



9/28/2023 | 4:00 PM

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES CENTER, COUNCIL CHAMBER
3600 TREMONT ROAD**

The Community Relations Committee welcomes comments from the public at the close of each meeting. For Zoom attendees: the Chair will ask them to raise their hand in Zoom if they wish to speak and the meeting organizer will admit them as a meeting participant. Please note - any comments added to the Zoom chat feature will not be incorporated into the meeting minutes.

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Meeting ID: 899 4021 2191

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1. Welcome

2. Approval of August 24, 2023 Minutes

- a. Draft CRC August 24, 2023 Minutes

3. City Updates

- a. Reminder: Annual update to City Council - Monday, November 20
- b. 2024 CRC Innovation Small Grant Program
- c. Proposed 2024 Meeting Schedule
- d. Draft 2024 Programming Schedule
- e. Draft 2024 Observances Calendar
- f. CRC Event Presence:
Neighbors Night Out - Saturday, September 30
Songwriter Social - Thursday, October 19
- g. Divided Community Academy

4. National Hispanic Heritage Month

- a. Sarah Brown, Ohio Hispanic Coalition

- 5. CRC Strategic Planning/Goal Setting Session**
- 6. Liaison Updates**
- 7. Community Questions/Public Comment**
- 8. Adjournment**

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

August 24, 2023 | 4 pm

Members Present

Jason Sayat, Co-Chair	Farida El-Hennawy, Co-Chair	Brent Theaker
JP Dorval (remote)	Howard Warner	Elaine Alicea
Andy Klaben-Finegold	Deborah Carvalho	Hana Abdelbaki

City Staff & Others Present

Emma Speight, Community Affairs Director	Maggie Rochon, Communications Specialist	Krystin Anderson, Upper Arlington Schools
Kristin Greenberg, UA Historical Society	Jordan Braunstein, UA Civic Association	Vicki Zust, St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Kathy Adams, UA City Council		

1. Welcome

2. Approval of July 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Deborah Carvalho

Second: Hana Abdelbaki

Minutes Approved

3. City Updates

- **Pleasant Litchford Memorial at UA High School Update** – an effort to secure an Ohio Historical Marker has been successful. The sign could be delivered anytime between November 2023-November 2024. UA Schools plan to have the interpretative signs ready to install as soon as the marker is complete. More to come.
- **Upper Arlington and Tri-Village Rotary Clubs Peace Poles Project Update** – The poles are in, with dedication ceremonies scheduled for September 11, at 5 pm/5:30 pm at the High School and 6/6:30 pm at the MSC. CRC members will be invited. International Rotary plants 10 trees in Africa for each peace pole installed. Poles also being installed at Grandview Schools and City.
- **Annual Update to City Council** – November 20 has been identified as the best date for the CRC annual update to City Council.
- **Columbus Foundation Big Table** – this year's date is October 11. If any conversations are scheduled in UA, staff will share an update as more is known.
- **Kiwanis Club of Northwest Columbus Aktion Club update** – Kiwanis held a first informational meeting in UA in August and are hosting another meeting in Grandview in September. They need a minimum of 15 adult participants to launch the program, which is



the only service club in the U.S. that enables individuals with special needs to become leaders in their communities. This will be a Tri-Village area program.

4. UA Welcome Series (“Welcome Wagon”) Update

- The improving from Within work group has been researching how other communities provide information for new residents. Worthington has a section on their website. If UA does something similar, it’s hoped that it could include translations. The work group will continue to focus on content and think through the best way to establish and maintain an online welcome component.
- National Welcome Week is the first week of September and is well timed with the launch of the UA Welcome Series. It is hoped that a marketing/social campaign can be built around this annual observance.
- Specific to the UA Welcome Series, monthly events are identified through the end of the year:
 - **Equal UA Welcome Booth** – Equal hosted a welcome booth at the Farmers Market in August, with a number of residents registering for Equal UA program updates.
 - **UA History 101 Presentation** – Kristin Greenberg from the UA Historical Society shared an outline of her planned presentation that has been scheduled for October 26 at the UA Library (attached). Her goal was to take things we see in the community and to share some of the history and stories behind them. Members discussed if the intent is to repeat this presentation annually, and to have it evolve over time. A recording of the presentation will be made available on the CRC website. It could also be shared with City Staff via their UALL Creating Connections group.
 - **UA Civic Association’s Neighbors Night Out** – UACA President Jordan Braunstein and Vice President Dan Ayars gave an overview of this event (attached). Neighbors Night out is in part a response to changing conditions around The Walk annual fundraiser – between COVID and Ring doorbells, The Walk has become more challenging to stage. UACA used to host an event called Newcomers Day for new residents when the community was first growing – hosted at Columbus Athletic Association – it was much easier to find new residents at that time, because the homes were brand new. The CRC grant will be extremely helpful in launching and growing this event, and UACA is happy to be part of the UA Welcome Series. The event is scheduled for September 30, at the Tremont Center parking lot, in partnership with Littleton’s Market and additional financial support from the UA Community Foundation. There will be a family friendly portion from 5-8 pm, becoming more adult focused from 7-10 pm, with live music. Food will be provided by Littleton’s, and The Daily Growler will provide beverages. Included in the \$50 ticket price are two drink tokens and a raffle ticket for several UACA benefits. Tickets for children cost \$12. New residents will get a name tag, a gold cup, and a swag bag. Will have various efforts to spread the word – door hangers will be hung on doors at every home; they have accessed a list of homes sold since May 2022 and will mail those homes a postcard invitation (about 800 homes), and all rental properties will receive postcards to distributed. The ticket price includes a free UACA membership for new residents. CRC members share their excitement seeing this event coming together and are always impressed by the efforts of UACA. The CRC would love to have a table at the event, can include the CRC postcard in the SWAG bag and would appreciate the opportunity for Jason to share a few words about the CRC at the event. One concern was raised about the price for the event and how that could dissuade some folks from



attending. UACA shared that they have been very thoughtful on this issue and will consider all options for future years but believe this is a good place to start based on the costs for presenting the event and their goals for making this their annual fundraiser. They added that all UACA events are free for the community, and they need a way to raise the necessary funds to support their programming.

- **Police and Community Relations for New Residents** – the fourth in the series will be in November. Sergeant McKean and his team will tailor their presentation to place a focus on new residents and new immigrants, sharing information on various officer protocols when interacting with community members.

5. We Are UA Campaign

- This new program was mentioned briefly last month. It will be based on NPR's Storycorps and Humans of New York. Staff hopes to launch it this fall, tied with the November *Columbus Monthly* special section. CRC members can expect to be invited to participate.

6. Events & Observances Updates

- Three events remain, hope to have all members be involved:
 - Labor Day Arts Festival – could benefit from a few more members
 - Neighbors Night Out – two-time slots are available for this event
 - Songwriter Social in October – a schedule is pending
- Staff has been brainstorming some activities to make the CRC table/booth more inviting. Ideas include: ipad/slideshow that showcases the CRC; banner or flags hung over the table to highlight diversity, possibly sharing special items that reflect a member's heritage; some CRC specific SWAG ideas include reusable totes, magnets, keychains, etc. (probably for 2024); CRC shirts; wheel of prizes or have folks enter in their email and entered in a drawing to win a t-shirt; flyers of the CRC schedule have music if possible (from different countries). Several interactive options are being looked at to purchase for 2024.
- Website enhancements – some ideas include: creating a video about the CRC, why members are participating, what do they want the community to know about; adding more images; expanding information about the members; a general overview of CRC events; future goals, etc; provide a way for residents to send in their ideas for the CRC.
- Tentative 2024 Schedule
 - Black History Month planning needs to begin shortly – JP to help lead
 - Jason will lead the Cherry Blossom Celebration
 - St. Marks' Culture & Artisans Fair – it was agreed that the CRC would like to be an event partner, and to make this event part of the UA Welcome Series. A CRC lead member will need to be identified.
 - Pride Flag Raising Ceremony – Elaine will serve as CRC lead
 - UA Pride should also be part of the UA Welcome Series – Elaine will serve as CRC lead
 - National Welcoming Week – annual awareness campaign? A CRC lead member will need to be identified.
 - 2024 events that will have a CRC table/booth:
 - St. Mark's Culture & Artisans Fair
 - UA Performance Series as it evolves
 - Labor Day Arts Festival
 - Neighbors Night Out



- CRC Liaisons were encouraged to promote the UA Welcome Series and other programs to their respective groups.
- For the remaining 2023 events, Staff will put together some activities to attract folks to the table/booth, in part with help from the UA Library.

7. Planning for September Working Groups/Goals Discussion

- The September meeting will be a strategic planning session to set some goals for the working groups and for the CRC as a whole. Staff will prepare some interactive activities for members to engage in to help identify and prioritize goals (index cards, questions, ideas posted on board, use of dots to vote for priorities, etc.).

