any personal liability from a dog bite or car accident should you lose control of your dog.

Here are some simple tips to follow

to do your part to ensure everyone can enjoy the great outdoors in harmony:

- When at a UA park, dogs must be on a leash 8 am-8 pm during Daylight Savings Time. At all other hours, the dog must be under your control. Avoid field sports, parties or other group activities if your dog is off leash, or simply put the leash back on to prevent any unwanted interruptions.
- Don't assume all dogs will play well with yours, especially when they are on a leash. Keep your dog clear from others until you have checked with the owner.
- As a courtesy to others and for health and safety reasons, pet owners must clean up after their

pets. Most of our larger parks are equipped with doggie bag stations but it's always a good idea to bring your own. When disposing of pet waste, please use the trash container.

- When walking your dog in your neighborhood, a leash is required. Similarly, dogs should be appropriately contained on your property when off leash, within a fenced-in area of your backyard or by use of an electric fence.

For more on the City's laws pertaining to dog and other animals, look for our *Animals & Wildlife* page, at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov). To report a leash law violation, call Police at 614-583-5410.



# Schools<sup>i</sup>NSIGHT

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## 100 Years of Golden Bear Graduates

It started with 13 “brave souls,” as it says in the 1925 Upper Arlington annual, now known as the Norwester yearbook. On May 28, 1925, Upper Arlington Schools’ first graduating class launched themselves into their next step in life.

On May 26, 2024, approximately 480 members of the Class of 2024 took the same bold step into the future at Upper Arlington’s 100th commencement ceremony as they walked across the stage at the Schottenstein Center to accept their diplomas and officially join the ranks of Golden Bear alumni.

“Being part of the 100th graduating class is really something special,” senior class officer Nathan Vanderhorst. “It’s a testament to all of the people who came before me. I think it really just speaks a lot to all of UA and the culture around UA and all of the people, all of the community, that build up all of the graduating students.”

The 100th graduating class has embodied the values and traditions that have defined Upper Arlington Schools for the past century and are reflected in the district’s vision statement today – uniquely accomplished students prepared to serve, lead and succeed.

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### Serve

The Class of 2024 has shown a remarkable commitment to service that goes above and beyond the school-based service and service-learning projects they engaged in throughout their time in the UA Schools. Fifty-seven graduating seniors were recently recognized with the national President’s Volunteer Service Award for contributing 100 or more hours of community service.

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### Lead

Members of the Class of 2024 have been leaders in all aspects of the academic experience. Of the Class of 2024 graduates, there are nine National Merit Semifinalists, 16 Commended Scholars, and 95 members of the prestigious Cum Laude Society, the highest academic recognition a high school student can achieve on a national level.

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

budding scientists, inventors and innovators, and legal minds.

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### Succeed

After graduation, the members of the Class of 2024 are headed off to college, careers, the military and some other destinations, too. They will be attending approximately 130 colleges and universities across the country, and some are making different plans, whether it’s for a gap year, career or another path. Two graduates have committed to serving our country in the military and ROTC programs, and 39 have committed to continuing their athletic and academic pursuits at the college level.

“I will always be grateful to this 100th class for showing me what it truly means to be a Golden Bear – everything from strong academic performance to being amazingly talented on stage, inspiring creativity in the arts and thrilling competition on the athletic fields,” Superintendent Robert Hunt, Ed.D., shared. “It means being someone who will go out into the world and make it a better place – sometimes in small ways and other times in big ways.”



# BITES From the Apple

SCHOOLS NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



Ella Chandler, Sophia Chapman, Rylan Clark, Hudson Davis, Khloe Dewald, Sophia Edwards, Kevin Foster, Allison Funge, Porter Gabriel, Trevor Gilligan, Keshav Goyal,

Madison Hanosek, Addison Hart, Sydney Hart, Emerson Hemmelgarn, Leah Hoffman, Emmett Kelly, Madison Kincaid, Jack Knape, Logan Liu, Lucas Liu, Avery Lloyd, JoBeth Low, Vivian McGee, Ansley McGrath, Kathleen McKelvey, Lila Moreau, Ashton Mumaw, Evie Newlin, Abby Oliphant, Andrew Petzinger, Kenadie Phillips, Gino Prati, Benjamin Prescott, Ryleigh Rivera, Marion Robertson, Johnny Sass, Elise Schantz, Isabella Schmidt, Hannah Setterlin, Colin Short, Christian Snyder, Sophia Spears, Luke Straub, Scott Sullivan, Shreya Trikha, Sienna Tuttle, Koby Watts, Sadie Whetzel, Max Wood



## 159 UAHS Students Receive Service Awards

With a combined total of more than 15,000 hours of service, 159 High School students were honored this spring as recipients of the 2024 President's Volunteer Service Award. Congratulations to this year's recipients!

