

THE UPDATE

THE LATEST IN UNIVERSITY PARK
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STORM SMARTS

Heavy rains are hitting harder — and more often. With flash flooding on the rise across the region, University Park is exploring smarter stormwater solutions to help keep our homes, streets, and shared spaces safe.

Every resident can make a difference. Simple steps like planting native species, swapping out your downspouts, or installing a rain barrel can reduce runoff and give rainwater a place to go. Want to do more? Consider replacing concrete with permeable pavers, or creating a rain garden in your yard.

[Prince George's County has reinstated its Rain Check Rebate Program](#), making it easier than ever to install low-impact stormwater tools like rain barrels, rain gardens, permeable pavement, and tree canopy enhancements — and get reimbursed.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - AUGUST 5

Since its founding in 1984, National Night Out has grown into a nationwide movement dedicated to building stronger relationships between communities and local law enforcement. What began with neighbors simply turning on porch lights and sitting outside has evolved into a vibrant annual tradition that now spans all 50 states.

Here in University Park, our Police Department is proud to continue that tradition! Next Tuesday evening, we'll gather on the Town Field (6520 Queens Chapel Road) for National Night Out — not just for free Rita's and fun activities (though there will be plenty of both!) but to connect with one another, talk about what safety means in our community, and celebrate the power of knowing your neighbors.

In a world that often feels disconnected, events like National Night Out remind us that community is one of our greatest assets. So bring the kids, meet the officers who serve University Park, and stay for the laughter, learning, and connection.

UPPD will have a little something for everyone - a 360 camera, cameos from some crime-fighting pups, balloon animals, and more! Mark your calendar and plan to join us for one of the most meaningful (and fun!) evenings of the summer.



WSSC AMNESTY

If your water bill is overdue, consider the WSSC Get Current program.

[Get started by checking your eligibility on WSSC's page.](#)



GET INVOLVED!

University Park runs best when neighbors pitch in - and we'd love to have you join us!

Whether you're interested in planning events, supporting sustainability efforts, or weighing in on local decisions, there's a place for you here. Your time and talent can make a real difference in our community.

[Email townhall@upmd.org](mailto:townhall@upmd.org) to learn more!

SHADE & SUSTAINABILITY: UP TREES

University Park is known for its winding streets, charming homes, and its lush, shady tree canopy. But maintaining that canopy takes intention. With climate change bringing hotter summers storms of ever-increasing intensity, our trees are more important -and more vulnerable-than ever.

A robust tree canopy helps cool our neighborhoods by as much as 10–15 degrees, reduces stormwater runoff, improves air quality, and supports local wildlife (including our pollinator friends). The benefits go beyond environmental: studies show that tree-lined streets promote calmer traffic and stronger community bonds.

That's why the Town offers a Tree Reimbursement Program — residents can be reimbursed up to \$300 per year for planting qualifying shade trees on their property. Whether you're replacing a lost tree or planting something new for future generations, it's a meaningful way to invest in both your property and the health of the community. [Learn more here.](#)

The next time you're enjoying a shady walk under the oaks, remember: Our tree canopy doesn't grow overnight — but together, we can help it thrive.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**AUG
5**

[National
Night Out](#)

**AUG
16**

[Meadow
Restoration](#)

**AUG
23**

[Ivy
League](#)