8. Liaison Updates

- Syntero – Deborah shared an overview of some of Syntero’s programs for older adults and support services for students in the schools. Syntero is open to ideas and suggestions from the CRC. Krystin Anderson shared a little insight on how the Schools connect families and students with Syntero counselors when appropriate.
- Northwest Realtors – Howard shared that this group recently held a service day, helping with some basic home repairs and maintenance needs for a few households in need of assistance.

9. Community Questions/Public Comment

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm



Upper Arlington History 101

Making Sense of What We See in our Community

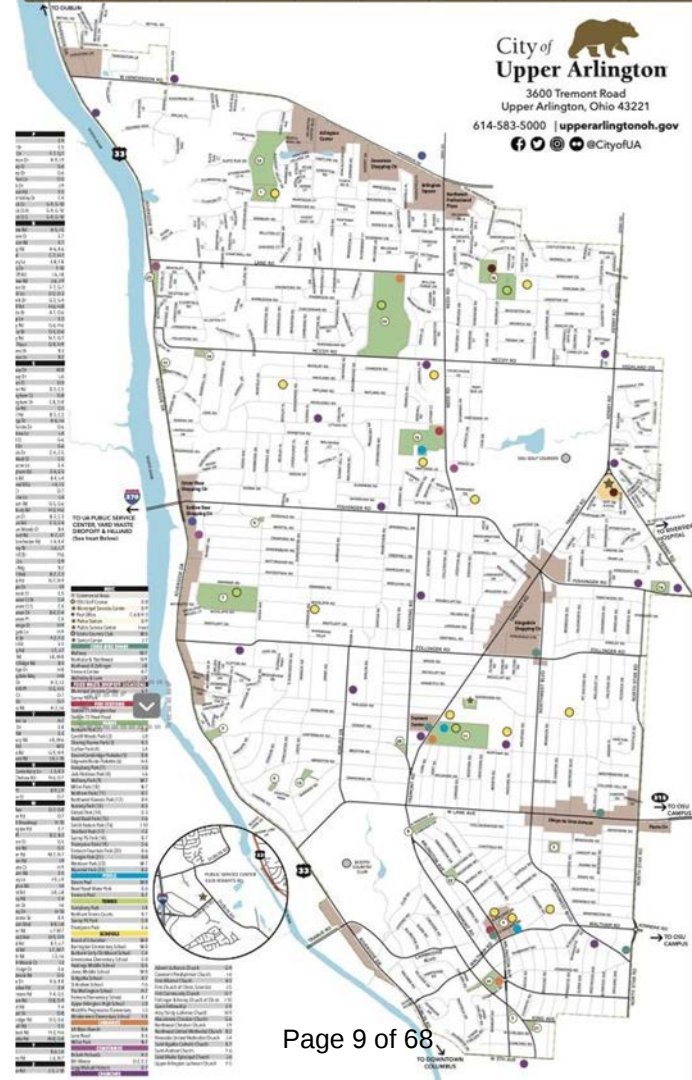


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H I S T O R I C A L
S O C I E T Y

Kristin Greenberg,
Executive Director

DISCOVER
PRESERVE
CELEBRATE

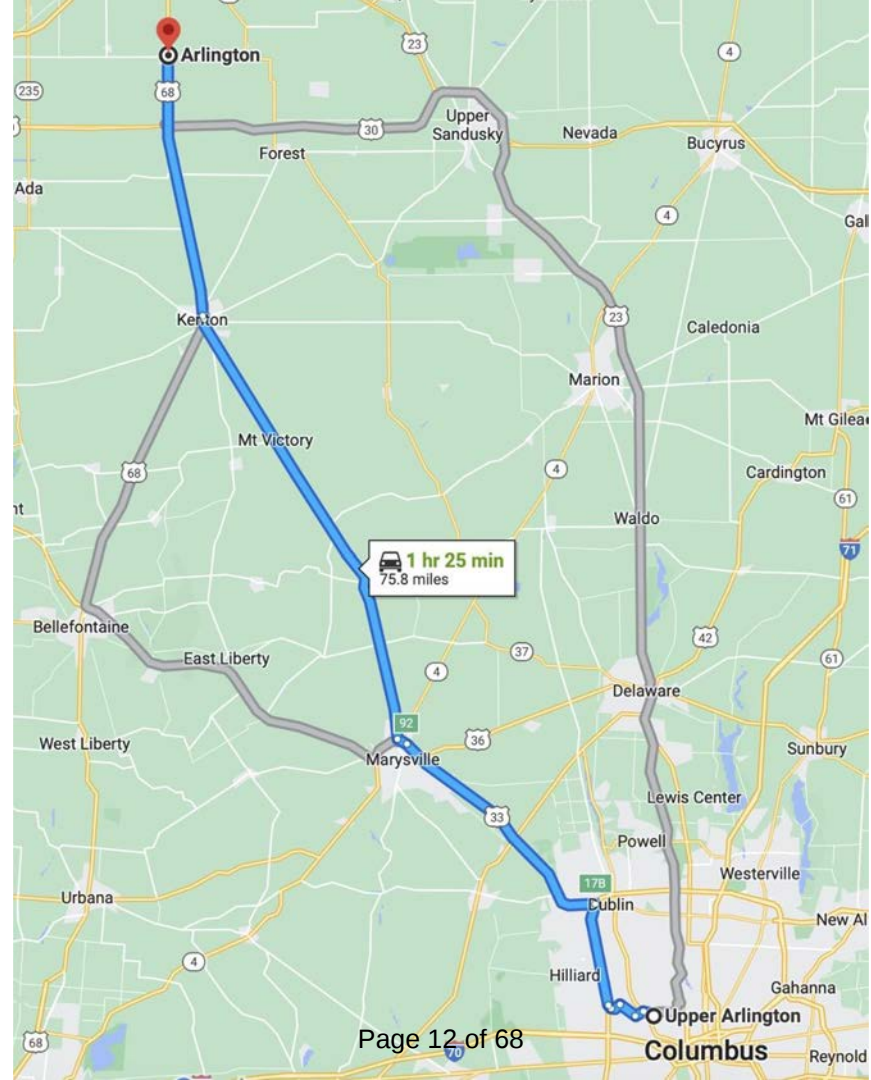




UPPER
ARLINGTON
FOUNDED 1918

Why are we named Upper Arlington?

(And **what** happened in 1918?)





1918  2018

CENTENNIAL PLAZA

DEDICATED JULY 4, 2018

UPPER ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Kip Greenhill, President
Brendan T. King, Vice President
Carolyn T. Casper Brian C. Close
Michele M. Hoyle Jim Lynch Susan M. Ralph

CITY MANAGER

Theodore J. Staton

Debbie McLaughlin, Parks & Recreation Director
Alan McKnight, Parks Facilities Project Manager

CENTENNIAL TASK FORCE

Rich Simpson, Chair
Erik Yassenoff, Vice Chair
Charlie Groezinger, Legacy Projects Chair

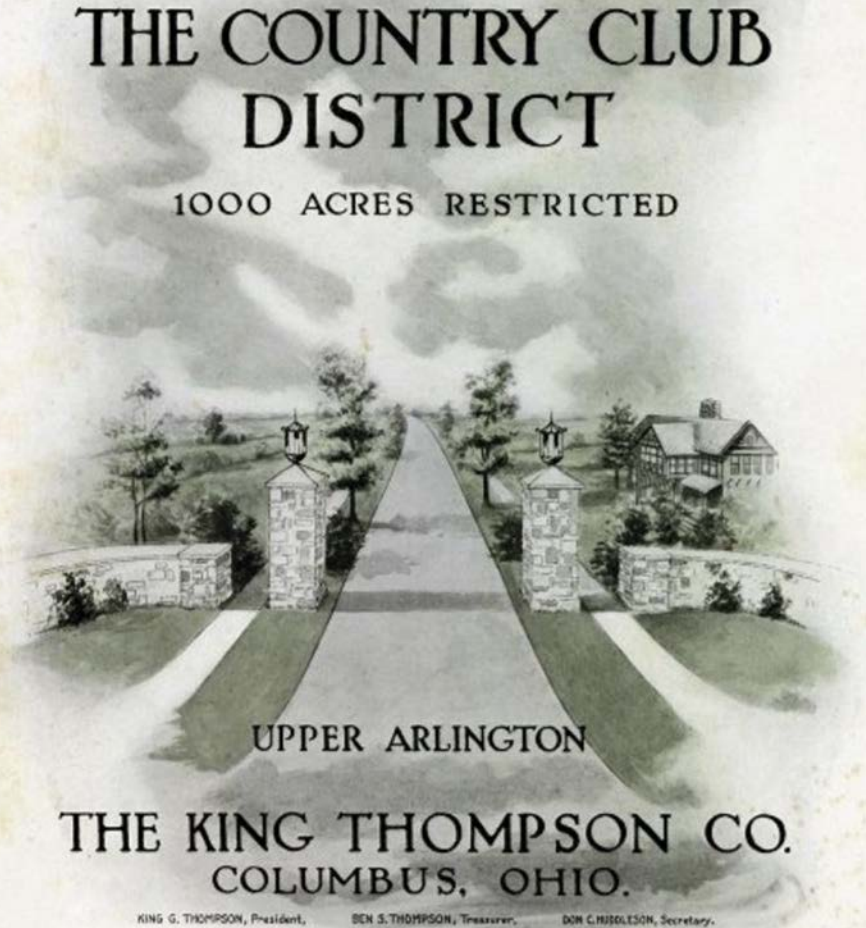
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This Legacy Project was made possible through the efforts of
the Upper Arlington Centennial Task Force and the
generous support of: Upper Arlington Rotary Club,
Upper Arlington Community Foundation, Upper Arlington
Civic Association, Kiwanis Club of Northwest Columbus



1914 Sales Brochure



1722 Bedford Road



Village of UA March 20, 1918

Norwester magazine, July 1918
uaarchives.org



First Election held in Upper Arlington

Upper Arlington, recently incorporated into a village, held a special municipal election on June 29th, and named a full set of officers to govern it.