**Young Adult Awards Gold: 250+ hours** – Drew Alaudini, Marcus Black, Kathryn Brooks, Warren Duan, Claire Geistfeld, Clare Geraghty, Hannah Hiller, McKenna Hunt, Joon Kang, Rae Liu, Thomas Lowrey, Kathryn Overmyer, Allen Xiong, Macie Zhong

**Young Adult Awards Silver: 175+ hours** – Caroline Abel, Margo Bachey, Henry Baumann, Diego Bazan, Josh Brown, Zachary Dodane, Maxwell Fishking, Richard Frenken, Stella Goff, Max Hoffman, Wendy Jiang, Ava Kang, Logan Magliery, Margaret Malone, Hannah Myers, Matthew Rice, Selis Tufecti

**Young Adult Awards Bronze: 100+ hours** – Avah Anderson, Abree Aschliman, Isabella Berry, Ines Burgoyne, Skylar Burkle, Maureen Burky, Grayson Campbell, Natalia Caruso, Ryan Cho, Edward Ford Clark, Marina Conie, Joey Conroy, Fabi Corso, Abby Cui, Logan Daubenmier, Isabella DeLeone, Cecilia Donohue, Oliver Edwards, Jenna Ezzie, Luke Friedman, Max Friedman, Nora Ginnan, Allie Gomez, James Gray, Philip Gu, Cayleigh Guthrie, Seungri Han, Maxwell Hanks, Kate Hauswirth, Aaron Hong, Violet Houser, Scarlet Howarth, Mallory Johnson, Ellison Kase, Charles Kiehl, Hessel Kirk, Lauren Klingel, Bella Klisovic, Michael Lindsay, Grayson Lorenz, Alberto

Manganelli, John Mangas III, Sienna Martinez, Meredith McCormick, Haley Menke, Amelia Miller, Rachel Miller, Holden Milliken, Dominic Moberg, Caden Moore, Marley Nemeth, Natalie Ness, Sophia Norton, Julia Oakley, Adelaide Petras, Kasie Pohlman, Drew Poling, Claire Raetzke, Hallie Rehl, Maddie Reisz, Lakin Rex, Tatum Ringlien, Margaret Robertson, Erin Samora, Jake Shafer, Kassra Shavezipur, Merin Shell, Alexander Skoracki, Ala Stanek, Christian Stehle, Layla Swartz, Scott Sweetland, Charlie Thackeray, Natalie Theaker, Kennedy Thompson, Tatum Thrush, Sophia Thyer, Elizabeth Townes, Kathryn Trombold, Nick Ubert, Brooke Vaughan, Daniel Vidaurre, Corina Villena Aldama, Sonia Wen, Ben Wilson, Cassie Yuan, Mazen Zein

**Teen Awards Gold: 100+ hours** – Audrey Beam, Parker Brownlowe, Leo Capetanopoulos, Phineas Chapman, Paige Fastinger, Connor Ferguson, Javier Fernandez, Christian Geistfeld, Rory Geygan, Rowan Geygan, Kristen Kahle, Selena Khanal, Esther Lam, Elias Larson, Calvin Larson, Emily Malone, Isaac Meats, Ellie Ness, Ella Oakes, Claire Richey, Matthew Schmersal, Ellen Stein, Michelle Zats

**Teen Awards Silver: 75+ hours** – Athina Becker, Corbin Cummons, Gavin Cummons, Kevin Feng, Daryn Goodwin, Gianna Lewis, Evelyn Logsdon, Charlotte Milligan, Elle Nolan, Jillian Vagnier, Taha Sadeq, Nurim Yoo, Jimmy Zolkowski

**Teen Awards Bronze: 50+ hours** – Dominic Alicea, Nieves Alvarez-Puertas, Nicholas Ardelea, Jamie Ayers, Liam Bain, Lucy Baker, Julie Balada-Guerau, Camille Brown, Ola Brown, Mia Burkey, Anthony Cavallario,

## Uniquely Accomplished

- Three Upper Arlington High School students were honored as award and scholarship recipients at the Ohio Academy of Science's State Science Day, a competition that evaluated more than 600 students on their scientific research and communication skills. Freshman **Ragan Raj** received first place in the Governor's Award for Excellence in Environmental Protection Research and second place in Outstanding Project in Plant Pathology. Senior **Max Hoffman** received a third place scholarship from the Nationwide Children's Hospital Research Institute Trainee Association and a Wright State University STEM Scholarship. Senior **Sonia Wen** also received a Wright State University STEM Scholarship and received a first place Osteopathic Medical Award.
- The High School girls 4x400 team – **Maggie Robertson, Elaina Schneider, Elizabeth Poling** and **Maren Degenhart** – is the fastest in the state after finishing in first place at the state championship meet in Dayton. They also placed 11th in the 4x200, and Elizabeth Poling placed fifth in the open 400-meter.
- The UA Crew Junior 8 boat – **Fisher Salsberry, Max Hanks, Kieran Mueller, Cooper Rehl, Abram**



**Thompson, Jack Knappe, Liam Bain, Eli Larson** and coxswain **Drew Hayes** – placed fourth in the country at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America's national championship regatta.

