



## STEVE SCHOENY & JACKIE THIEL MYTHBUSTERS: CITY OF UPPER ARLINGTON

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Jessica Grisez introduced the speakers, Steve Schoeny and Jackie Thiel.

Steve has served as Upper Arlington City Manager since September 30, 2019. He previously served as the Director of the City of Columbus' Department of Development, from the summer of 2013.

Jackie Thiel has served as UA's Assistant City Manager since 2021. She previously served in other positions with the City of UA for 8 years, including City Engineer and Public Services Director.

Steve and Jackie spoke on the topic of UA Myth Busters. Taking them in order:

First, were the blue bricks from the old Lazarus building at Kingsdale destroyed? No, they are being incorporated into the new Bob Crane Community Center. Also, the giant sycamore tree outside the Lazarus building has been turned into the reception desk at the Center.

Second, a trick question: how long has the City of UA coordinated the July 4th parade? The answer: never. The parade is a production of the Upper Arlington Civic Association. The UA Police and Fire Divisions do provide enormous assistance during the parade, and the City also handles necessary road closures. Jackie added that residents should be aware of the updated regulations relating to golf carts.

Third, how do potholes get fixed so quickly? Of course, no one ever thinks they are fixed quickly, but this question was a way to promote the Click to Fix app, which residents can use to notify the City of

potholes and similar repair needs.

Fourth, is Steve's DUPR rating higher than anyone else's in UA? Of course not. By the way, a DUPR rating has something to do with how good you are at pickleball.

Fifth, can you recycle plastic bags, tin foil, plastic wrap, plastic clam shells and styrofoam? No, no, no, no and no. If you try, that's just "wishcycling", not true recycling. But check the SWACO website for information on how to dispose of various items, including electronics, tires, paint cans and more.

Sixth, is there a Trader Joe's, Chick Fil-A and/or Scheetz coming to the corner of Lane Ave and North Star? No, no and no. Long story short, for various reasons, there is no way to make any of these deals work on that corner.

Seventh, is the City taking over West Henderson Road? A qualified maybe. The City has been leading discussions about the future of Henderson Road as part of the City's Envision Henderson program, and pretty much all residents have shared their vision of not liking the current version of that road. There are also talks with the City of Columbus about UA having a boundary adjustment to take part of Henderson Road that is not already in the City.

Eighth, is the podcast featuring the City Manager and City Attorney generating more hours of resident engagement than anything else the City does? This is debatable. A lot depends on how one looks at the data (and how much time does one want to spend looking at such data anyway). Steve argues for a strong "yes" answer to this question, but an audience member pointed out that such an answer is self-serving. Steve pointed out that his answer

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**GREETERS**

**June 18**  
Cameron Box  
Beau Taggart

**June 25**  
Steve Zid  
Bill Hosket

**July 2**  
N/A

**REGISTRATION DESK**

**June 18**  
Kevin Brown  
Brian Hall

**June 25**  
Ted Foster  
Brendan King

**July 2**  
Rick Barth  
Tom Westfall

**CALENDAR**

**June 18 - Scioto CC/Zoom**  
Andy Livingston  
“Message from the President”

**June 25 - Scioto CC/Zoom**  
Changing of the Guard  
Host: John Krauss

**July 2 - Scioto CC/Zoom**  
TBA

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**JUNE 18TH**  
Scioto Country Club/Zoom

Upper Arlington  
**Rotary**  
Club



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still could be true. On a less contentious note: Kip Greenhill will be the special guest on the 50th episode of the podcast, coming up in July.

Ninth, what will be the cost of a membership at the new Community Center? The City decided to make this as simple as possible: residents will pay \$35/month for the first member of a household, and an additional \$22/month for any other members of the same household. (Your editor wishes he had posed a question about how exactly to define “household”,

just to drive the speakers crazy.) Nonresidents will pay approximately double the resident rate. The Center is anticipated to open in April or May of 2025, with memberships anticipated to go on offer before the 2024 holidays.

Tenth and finally, is Jackie the only woman to serve at UA’s City Engineer? No, because the current City Engineer is Carla Odebralski.

### THE MEETING



**Andy Livingston** opened the meeting, which was held in person at Scioto Country Club and also via Zoom.

**Glen Dugger** provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Jeff Trotier** was a guest of **Don Trotier**.

**Eve Petricoff** was a guest of **Jessica Grisez**.

### NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**Don Trotier** announced that, having joined the Club in 1980, he needs to resign due to his duties at home and his need to focus on caring for his wife. Don recounted some of the many charitable projects that the Club took on during his period of membership.

**Andy Livingston** described these grants approved by the Club’s board at its meeting the previous evening: \$5,000 for Festa Summer Lunch Camp; \$5,000 to Kirk Horn Music Camp; \$5,000 directly to a physician working in Ukraine, for medical supplies; and \$3,500 for the Beartique Free Store at Upper Arlington High School. Andy noted that the total of \$18,500 in grants was made possible in part by the increase in the annual charitable contribution from members from \$250 to \$365.

Andy also thanked **Milt Lustnauer** for his work in organizing the recent Club social dinner at SOW Plated.



### SORTING OUT WHERE TO CONTRIBUTE

Where do your contributions go? There are three main organizations where we as Upper Arlington Rotarians direct our Rotary giving. Sometimes it can be confusing, so here is something to hopefully help keep things straight.

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