Fifty-one of the fifty-five voters cast their ballot and the entire ticket was elected unanimously save for the office of marshal, in which Ben S. Thompson defeated Dave Warwick by a very slender margin. The full set of officers named follows: Mayor, James T. Miller; clerk, E. Howard; treasurer, W. A. Armstrong; marshal, Ben S. Thompson, and members of council, J. J. Morgan, E. J. Crane, J. E. Harris, W. F. Kern, Frank Rogers and Paul Spence.

Council organized July 5th. Frank Rogers was made president pro-tem. The officers were all sworn in by the clerk, a notary public. Council meets the first Tuesday of each month.

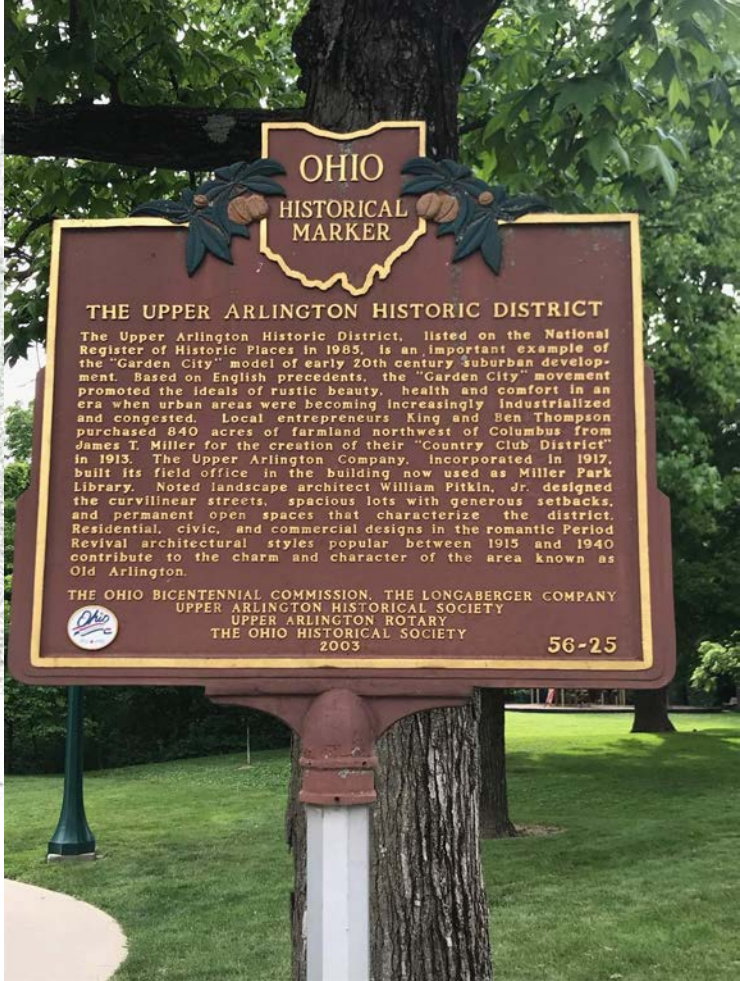
James T. Miller, unanimously elected first mayor of Upper Arlington, was the original owner of the 1000 acre tract on which the municipality has so rapidly grown up the last three years. He is personally known to every man, woman and child in the village, now numbering 300 inhabitants, a record perhaps which no mayor of a village ever equalled. In celebration of the first municipal election the mayor-elect entertained the villagers on his spacious lawn Saturday evening and extended the hand of welcome to his townspeople.

NEW RESIDENTS

This month we welcome four families to the Upper Arlington fraternity, namely: these

Upper Arlington Historic District
National Register of Historic Places
1985 Designation

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How did we become the Golden Bears?

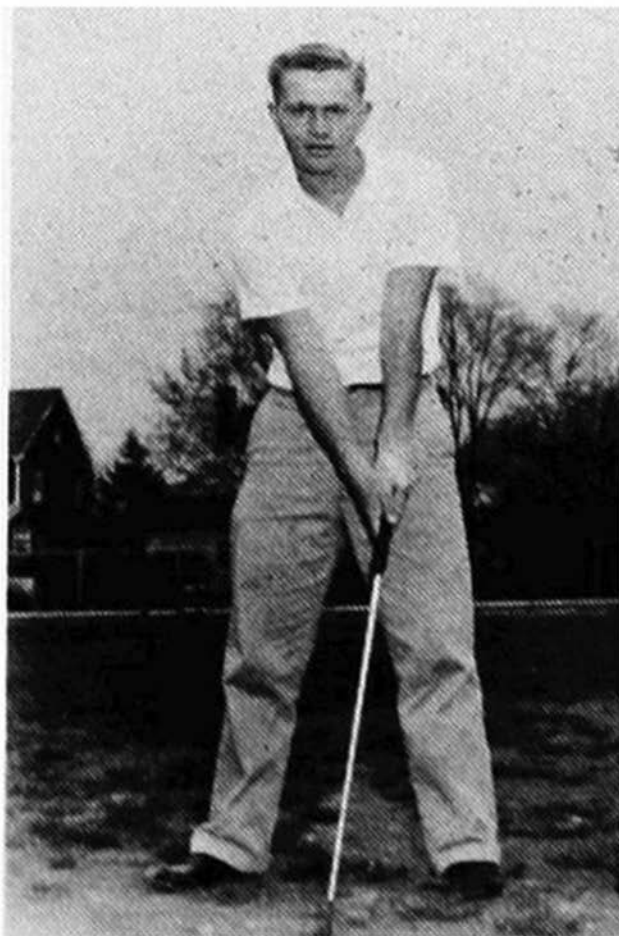
(And **when** was that?)



The Norwester

1928





JACK NICKLAUS 1956 (UAHS CLASS OF 1957)



Why do we have one high school?

(And **what** should we know about our schools' history?)



Annexation.

Grey = Original land purchase

Orange = 1920s

Pink = 1940s

Blue = 1950s

Green = 1960s

(Map courtesy of the City of UA)

24A Columbus Dispatch *** THUR., JUNE 20, 1963



SUBURBS

By Paul Schlemmer and
William Conner



New High School Rejected By Arlington School Board

The Upper Arlington School Board has decided to keep all its high school students in one basket and announced Thursday that it will not consider building a new high school.

The board took the position that an addition to the present high school would be sufficient to handle the suburbs enrollment in the future.

THE STAND IS based on a premise that the city will not annex land to the north of the present school district.

Board representatives will approach City Council Monday remind council that on April 24, 1961, council took a stand against northern annexation.

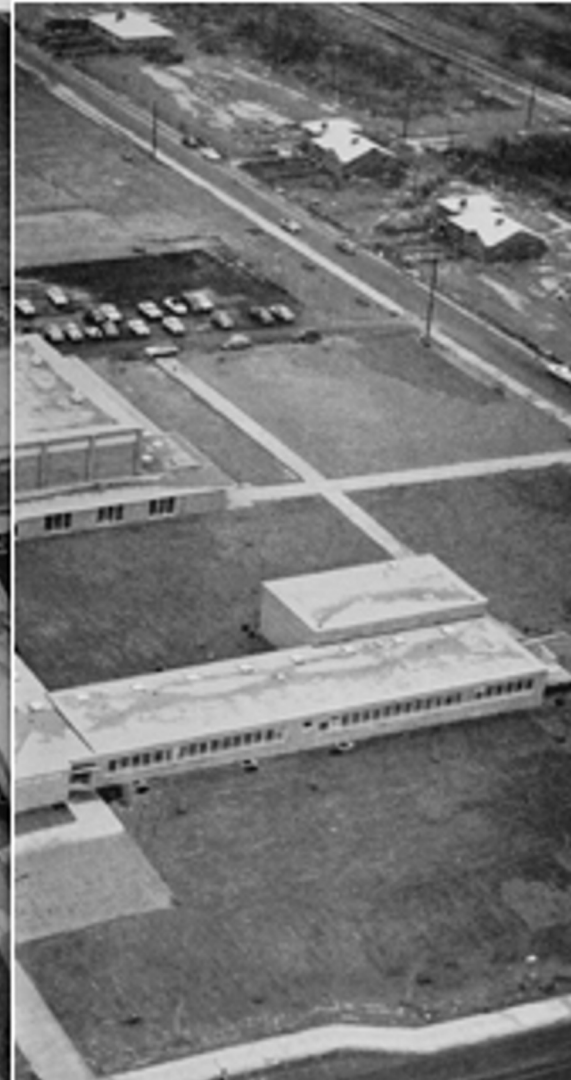
At next month's meeting, the board will again discuss the needs of expanding all school facilities and it has been hinted by officials that a November bond issue may be forthcoming.