- UAHS junior **Jackson Lloyd** and sophomore **Keshav Goyal** competed at the state tournament in May – becoming the Golden Bears' first state-qualifying boys doubles team since 2018.

### UAHS Open House to Honor Alumni, Educators

The Upper Arlington Alumni Association and Upper Arlington Schools are pleased to announce the alumni and retired educators who have been selected for the 2024 Alumni Awards and 2024 Educator Hall of Fame, respectively. These individuals will be recognized at an awards presentation on July 5 during the Upper Arlington High School Open House, sponsored by the Upper Arlington Alumni Association. The open house will be held from 12:30 to 3 pm, with the awards presentation at 2 pm in the performing arts center.

#### 2024 Alumni Awards

- Distinguished Alumni Award: **Krista Ashlock Mason**, '84; **Judge James W. Brown**, '75; and **Carl D. Smallwood** '74
- Outstanding Alumni Award: **Bill Hall**, '79, and **James M. Long**, '69

#### 2024 Educator Hall of Fame

- **Chris Collaros**, principal, Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School
- **John Heck**, audiovisual specialist, UA

High School

- **Jack Woodruff**, vocal music teacher, UA High School, Hastings Middle School and Jones Middle School
- **Susan Yutzey**, library media specialist and director of the learning center, UA High School

Prior to the UAHS open house, Jones Middle School will host its own open house from 9-11 am to commemorate its 100th birthday. This will be an opportunity for alumni, as well as community members and current students and families, to walk through the building and view historical displays and student work.

### UA+Ed Grant Spotlight: UAHS Hackathon



In a few short years, the UA High School Hackathon, made possible with the support of Nationwide and the Upper Arlington Education Foundation, has become a model for other local districts interested in expanding computer science opportunities for students. This year, for the first time, approximately 40 students from neighboring school

districts joined 100 peers from UA High School for the action-packed day. And, thanks to a Joanie Dugger Educator of the Year grant from the Education Foundation, UAHS computer science teacher Diane Kahle, Ph.D., said she was able to "enhance the Hackathon and make it even better for kids."

Students pushed the boundaries of innovation and creativity through this year's activities, led by approximately 20 computer science professionals from Nationwide. They spent the day delving into the fascinating world of generative AI; wrapping their minds around coding challenges; and crafting virtual games with Raspberry Pi microcomputers.

"Traditional classroom learning is great, but this is different. This is authentic, hands-on problem-solving," Dr. Kahle shared. "These kids are engaged all day long. They're excited."

One student participant acknowledged, "Not a lot of people would get this opportunity – and to have Nationwide come here and sponsor it is really a cool thing."

### New uaschools.org Coming This Summer

Upper Arlington Schools will be launching a new look for **uaschools.org** this summer based on feedback from stakeholders. The new website will feature improved navigation and search features and clear entry points to information for students, families, staff and community members. You can visit the new **uaschools.org** in July!





## SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Robert Hunt, Ph.D.

### Volunteer-Driven Strategic Planning Process Marks Milestone With Finalized Recommendations

*Robert Hunt, Ph.D., is the superintendent of Upper Arlington Schools. You can email him at [superintendent@uaschools.org](mailto:superintendent@uaschools.org) and follow him on X (formerly Twitter) at @Hunt\_EdLeader.*

We reached a milestone in our strategic planning process just as school ended this spring. After several months of work, our 70-plus volunteers were able to finalize strategy recommendations to share with our Board of Education.

Their work began in early 2024, when three inquiry teams were formed to research and define well-supported recommendations for three draft priority areas based on previous stakeholder feedback opportunities: Engaged Learning, Culture and Climate, and Connections – each strengthened by a focus on continuous improvement through Excellence and Innovation.

A fourth group of volunteers, the Strategic Coordination Team, made up of more than 25 parents/guardians, staff members and community members, met regularly to receive updates from the inquiry teams and provide oversight, feedback and direction.

The recommendations finalized this spring are high-level strategies, supported by research, that will keep our district focused and moving forward with an eye on excellence and innovation for the next several years.

My thanks to the students, staff and community members on these volunteer teams. I also want to express my gratitude to the many community members who participated in our original stakeholder feedback opportunities. Between the Listen Learn Lead events last spring, my UAdventure tour in the fall, the equity audit conducted by Insight Education in the fall, and the strategic planning feedback session in May, there have already been more than 8,500 touchpoints throughout the process.

While finalizing the strategies is a major milestone, our work is far from done. This fall, we will focus on the implementation plan – or the specific action steps that need to be taken for each strategy and the data that will be analyzed to measure success.

We will lean on the expertise and ingenuity of our full staff to begin our implementation planning. Brainstorming sessions will be held at each building to bring forward ideas. Our Teaching and Learning Team (TLT), a group of staff members from each school, will work together to craft those ideas into a cohesive and comprehensive draft plan, which will be shared with staff and our community for feedback before being finalized and presented to the Board of Education.