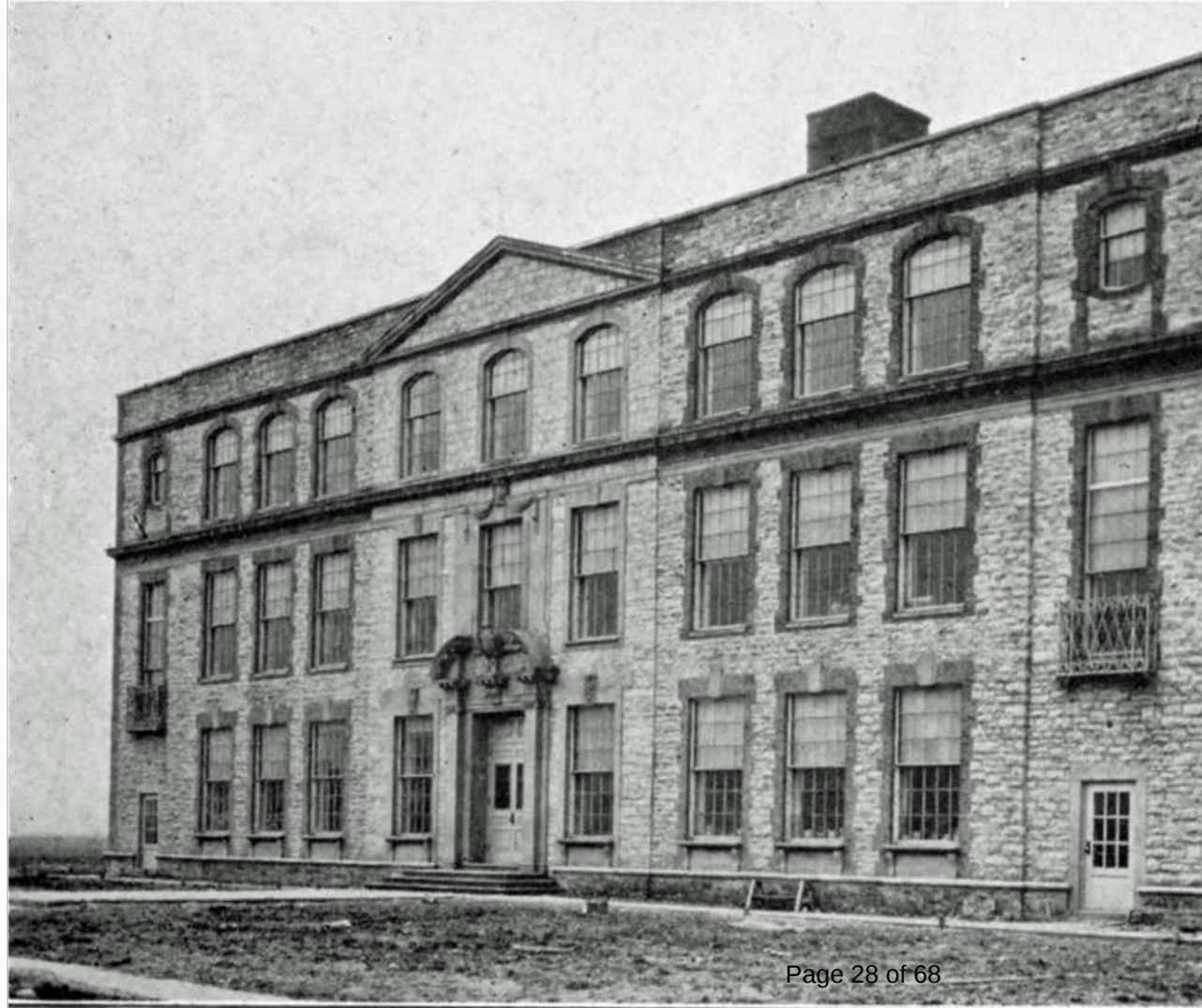
him from his 90-day probationary period.

The trustees also hired Paul K. Ingram and James K. Brown as firemen and placed the pair on the customary probation.

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1957 yearbook





A few members of the Class of 1925

Thirteen in all.



WILAMETTA MORRIS — "Billy"

Ohio State
Civics Club
Dramatic Club — (Sec.-Treas.)
Staff
Class Will
Basketball, '24
Golden Days
The Turtle Dove
Ambition — To have many friends.
"Bubbling with knowledge; sparkling with wit"



IVAN CREAGER — "Ive"

Ohio State
Civics Club — (Sec. and Treas.)
Dramatic Club
Staff
Basketball, '25
Student Council
Hi-Y — (President)
Golden Days
Enter the Hero
Ambition — To be a doctor
"The Ford is my auto,
I shall not walk"



EVELYN FENTON — "Evy"

Ohio State
Civics Club
Dramatic Club — (President)
Staff
Class Poet
Basketball, '22, '23, '24
Golden Days
The Turtle Dove
Ambition — To travel
"Not that I love to study less,
But that I love fun more"



MR. J. W. BELL, Principal



What can we see in UA that
is from “the past?”

(And **what** should we know about our pioneers' history?)

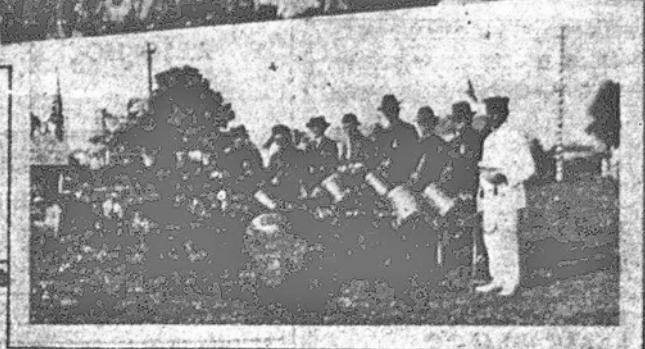
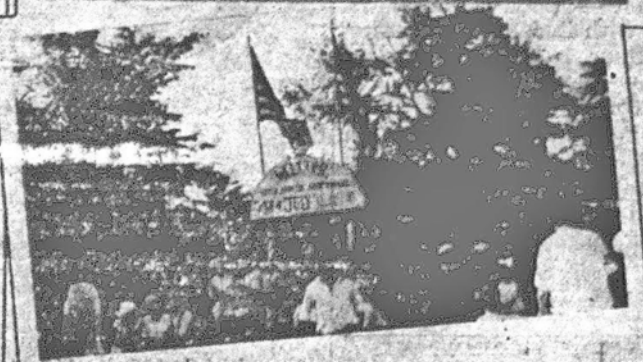


UPPER ARLINGTON PLANS BIG AFFAIR FOR JULY FOURTH

Grandview and Marble Cliff folks have just received an invitation. That is, they're receiving it now.

Upper Arlington's going to have a party—rather, a big celebration the 4th of July and people in the other two Northwest communities are invited to attend.

Next week everyone will know the whole idea for Upper Arlington will tell its plans and all about the big affair in the next issue of the News.



The above pictures were taken by Mr. W. L. Mattoon, 1999 Arlington Avenue, at Upper Arlington's Fourth of July Celebration at Miller Park. The first picture shows the line of boys for the 30 yard stilt dash, one of the most amusing of the field events, which was won by Frank Thompson.

The center scene pictures a part of the crowd gathered about the big semi-circular "welcome" sign and the flags at the north end of the park.

"Boys" of the Fife and Drum Corps of the Old Guard who played during the opening of the celebration in the afternoon are seen in the lower picture.





Questions?

(and thank you to the UA Public Library for partnering to make accessible historical images through uaarchives.org)

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Stay connected!



Upper Arlington Civic Association

2023



Details of the event

- **Saturday, September 30 - 5-10 p.m.**
- **Tremont Center parking lot**
- **5-8 p.m. family friendly events**
 - Fire truck from City
 - Tables:
 - Airbrush Hats
 - School of Rock
 - The Goodie Shop cookie decorating
 - Games
 - Corn Hole
 - Jenga Blocks
 - Connect 4
- **7-10 p.m. Yachtopia provides entertainment**
- **Food provided by Littleton's**
- **Beverages by The Daily Growler**
- **Raffle for UACA events**

Overall View with Tent
Turned Off

Food Zone

Entry

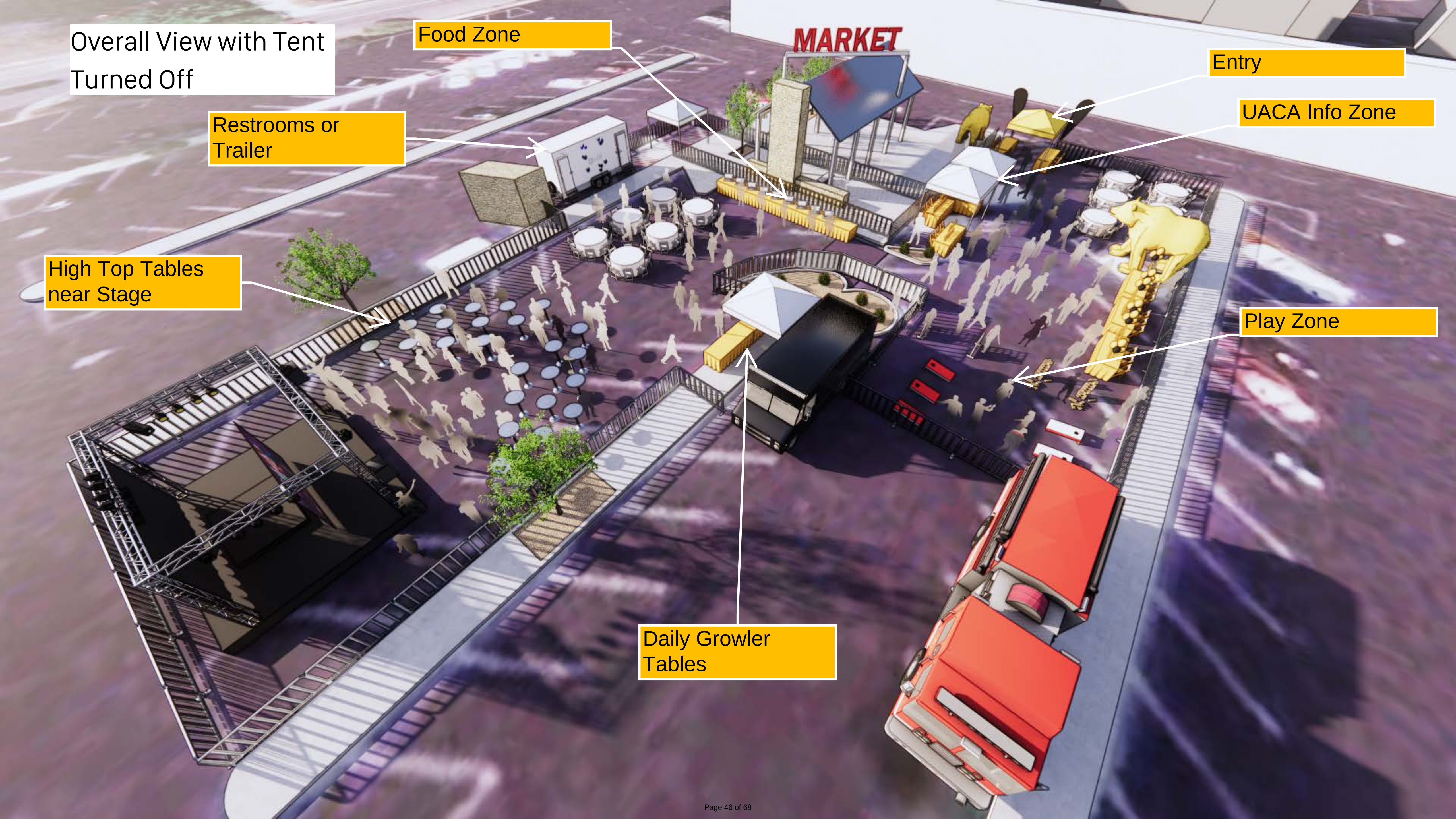
UACA Info Zone

Restrooms or
Trailer

High Top Tables
near Stage

Play Zone

Daily Growler
Tables





Drink Ticket Table

UACF Table

UACA History Table

UACA Info Table

Entry Tables

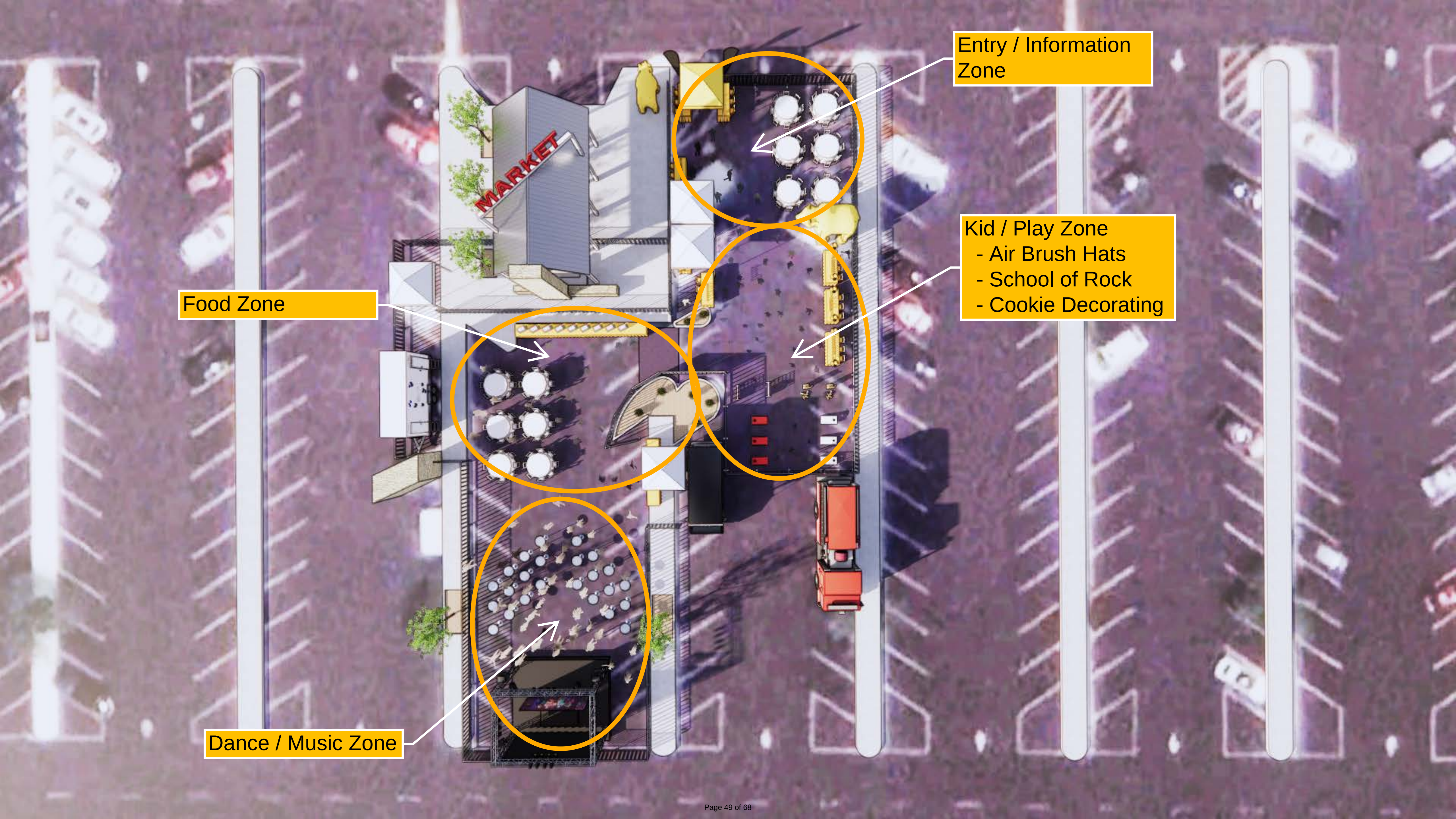
Open Up Fence
while Fire Truck
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Cookie Decorating
Table

School Of Rock
Table

Air Brush Tattoo
Table





Entry / Information
Zone

Kid / Play Zone
- Air Brush Hats
- School of Rock
- Cookie Decorating

Food Zone

Dance / Music Zone



Engagement for new neighbors

- **Special Name Tag New Neighbors**
- **Map with push pins**
 - **Where you moved from and to**
- **New Neighbor Swag Bag**
 - **UACA History Letter**
 - **UACF information**
 - **UA Door Hanger**
 - **City Activity Guide**
 - **UACA Stickers**
 - **Felt Bag with UACA logo?**
 - **\$50 Gift Card to Littleton's**