You can follow our strategic planning process on our website, [www.uaschools.org/strategicplan](http://www.uaschools.org/strategicplan).

## 2024-2025 SCHOOL DATES

### Staff Convocation & Meetings

**Monday, August 12**

### Staff In-Service Day

**Tuesday, August 13**

### First Day for Students (grades 1-6 & 9)

**Wednesday, August 14**

### Kindergarten Orientation

**Wednesday, August 14 & Thursday, August 15**

### Classes in Session for Grades 1-12

**Thursday, August 15**

### All Students in Session

**Friday, August 16**

### Labor Day; No School for Students & Staff

**Monday, September 2**

### End of 1st Quarter (Grades 6-12)

**Thursday, October 10**

### No School for Students; Staff Report Per Schedule

**Friday, October 11**

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

**Monday, October 14**

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



## Treasurer's Notes

Andrew L. Geistfeld

Twice a year, Upper Arlington Schools provides our community with an important check-in point on the current state of our finances and our outlook through the five-year forecast. This legally required document is filed with the state of Ohio every November and then updated every May. It's an important part of our commitment to providing our community with a clear and transparent view of our district's finances.

In May, I shared an overview of the updated five year forecast with the Board of Education at their regular meeting. The updated five year



forecast does reflect variances from the November 2023 filing on the revenue side related to commercial reappraisals, new construction and personal property taxes and on the expenditure side related to advances out. As a result of the variances, the updated five year forecast projects a decrease of \$1.6 million in the projected unreserved cash fund balance for fiscal year 2028.

You can take a closer look at the five year forecast on our website, [www.uaschools.org/treasurer](http://www.uaschools.org/treasurer). While you're there, you can also explore the other documents we have available – including the 2023-2024 Financial Update, our annual financial accountability report to the community.

### Enrollment and Staffing Updates

Earlier this year, we shared the latest enrollment projections for our district.

This independent report 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.

As we have anticipated for some time, we are continuing to see increases in K-12 enrollment districtwide, as we have over the past decade. Growing enrollment is an exciting challenge for our district – one that requires thoughtful planning for staffing, space and resources.

This spring, we celebrated 35 retirements from across our district, impacting both educational and operational staffing. As a result, we will be welcoming many new staff members in August to fill existing positions as well as new positions created due to growth in overall enrollment and specific programs.

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

If you are interested in a deeper dive into our enrollment projections, please visit our website at [www.uaschools.org/enrollmentdata](http://www.uaschools.org/enrollmentdata). If you have additional questions about district finances, you can contact me at [treasurer@uaschools.org](mailto:treasurer@uaschools.org).

## 2024 UPPER ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

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



Thanks to a partnership with the City of Upper Arlington, Board of Education meetings take place in the Council Chamber of the City's Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road. In general, the meetings begin at 6 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Some exceptions apply, and last-minute scheduling changes are possible. Please refer to [www.uaschools.org](http://www.uaschools.org) for the most up-to-date information.

### Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

- Tuesday, August 13, 6 pm – Council Chamber
- Tuesday, September 10, 6 pm – Council Chamber

For additional information on the members of the Board of Education and its policies, please visit [www.uaschools.org/board](http://www.uaschools.org/board).

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# SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



## Farewell to the Wickliffe Castle Playground

The Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School community gathered together – the first generation and the final generation of the castle playground, and others in between – to share their memories and bid farewell to the big toy during the final week of the school year in May. “The big toy is more than a playground,” one student shared. “It’s where the imagination lives.”

Retired Wickliffe teacher Bill Richards attended the town hall farewell along with some of his former students who were in his fifth grade class when the castle playground was built. “We didn’t build that playground for the kids and the community of 1989,” he shared. “We built it for the kids that would be here and the families that would be here in 1999, for the families that would be here in 2009. We built it for the kids and the families who would be here in 2019, and yes, we built it for the kids and the families who would be here in 2024 – because that’s what education does, you build for the future.”

Thanks to initial fundraising efforts by a team of school and community volunteers, the new playground has already begun to take shape, with spinners and swings installed in the spring. This summer brings the next phase of the collaborative vision for the playground, as a new play structure will be installed, thanks to funding from Upper Arlington Schools. The team of volunteers are continuing to fundraise for the final phase of the project. To learn more, please visit [www.wickliffeplayground.com](http://www.wickliffeplayground.com).



# SERVE LEAD SUCCEED... SERVE LEAD SUCCEED



The eighth grade class at Jones Middle School – Upper Arlington High School's Class of 2028 – walked through the hallways to the cheers of younger students on their last day.



Upper Arlington High School art students worked with children at Burbank Early Childhood School to create colorful murals to brighten their building.



Members of the Upper Arlington High School Class of 2024 went back to where it started for many of them – their elementary schools – and reunited with teachers and classmates from their younger years.