Promoting Inclusivity

- **Messaging emphasizes the event welcomes ALL in UA - new residents and those already in the community**
- **Promotional signs have been placed in yards and around businesses and schools throughout all of UA**
- **Door hangers promoting the event will be distributed to ALL homes, condos and apartments in UA**
- **55 volunteers will distribute these 8/26 – 9/4**
- **We obtained the list of homes purchased since May 2022**
- **Postcards will be mailed to all of those 800 homes**
- **Postcards will be placed in local businesses with boards and apartment buildings with common areas**
- **Weekly promotional social posts and bi-weekly emails (distribution list of 7800 UA residents)**
- **Working with Littleton's to do cross promotion**
- **New residents/new UACA residents receive a free UACA membership with the purchase of a ticket**



Door Hanger



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Long time resident? Come make new friends.
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Food by Presenting Sponsor Littleton's

Treats by The Goodie Shop

Beverages by the Daily Growler

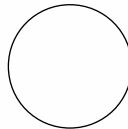
Yachtopia rocks the stage

Family-friendly activities



UPPER ARLINGTON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

4TH OF JULY PARADE & FIREWORKS •
GOLDEN BEAR SCARE • CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK •
EASTER EGG HUNT • UA STAGE •
GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS • MEMORIAL DAY RUN •
LABOR NEIGHBOR DAY



Littleton's
MARKET

**SIGN UP FOR EMAIL TO BE
THE FIRST TO KNOW ABOUT
STORE NEWS, EVENTS,
LOYALTY PROGRAM AND
SPECIAL OFFERS.**



 **@LITTLETONSMARKET**

New Neighbor Post Card

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UA STAGE • GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS • MEMORIAL DAY RUN • LABOR NEIGHBOR DAY

Littleton's MARKET



New Neighbor Post Card

HI NEIGHBOR!

Be the first to know about
our loyalty program and special offers.



littletonsmarket.com/pages/subscribe

 @littletonsmarket

NEIGHBORS NIGHT OUT



YACHTOPIA 
The monsters of mellow rock

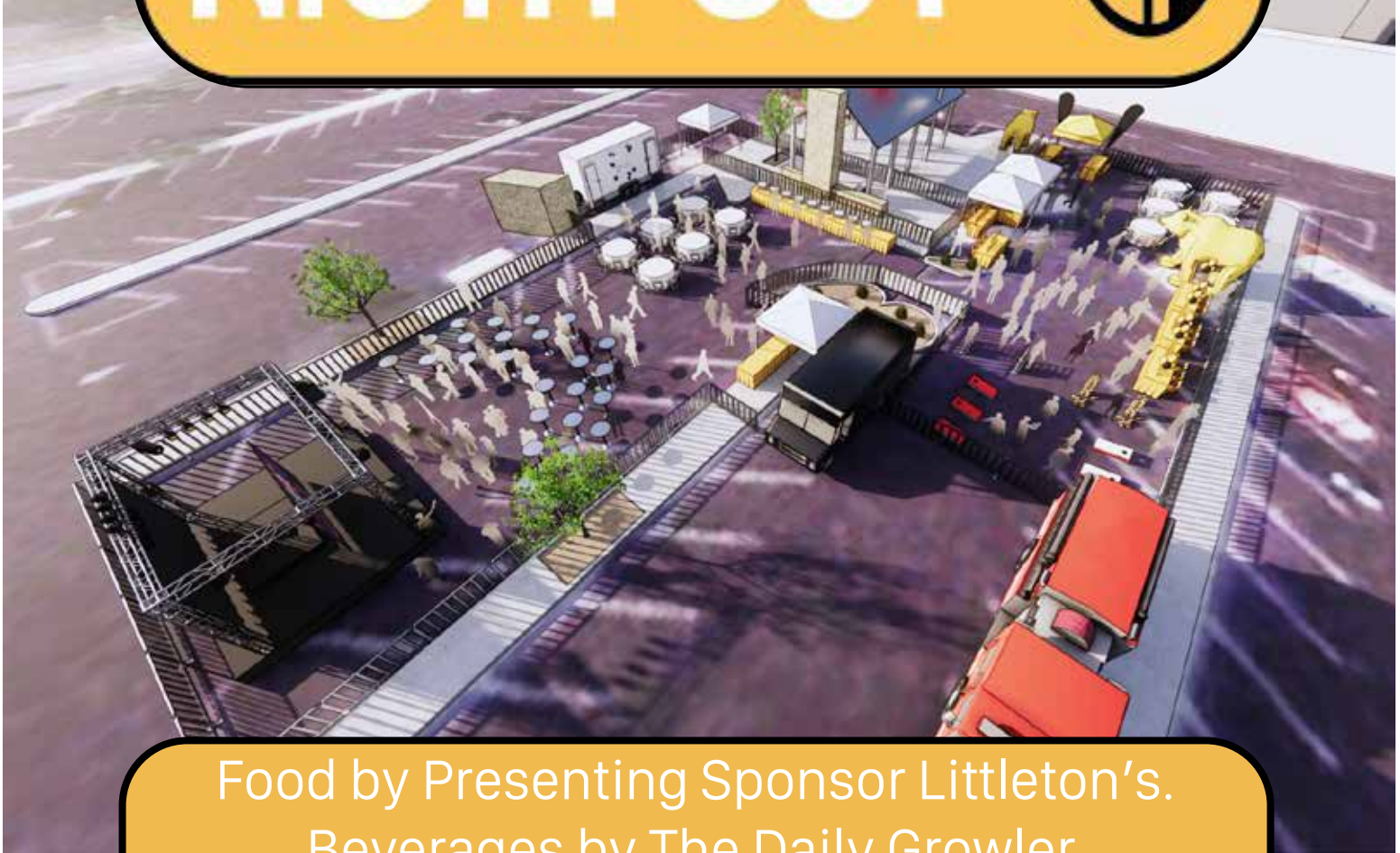
When:

Saturday, September 30, 2023
5 00 p.m. - 10 00 p.m.

Where:

Tremont Center Parking Lot

NEIGHBORS NIGHT OUT



Food by Presenting Sponsor Littleton's.
Beverages by The Daily Growler.
Treats by The Goodie Shop.
Music by Yachtopia.
Enjoy a fun night to meet your neighbors!

When:

Saturday, September 30, 2023

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Neighbors Night Out - it's UACA's newest event!
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2024 Community Relations Innovation Grant Program

Updated September 21, 2023

Timeline:

Applications Accepted	November 1, 2023-December 15, 2023
Review of Applications	Week of December 18
Grants Announced	January 25, 2024 CRC Meeting
Recipients Notified	January 26

Review/Judging Panel

City Manager

Community Affairs Director

3 members of CRC

Grant Application Process Management

- Suzanne Beach/Emma Speight
- Include year-end report reminder

CRC Outreach Assistance

- Share announcement and application with liaison groups
- Coordinate conversations with Staff to answer any questions

City Promotions

Call for Applications:

- Email to Network UA groups, past year recipients – November 1
- November/December UA Insight print newsletter: application dates, about grant
- City Insight e-news: begin early November
- Activity Link e-news: November 6, December 4
- City Website:
 - o For the Record Blog – early November call for applicants
 - o For the Record Blog – early December deadline reminder
- Social Media – boosted/targeted posts throughout application period
- CRC Website:
 - o Update with 2024 grant information & application form
 - o News post on homepage

Announcement of Recipients:

- CRC January 25 Meeting
- City Insight e-news – January 26
- UA Insight printed newsletter – March/April 2024

Community Relations Committee
Proposed 2024 Meeting Schedule
Updated September 21, 2023

Time: 4-6 pm

Location: Lower Level Meeting Room

Meeting Dates

Notes

Thursday, January 25

Tu BiShuvat (Jewish observance)

Thursday, February 22

SKIP MARCH MEETING – Spring Break, Ramadan

Thursday, April 25

Passover April 22-30 (Jewish observance)

Thursday, May 23

Vesak (Buddhist observance)
Pentecost (Orthodox Christian observance)

Thursday, June 27

Thursday, July 25

Thursday, August 22

Thursday, September 26

Thursday, October 24

Thursday, November 21

Third week due to Thanksgiving

2024 Programming CRC Participation Schedule

Updated September 21, 2023

CRC Welcome Series

Observance/Event	Date	Jason Sayat CRC Cheerleader/s
January – _____	_____	_____
February – Black History Month event		JP Dorval
March – _____	_____	_____
April – _____	_____	_____
May – St. Mark's Culture & Artisan Fair	May 4	_____
June – UA Pride	June 9	Elaine Alicea
July – _____	_____	_____
August – _____	_____	_____
September	_____	_____
- UACA Neighbors Night Out (date may change)		
- Or event tied to National Welcoming Week		
October – _____	_____	_____
November – _____	_____	_____
December – _____	_____	_____

Ideas/To Assign Months:

- UA History 101
- Police & Community Relations for New Residents/Immigrants
- Veterans appreciation event – either Memorial Day or Veterans Day

Potential Partner Entities:

- UA Community Foundation
- Equal UA
- Upper Arlington Library
- Upper Arlington Education Foundation
- Asian American Community Services
- Kiwanis Club of Northwest Columbus

CRC Programming

Event	Date	CRC Cheerleader/s
Black History Month - Coordinate community team planning - Develop CRC activity - Promotions assistance	February	JP Dorval
Iftar Dinner (Ramadan) - Develop/coordinate plans - Promotions assistance	March date TBD	Farida El Hennawy Hana Abdelbaki
Cherry Blossom Celebration - Develop/coordinate program with student AAPI group & AACS - Promotions assistance	Early April	Jason Sayat
St. Mark's Culture & Artisan Fair - Partnership with St. Marks - Event/planning coordination assistance - Develop/coordinate program/activities - Promotions assistance	May 4	_____
Pride Month Flag Raising - Develop/coordinate program/activities - Promotions assistance	Early June	Elaine Alicea
Juneteenth Flag Raising - Develop/coordinate program/activities - Promotions assistance	Mid June	JP Dorval
National Welcoming Week - Social media campaign based on daily themes - Proclamation at Council Meeting - Highlight new community members (tie to We Are UA Program)	Early September	_____

CRC Booth at Additional Community Events

Event

UA Performance Series: Party on the Plaza
UA Performance Series – Music at Miller
UA Performance Series – Arts on Arlington
Labor Day Arts Festival
UA Performance Series – Songwriter Social

Timeframe

Early June
Late June
Mid July
Monday September 2
October

Booth Activities/Materials

Review/update CRC handouts/materials

Quick quiz activity (similar to “What do you love?” “What would you change?”)

- Diversity quiz wheel
- Themed on specific work group project/activity
- Photo opp/backdrop
- Plinko

Use of banners, flags or other items that reflect a CRC member’s heritage

Candy

Welcome series promotion/giveaway

Other giveaway ideas?

CRC shirts for members - 2024

CRC nametags

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JANUARY

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1	New Year's Day	City offices closed, Monday, January 1	Federal holiday celebrating the first day of the year.
1-3	Upper Arlington Schools Winter Break		
9	Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (LEAD)		Annual celebration in support of law enforcement officers who have answered the call to public service.
14	Vasant Panchami - Hindu		A festival of North India that marks the initial preparations for Spring and is celebrated with the color yellow.
15	Makar Sakranti/Pongal - Hindu		A holiday dedicated to the sun god, Surya. The day also marks the sun transitioning into Capricorn.
15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	City offices closed	Federal holiday held on the third Monday of January, celebrating the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., an influential American civil rights leader.
24-25	Tu B'Shvat - Jewish		This day in the Hebrew calendar celebrates the "New Year for the Trees." It is a day about trees and planting them to make the land healthy and vibrant.

FEBRUARY

DATE	OBSERVANCE/HOLIDAY/NOTABLE EVENT	CITY HOLIDAYS	DETAIL
February	Black History Month		Month-long observance that honors the triumphs and struggles of African Americans throughout U.S. history.
6-7	Isra and Mi'raj - Muslim		Isra and Mi'raj references the "Miraculous Night Journey" of the Islamic prophet Muhammad. Muslims celebrate this night by offering prayers, or by illuminating cities with electric lights and candles.
14	Valentine's Day		An annual celebration of romantic love, friendship and admiration!
14	Ash Wednesday - Christian		Marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day "season" for repentance, fasting, reflection and celebration.
19	Presidents Day	City offices closed	Third Monday in February, honoring George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The day is sometimes understood as a celebration of the birthdays and lives of all U.S. presidents.

MARCH

DATE	OBSERVANCE/HOLIDAY/NOTABLE EVENT	CITY HOLIDAYS	DETAIL
March	Women's History Month		Month-long observance highlighting the contributions of women to events in history and society.
March	Irish-American Heritage Month		Month-long observance honoring the achievements of Irish immigrants and their descendants living in the U.S.
8	Maha Shivarati - Hindu		"The Great Night of Shiva" is the most significant event in India's spiritual calendar.
23-24	Purim - Jewish		Holiday to commemorate the saving of the Jewish people from Haman, as told in the Book of Esther. This day is celebrated by exchanging food and drinks, and partaking in a celebratory meal known as se'udat Purim.
8	International Women's Day		Celebrated as a focal point in the women's rights movement, bringing attention to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women.
10	Daylight Savings Time begins		Clocks "spring" forward one hour ahead of standard time for the warm weather months.
25	Holi - Festival of India		Popular ancient Indian festival, also known as the "Festival of Love," the "Festival of Colours" and the "Festival of Spring." The festival celebrates the eternal and divine love of Radha Krishna.
25-29	Upper Arlington Schools Spring Break		
17	St. Patrick's Day		A cultural and religious celebration commemorating St. Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and celebrating the heritage and culture of the Irish in general.
March 10-April 9	Ramadan - Islamic holy month		Holy month of fasting, introspection and prayer for Muslims, the followers of Islam. It is celebrated as the month during which Muhammad received the initial revelations of the Quran, the holy book for Muslims. The dates for Ramadan can vary across the globe, based on the sighting of the moon.
24	Palm Sunday - Christian		Recalls an event in the Christian Scripture (New Testament) of Jesus entering into Jerusalem and being greeted by people waving palm branches. Marks the first day of the Holy Week.
29	Good Friday - Christian		The Friday that comes before Easter Sunday in Christian religions.
31	Easter Sunday		One of the most important days for Christians, Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

APRIL

DATE	OBSERVANCE/HOLIDAY/NOTABLE EVENT	CITY HOLIDAYS	DETAIL
April	National Distracted Driving Awareness Month		A time to regroup and take responsibility for the choices we make when we're on the road.
April	Arab American Heritage Month		Month-long celebration of Arab American heritage and culture, paying tribute to the contributions of Arab Americans and Arabic-speaking Americans.

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1	April Fool's Day		Celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, though its origins are unclear. Traditions include playing practical jokes on others. Jokesters typically expose their actions by shouting "April Fools!"
6	Laylat al-Qadr - Muslim		Qadr Night or Laylat al-Qadr holds significance as a night in which angels descend to earth with a myriad of tasks, leading to a night of peace, blessings, and divine guidance (qadar) until the dawn.
7-13	National Library Week		Sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the U.S. each April, in celebration of the valuable role of libraries, librarians, and library workers.
9-10	Eid al-Fitr - Muslim		This religious holiday is celebrated by Muslims worldwide to mark the end of Ramadan.
13-14	Yom HaAtzmaut - Jewish		Commemorates the establishment of the modern state of Israel in 1948 and is celebrated with fireworks, barbecues, and public concerts.
14-20	National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week		A week honoring 911/dispatch personnel for their public service.
17	Rama Navami - Hindu		A celebration of the birth of Rama, the seventh avatar of the deity Vishnu.
21	Mahavira Jayanti - Jain		Celebrated to observe peace and harmony and spread the teachings of Mahavira. Jainism (an Indian religion, also known as Jain Dharma) lays focus on peace and harmony such that no/minimal harm is brought to living creatures.
22-30	Passover - Jewish		Celebration of the Jewish peoples' freedom from the pharaoh of Egypt over 3,000 years ago, known as the Exodus.
26	Arbor Day		Celebrated the last Friday in April in the U.S., Arbor Day is marked by the planting of trees and emphasizes their importance as a way to sustainably protect our planet's natural resources.

MAY

DATE	OBSERVANCE/HOLIDAY/NOTABLE EVENT	CITY HOLIDAYS	DETAIL
May	Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month		Month-long celebration of the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) in the U.S.
May	Jewish American Heritage Month		Month-long observance that recognizes the more than 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture.
May	National Bike Month		Promoted by the League of American Bicyclists, showcasing the benefits of bicycling.
May	Mental Health Awareness Month		Month-long observance to bring awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness, to celebrate recovery from mental health conditions and to help reduce the stigma around mental health.
May	National Pet Month		A time to celebrate all the benefits our furry friends bring to our lives.
May	Local History Month		Largely celebrated in the UK, Local History Month highlights, promotes and increases awareness of local history.
2	National Day of Prayer - Buddhist, Christian, Islamic, Jewish		An annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, this day invites people to pray for the Nation.
5	Cinco De Mayo		A remembrance of the Mexican army's May 5, 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. The day is also known as Battle of Puebla Day.
5	Easter Sunday - Orthodox Christian		Celebrated the Sunday after the first full moon after Passover.
6-10	Teacher Appreciation Week		Honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make in our lives.
12	Mother's Day		A day that celebrates and honors motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society.
12-18	National Police Week (includes Peace Officer Memorial Day)		National Police Week recognizes law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.
17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (LGBTQ+)		A day created to raise awareness to the discrimination experienced by members of the LGBTQIA community.
19	Pentecost - Orthodox Christian		Christian holiday which takes place on the 50th day after Easter Sunday to commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ.
19-25	National Public Works Week		A celebration and recognition of the importance of public works in our society!
19-25	EMS Week		EMS week honors those on the medical frontlines and the role they play in our communities.
23	Vesak - Buddhist		Considered the holiest day of the Buddhist calendar, celebrating the birth, enlightenment, and death of Siddhartha Gautama, or Buddha.
23	Pentecost - Orthodox Christian		Celebrated seven weeks after Easter Sunday, this day commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus, as described in the New Testament of the Christian Bible.
24	Upper Arlington Schools Summer Break Begins		
25-26	Lag BaOmer - Jewish		A Jewish religious holiday celebrated on the 33rd day of the Counting of the Omer.
27	Memorial Day	City offices closed	A federal holiday honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