Upper Arlington students of all ages packed up their backpacks and were ready for summer – on the last day of school and sometimes even before it!



The fifth grade class – the UAHS Class of 2031 – were clapped out of their buildings and on to their next step: middle school!



Even Upper Arlington Schools retirees – including Hastings Middle School teacher Pam Meadows – got in on the fun of the clapouts on the final day of school.



# 2024 Cum Laude Awards

Membership in the Cum Laude Society is the highest academic recognition a high school student can achieve on a national level. The society was established in 1906 to recognize academic excellence, justice and honor. It was modeled after Phi Beta Kappa. The Upper Arlington chapter of the Cum Laude Society is supported by the Dr. Charles Wade Moulton Fund of the Upper Arlington Education Foundation. Congratulations to our 2024 scholars!



## Current Members

Joshua Ali  
Isabel Balderaz  
Cooper Baltimore  
Noé Beaudoin  
Marcus Black  
Shira Bohrer  
Emma Bracken  
Eleanor Buehler  
Benjamin Campbell  
Harrison Carlisle  
John Crotty  
Warren Duan  
Leo Duvarney  
Michael Gentner  
Philip Gu  
Saumya Gupta  
Samuel Hackett  
Ashley He  
Aviva Heselton  
Max Hoffman  
Wendy Jiang  
Hessel Kirk  
Sophie Lamancusa  
Ezra Liu  
Yonghao Lu  
Margaret Malone  
John Mangas III  
Haley Menke  
Avery Miller  
Sebastien Nyiri  
Yesol Oh  
Elizabeth Oliphant  
Adelaide Petras  
Margaret Robertson  
Zachary Root  
Emily Schmersal  
Elaina Schneider  
Luca Sivilotti  
Cynthia Song  
Kevin Wang

Lucas Xie  
Natalie Yurkiw  
Fred Zeng  
Grace Zhang

## Senior Inductees

Ali Abubakr  
Andrew Alaudini  
Cameron Arnold  
Brian Barbosky  
Sophia Barger  
Abigail Black  
John Bowman  
Emma Braum  
Ines Burgoyne  
Reid Caswell  
Thomas Chapman  
Lilah Conway  
Fabi Corso  
Audrey Dungan  
Olivia Elvers  
Maria Favret  
Isaac Fosler-Lussier  
Claire Geistfeld  
James Gray  
Cora Hartranft  
Hannah Hiller  
Austin Johnson  
Grant Jones  
Caroline Kegg  
Charles Kiehl  
Grant Kuehn  
Aiden Lape  
Gabriel Lynd  
Patrick Mankowski  
Sienna Martinez Corzine  
Connor McClellan  
Katherine Messner  
Sophia Moyer  
Magdalena Novak  
Jachin Ocacio

Jack Peterson  
Scarlet Poor  
Jared Rabadam  
Lillian Raimi  
Isabella Roth  
Karoline Sheehan  
Merin Shell  
Sophia Stabile  
William Stavridis  
Aubrey Steiner  
Teagan Thomas  
Kathryn Trombold  
Keomorokat Vay  
Rhys Young  
Liam Young

## Junior Inductees

Caroline Abel  
Bishishta Acharya  
Abree Aschliman  
Margo Bachey  
Rohan Baste-Bania  
Henry Baumann  
Austin Beal  
Vivian Bennett  
Caden Blamer  
John Colombo  
Bennett Dial  
Noah Dombrowski  
Jenna Ezzie  
Liam Hall  
Maxwell Hanks  
Katherine Hauswirth  
Emerson Houser  
Joonhyun Kang  
Rae Liu  
Grayson Lorenz  
Lauren Love  
Logan Magliery  
Lucy Martin  
Elizabeth Martini

Dean Mason  
Meredith McCormick  
Margaret Miao  
Jason Milo  
Marley Nemeth  
Julia Oakley  
Sam Old  
Ashton Orr  
Piper Pitt  
Charles Poling  
William Poth  
Isabella Probst  
Claire Raetzke  
Madeline Reisz  
Jordin Reyes  
Harry Sisson  
Benjamin Stamm  
Kyle Stephan  
Selis Tufekci  
Nicholas Ubert  
Brooke Vaughan  
Gabrielle Vonder Embse  
James Wilcox  
Brogan Wiles  
Yuhan Zhong  
Lola Zimpfer



# Library <sup>JULY | AUGUST 2024</sup> iNSIGHT

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



## A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Beth Hatch

### Lane Road Branch Improvements Coming Soon

In the March/April 2024 issue of *UA Insight*, we shared highlights from our community input sessions facilitated by HBM Architects as part of our master facilities plan. These sessions revealed that the community desires more access to power, various sizes of study and meeting rooms, enclosed spaces with diverse seating options, and flexible spaces that can adapt to changing needs.