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June	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month		Month-long celebration to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, New York and recognize the impact that LGBTQ individuals, organizations, and groups have had on history locally, nationally and internationally.
June	Caribbean-American Heritage Month		Month-long celebration of the generations of Caribbean Americans who have contributed to American society.
June	National Safety Month		The goal of Summer Safety Month is to increase public awareness of the leading safety and health risks that are increased in the summer months to decrease the number of injuries and deaths at homes and workplaces.
June	Great Outdoors Month		A month-long celebration of healthy and safe outdoor recreation.
June	African American Music Appreciation Month		Also known as Black Music Month, this month-long observance celebrates the African American musical influences that make up an essential part of our society.
11-13	Shavuot - Jewish		The "Feast of Weeks" is celebrated seven weeks after Passover. Its origins are found in an ancient grain harvest festival, but it is also identified with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.
16	Father's Day		A day that celebrates and honors fatherhood, paternal bonds, and fathers in society.
16-17	Eid al-Adha - Islamic		Honoring the tale of Prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son as an act of obedience to God, as described in the Quran.
19	Juneteenth	City offices closed	Federal holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the US, June 19, 1865.

JULY

DATE	OBSERVANCE/HOLIDAY/NOTABLE EVENT	CITY HOLIDAYS	DETAIL
July	National Parks & Recreation Month		Month-long celebration created by the National Recreation and Parks Association to highlight the contributions that the people parks and recreation provide and the ways they make our communities better!
4	Independence Day	City offices closed	A federal holiday celebrating the United States gaining independence from Great Britain on July 4, 1776.
July 6-August 5	Muharram - Muslim		One of four sacred months of the Islamic calendar. Muharram typically begins after the sighting of the new moon on the final day of the Islamic calendar.
7-8	Al-Hijra - Islamic New Year		Al-Hijra commemorates the journey the Prophet Muhammad made from Mecca to Medina to flee persecution and establish the first Islamic state.
16-17	Ashura - Muslim		As the first month of the Islamic calendar, this day is observed with fasting and meditation as it holds religious and historical significance for Muslims worldwide.
21	Asalha Puja - Buddhist		Also known as "Dharma Day," a celebration of new beginnings as it represents the day Buddha gave his first sermon.

AUGUST

DATE	OBSERVANCE/HOLIDAY/NOTABLE EVENT	CITY HOLIDAYS	DETAIL
1	National Night out		Annual community-building campaign promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.
14	Upper Arlington Schools First Day of New School Year		
19	Raksha Bandan - Hindu		Also known as Rakhi, this important Hindu festival is dedicated to brothers and sisters.
26	Krishna Janmashtani - Hindu		An annual Hindu festival celebrating the birth of Krishna.
26	National Dog Day		National Dog Day encourages dog ownership of all breeds. Whether mixed or purebred, all dogs deserve a happy, safe, and abuse-free life!
August 31-September 7	Paryushana - Jain		The most important Jain religious observance is a time of intensive study, reflection and purification.

SEPTEMBER

DATE	OBSERVANCE/HOLIDAY/NOTABLE EVENT	CITY HOLIDAYS	DETAIL
2	Labor Day	City offices closed	A federal holiday celebrating the contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity and wellbeing.
7	Ganesh Chaturthi - Hindu		A festival also known as "Vinayaka Chaturthi," celebrating the birth of the Hindu god Ganesh, an elephant-headed deity, known as the god of prosperity and wisdom.
8-17	National Welcoming Week		Through Welcoming Week, organizations and communities bring together neighbors of all backgrounds to build strong connections and affirm the importance of welcoming and inclusive places in achieving collective prosperity.
11	Patriot Day		Occurring on September 11th every year, this day is held in memory of the people killed in the September 11, 2001 tragedy.
11-12	Yom Kippur - Jewish		Day of fasting, repentance and worship, considered the holiest day in Judaism. Also known as the Day of Atonement, when Jewish communities reflect on the past year and ask God's forgiveness for any sins they have committed.
15-17	Milad an-Nabi (Mawlid) - Islamic		Celebrated as the birth of the Prophet Muhammad.

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September 15-October 15	National Hispanic Heritage Month		A month dedicated to the history, culture, and contributions of Americans whose ancestry can be traced to over 20 countries in Latin America, including Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

OCTOBER

DATE	OBSERVANCE/HOLIDAY/NOTABLE EVENT	CITY HOLIDAYS	DETAIL
October	National Disability Employment Awareness Month		Month-long observance honoring the contributions of American's workers with disabilities.
October	Domestic Violence Awareness Month		This month raises awareness about domestic violence and promotes healthy relationships.
October	Global Diversity Awareness Month		Month-long celebration of the positive impact a diverse culture of people can have on society as a whole.
2-4	Rosh Hashanah - Jewish Holiday		Rosh Hashanah marks the start of a new year in the Hebrew calendar.
23-25	Simchat Torah - Jewish		A celebration to mark the completion of the annual reading of this section of the Bible.
6-12	Fire Prevention Week		Commemorates the 1871 Great Chicago Fire, and is used as to teach communities about fire safety.
14	Indigenous People's Day		A day honoring Indigenous American people, their history and their cultures.
4	Mysore Dasara - Hindu		A 10-day festival commemorating a battle of good vs. evil, where the goddess Chamundeshwari defeats Mahishaura.
3-11	Navratri - Hindu		An annual festival honoring the goddess Durga.
19	Sweetest Day		A holiday to express love or appreciation toward everyone!
12	Dussehra (Vijayadasami) - Hindu		Dussehra celebrates the Hindu god Rama's victory over the demon king Ravana and the triumph of good over evil.
28	National Make a Difference Day		Community clean-up activities.
28	First Responders Day		On this day we honor our Nation's heroes who put their lives on the line every day.
31	Diwali - Hindu, Jain, Sikh		A festival of lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world, in celebration of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness.
October 31-November 2	Dia de los Muertos - Mexican & Aztec		A holiday widely observed in Mexico, where families welcome back the souls of their deceased relatives for not only a reunion, but a celebration.

NOVEMBER

DATE	OBSERVANCE/HOLIDAY/NOTABLE EVENT	CITY HOLIDAYS	DETAIL
3	Daylight Savings Time ends		A return to standard time, clocks "fall" back by one hour.
5	General Election Day		The annual day for general elections of federal public officials. Get out and VOTE!
8	World Town Planning Day		Celebrated in 30 countries on four continents each November, World Town Planning Day recognizes and promotes the role of planners and planning in creating healthy, prosperous communities.
11	Veterans Day	City offices closed	A federal holiday honoring military veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.
15	Kartik Purnima - Jain, Hindu, Sikh		A cultural festival celebrated on the 15th lunar day of the month of Kartika (November or December of the Gregorian calendar). It is also known as Tripurari Purnima or Deva-Deepawali, the gods' festival of lights.
27-29	Upper Arlington Schools Thanksgiving Break		
28	Thanksgiving Day	City offices closed	A federal holiday celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year.
29	Native American Heritage Day		Celebrated the day after Thanksgiving to recognize the cultures, accomplishments, contributions and heritage of American Indians.

DECEMBER

DATE	OBSERVANCE/HOLIDAY/NOTABLE EVENT	CITY HOLIDAYS	DETAIL
10	Human Rights Day		Commemorates the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
December 23-January 3	Upper Arlington Schools Winter Break		
24	Christmas Eve - Christian		The evening or entire day before Christmas Day, the festival commemorating the birth of Jesus.
25	Christmas Day - Christian	City offices closed	For two millennia, people around the world have been observing Christmas Day with traditions and practices that are both religious and secular in nature.
25-January 2	Chanuka/Hanukkah - Jewish		Celebrates the victory of the Maccabees over the larger Syrian army. The hanukiah (or hanukkah menorah) is a candle holder, an important Hanukkah symbol. It has nine branches. Traditionally, one candle is separated from the rest, usually by being higher than the other eight.
December 26-January 1	Kwanzaa		Celebrates African heritage, unity, and culture. Kwanzaa (/ˈkwɑːn.zə/) is an annual celebration of African-American culture, culminating in gift-giving and a feast of faith, called Karamu Ya Imani.
31	New Year's Eve		In the Gregorian calendar, New Year's Eve is the evening or the entire day of the last day of the year, 31 December. Start the Count Down!