Following the Board of Trustees meeting in February 2024, we decided to select our first renovation project after initiating major repairs and replacements. Feedback from our community and staff engagement sessions indicated that updates were needed at the Lane Road Branch to provide the desired materials, services, and spaces. We realized we could achieve this with a simple reconfiguration of the main level. Given that the Lane Road branch required new HVAC and ceiling replacements, it made sense to reconfigure the

space and add new furnishings and shelving on the first floor at the same time. The cost would be minimal, but the impact on the community and Lane Road patrons would be significant.

Currently, over 54% of Lane Road's space is allocated to shelving units, leaving virtually no space for small groups or individuals to work, read, or gather comfortably. As our mid-sized location, Lane Road cannot accommodate a vast collection like Tremont Road, but it serves the local community with popular, browsable materials, computer access, and a beloved Early Learning Play Area in the lower level.

In June 2024, we bid for the Lane Road Improvements Project, which included HVAC and ceiling repairs, two small study rooms on the first floor, and additional access to power. We contracted with Library Design for new furniture and shelving on the

first floor. The Friends of the Library generously donated \$35,000 for new picture book shelving, a reading nook, and new meeting room furniture for the lower level. The total cost of repairs is estimated at \$550,000, with an additional \$225,000 for new furniture and shelving. HBM estimated a complete renovation of Lane Road to be over \$2.9 million, but our plans allow us to achieve this at a third of the cost.

By housing the largest and broadest collection at Tremont Road, we will have more space at Lane for people to read, work, and gather. The new floor plan increases our capacity by 19% for laptop users, readers, and groups. We still have a lot of preparation work to do before construction begins, and we do not plan to close the branch for renovation until the winter. We are excited to share Library Design's proposed floor plan below.





## Program Highlights

### History of Piracy on the Great Lakes

On Thursday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m., join us at the Lane Road Branch for a historical and cultural re-examination of piracy and its implications for understanding Great Lakes History. No parrots or peg legs included, but a healthy dose of thievery, mutiny, and other unsavory tales.

Presented by the National Museum of the Great Lakes. Registration is required.

### Child's Homestead

Bring the Farm to You visits the Lane Road Branch for a new program on Wednesday, July 17 from 10 am-Noon.

Experience the work and joy of a childhood from years gone by exploring skills, chores and games from history.

### Hip-Hop-Ademics

Young children can join Brian Holland at the Miller Park Branch on Friday, July 19 at 10:30 am. His interactive show includes original rap songs that teach the

basics of reading, math, and life skills.

### The Magic of Reading

Come to the Lane Road Branch on Wednesday, July 24 at 11 a.m. for a performance by Mike Hemmelgarn that's a blend of comedy, juggling, ventriloquism, and magic. Registration is required.

### Fun Day Carnival

Miller Park Branch's annual free carnival will be held on Thursday, July 25 at 6:30 pm. Play games and win prizes in a book walk, bean bag toss, duck pond, and more.

### Get to Know the Library

Whether you are new to the community or visit us often, we invite you to discover why the UAPL is Upper Arlington's premier information source. Come to the Tremont Road Branch on Saturday, August 3 anytime from 2-4 pm for activities for all ages, and a chance to

unlock the treasures that await you at your library.

### Puzzle Swap

Our jigsaw puzzle swap is back! Trade puzzles with other enthusiasts on Saturday, August 31 at 2 pm in the Tremont Road Branch. We've moved the swap to the atrium due to the growing popularity of this event. Bring your gently used puzzles for adults, with 300 or more pieces.

### Holiday Closings

#### Thursday, July 4

All three UAPL branches will be closed on Thursday, July 4. Look for us in the UA parade!

## Summer Reading Program Runs Through July 31

We're about halfway through our annual Summer Reading Program, "Adventure Begins at Your Library." Readers of all ages can participate by tracking the days they read or their own reading goals. Logs are available at any UAPL branch, or at [ualibrary.org/summer-reading](http://ualibrary.org/summer-reading). After reading seven days or completing seven goals, come back to the library with your log to get a prize.

Your first completed sheet will earn you a coupon packet, a prize basket selection, and an entry in our online grand prize drawing. With your second sheet, you'll earn a book, a prize basket selection, and another grand prize drawing entry. Turn in a third sheet, and you'll get a prize basket selection and a drawing entry.

Adults ages 18+ have the choice of a youth-oriented prize basket selection,



or an entry in a weekly drawing for a unique, personalized library experience. These include a custom staff-led book

talk or storytime, a house history research package, and a chance to curate your own public book display in the library.

Our grand prize drawings feature rewards like a restaurant or cinema gift card, a moose Pillow Pet, a 2025 UA Family Pool Pass, tickets to Kings Island, or another great prize.

Thank you to the Friends of the UAPL for their continued sponsorship of our Summer Reading Program. Thanks also to BIBIBOP, Cover to Cover, Crimson Cup, Cub Shrub, J-POPS, Littleton's Market, Local Cantina, Ohio State Fair, Ohio Parks, Ohio Renaissance Festival, Piada, Roosters and Studio 35/Grandview Theater for their sponsorships.

# NewsBITES

## LIBRARY NEWS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

### Program Check-In

This summer we debuted a quick check-in process at many of our programs. Please bring either your UAPL library card, UAPL phone app, card number, or email address when you attend a program, then look for a staffed or self-serve check-in station. Data collected will allow us to see who is coming to our events, solicit feedback, and share info about other events. No UAPL card? It takes just a few minutes to get one at any library front desk.

### Diversity in UA Collection

*Diversity in UA* is the latest collection on the UA Archives. It amplifies and preserves the voices of individuals from diverse and underrepresented groups in UA through a thoughtfully curated collection of in-depth video interviews. Each interview unveils personal and sometimes painful reflections, as the participants open up about their journeys within and outside of the community. Among the interviewees are one of the first Black students to attend school in UA, the first person

of color elected to the School Board, the first openly LGBTQ+ City Council member, and UA's first Black City Council President and Mayor. Access the full collection at [uaarchives.org](http://uaarchives.org).

### Friends August Sale

The Friends of the UA Library will hold a book sale from August 11-25 in the atrium of the Tremont Road Branch. The sale will feature a large selection of fiction and nonfiction books for all ages, plus DVDs, CDs, vinyl, magazines and more. A members-only presale will take place on August 11 from 11 am-1 pm. The sale opens to the public at 1 pm that day, and will close each day 15 minutes before the library closes. The final day of the sale will feature a bag sale, where shoppers can fill a paper grocery bag with books for \$5 (Friends members) or \$10 (nonmembers).

### Find Research Tools on New Website

We've heard that some patrons are having difficulty finding the research

databases on our redesigned website. The direct URL is [www.ualibrary.org/research-tools/](http://www.ualibrary.org/research-tools/), or you can visit [ualibrary.org](http://ualibrary.org), click RESEARCH at the top, and then Research Tools in the drop-down menu. Here you'll find our many popular and useful resources like *Consumer Reports*, *Columbus Dispatch*, *LinkedIn Learning*, *Morningstar*, and *Oxford English Dictionary*.

### Summer Storywalk

Visit the StoryWalk at the Fancyburg Park playground to read *In the Night Garden* by Carin Berger. The book features hand-cut collage artwork, and a mysterious cat on every page!

### Red Cross Blood Drives

The American Red Cross will visit our Tremont Road Branch on Thursday, July 25 and Friday, August 9 from 11 am-4 pm to host a blood drive. Make your appointment at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) using sponsor code UAPL.

## Facilities Update



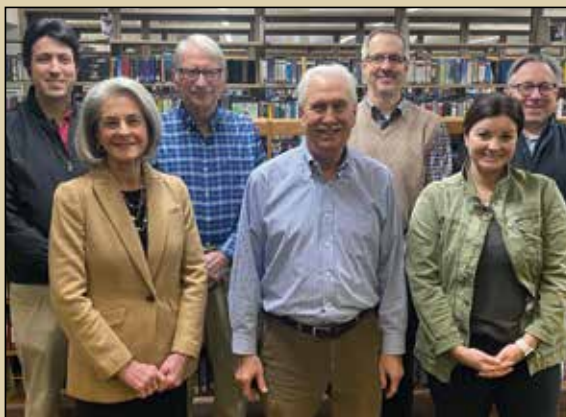
Here are the latest developments under our Master Facilities Plan.

- Installation of new outdoor signage is complete at all three locations.
- We're in the final stage of the lower level staff workspace project for IT, technical services, and facilities. The new configuration will provide direct access for deliveries, manager office space, increased space for IT staff, and more facilities storage space.
- We finalized bid selection for Lane Road Improvements Project for HVAC and ceiling repair and replacement.
- Concrete at the front entrance at the Tremont Road Branch has been repaired.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### 2024 Board of Trustees

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



### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

No July Meeting | Tuesday, August 20

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



# MAKING MEMORIES...building connections

Form is secondary to fun at Lane Road's annual Goat Yoga program.



Babies get a head start on literacy and development at Tremont Road's Tummy Time.



Husband-and-wife magicians, The Alans, entertained kids at the Lane Road Branch. We think they may have the world's largest magic wand.





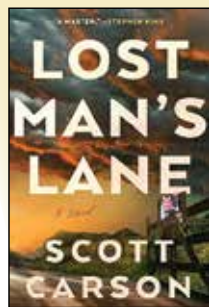
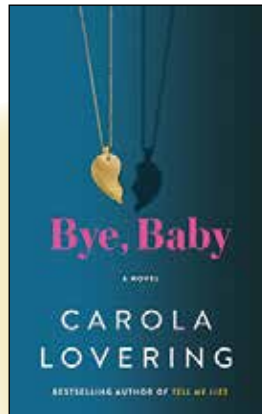
## OUR STAFF RECOMMENDS

### The Matchmaker's Gift

By Lynda Cohen Loigman

If you're looking for a quick, feel-good read, this is it. The plot of this historical fiction novel flows smoothly back and forth between two generations of women – Abby, a Manhattan divorce attorney, and her beloved grandmother Sara, who quietly thrived in a male-dominated career. They both grew up in New York City at vastly different times and share a special gift for matchmaking, yet only one of them embraces it. Despite some fairly obvious plot points, you'll meet some delightful characters in this book and find yourself chuckling at Sara's pluckiness while also moved by her bravery.

– Nancy Byron, Miller Park Branch



### The Last Tale of the Flower Bride

By Roshani Chokshi

If you enjoy gothic tales and romance then this will be an awesome pick for you. The book follows a nameless husband as he meets his wife Indigo Maxwell-Casteñada. Indigo and her husband love stories but she refuses to speak about her past and forbids her husband from prying. When Indigo's aunt summons the couple back to her childhood home, Indigo's husband will begin to unravel the mystery of Indigo and her childhood best friend Azure who disappeared years ago. What the husband uncovers will not only unravel his trust in Indigo but Indigo's life as well.

– Maddie Matos, Youth Department

### They Called Us Enemy

By George Takei

While George Takei may be best known for his acting roles, this graphic novel gives insight into his experiences as a child. This memoir details Takei's own



experiences during the internment of Japanese Americans in World War II, when Takei found himself and his family in a camp themselves. This often-overlooked part of American history becomes accessible through the stories told by Takei, detailing the realities and minutiae of life as a child in the camps. Although its subject is heavy, the format and first-person perspective make this both an enjoyable and impactful read.

– Emi Bungo, Lane Road Branch

### Lost Man's Lane

By Scott Carson

Summer in Bloomington, Indiana can be boring for a townie. But for high schooler Marshall Miller, the summer of 1999 was anything but uneventful. That summer Marshall got a job interning with a private detective investigating the disappearance of a young girl – a girl last seen in the back of a police cruiser by none other than Marshall himself.

– Laura Griffin, Technical Services

### Eileen

By Otessa Moshfegh



An eerie, atmospheric novel showcasing how loneliness and neglect can push a person toward disaster. After the death of her mother, Eileen is left to look after her abusive, alcoholic father. Using her job in a local prison as a form of escape, Eileen is fascinated with a new colleague, Rebecca. In Rebecca, Eileen senses an ally, but is there more at play in the developing relationship between the two women?

– Evan Struble, Adult Department

### Bye, Baby

By Carola Lovering

Friendships are complicated, especially when one friend moves on, but the other is desperate to keep the relationship alive. Friends since childhood, Cassie and Billie drift apart as young adults. In one desperate act, though, Billie reels Cassie back. Although promoted as a suspenseful book, this briskly paced story focuses more on the many ways women's friendships evolve, the lasting impact of trauma, and the pain of being left out.

– Cindy Radford, Adult Department

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit our Community Event calendar at [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov) for more on these events

## Concourse Gallery

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

**Ohio Art League Juried Exhibition  
Through July 12**

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

## UA Farmers Market

3:30-6:30 pm, Wednesdays  
May 15-October 23

Dorset Road/Tremont Center

[commongreensohio.org/upper-arlington](http://commongreensohio.org/upper-arlington)

## UACA's Fourth of July Celebrations

Thursday, July 4

9 am Parade

5 pm Party in the Park

10 pm Fireworks

UA Civic Association | [www.uaca.org](http://www.uaca.org)

## Movies in the Parks

UA Parks & Rec | [parks.uaoh.net](http://parks.uaoh.net)

- **Wish (PG)** - 7 pm, Friday, July 12, Sunny 95 Park (Family Camp Out)
- **Trolls Band Together (PG)** - 7 pm, Friday, August 9, Thompson Park

## Party on the Plaza

6-9 pm, Thursday, July 18

MSC, 3600 Tremont Road

UA Parks & Rec | [parks.uaoh.net](http://parks.uaoh.net)



Embrace the spirit of summer and join us for a fun evening filled with fantastic music, delicious food, refreshing drinks and engaging art activities for all ages.

## National Night Out

6-8 pm, Tuesday, August 6

Fancyburg Park, 3375 Kioka Ave.

UA Police | [upperarlingtonoh.gov](http://upperarlingtonoh.gov)

National Night Out is an annual campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

## OhioHealth Grandview Yard Half & Quarter Marathon

7 am, Sunday, August 18

Begins in Grandview Yard

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

## Golden Bear Bash

6-10 pm, Sunday, September 1

Amelita Mirolo Barn

UA Education Foundation

[www.goldenbearbash.com](http://www.goldenbearbash.com)

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

## Labor Day Arts Festival

10 am-5 pm, Monday,

September 2

Northam Park

UA Parks & Rec | [parks.uaoh.net](http://parks.uaoh.net)

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

## UACA Labor Neighbor Day

9 am-5 pm, Monday, Sept. 2

Hastings Middle School

UA Civic Association | [www.uaca.org](http://www.uaca.org)

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