

# THE UPDATE

THE LATEST IN UNIVERSITY PARK  
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## THANK YOU, UPPD!

A huge thank you to the University Park Police Department for organizing such a fantastic National Night Out! It was wonderful to see so many community members come together to enjoy a night filled with fun, laughter, and connection. The Paw Patrol characters were a hit with the kids, and everyone had an absolute blast!

We're so grateful for the Police Department's ongoing commitment to building stronger community relationships, and we're already looking forward to more exciting events like this in the future. Thank you for making National Night Out such a memorable and engaging experience for all!



## UNIVERSITY PARK WELCOMES CARRINA BUCKNOR, TOWN TREASURER

We are excited to introduce Carrina Bucknor as the new Town Treasurer for University Park. With over 15 years of experience in financial management, grant oversight, and public sector accounting, Carrina brings a wealth of knowledge and a strong commitment to transparency, efficiency, and community impact.



Prior to joining the Town, Carrina served as the Director of Finance at Arundel Community Development Services, where she led budgeting and compliance for various federal, state, and local grant programs. Her passion for helping organizations operate with financial integrity and long-term sustainability aligns perfectly with the Town's goals for fiscal responsibility and growth.

A College Park native, Carrina now resides in Laurel, MD, with her husband and four children. Outside of her professional life, she enjoys spending quality time with her family and friends, as well as organizing, decorating, and event planning. Carrina is eager to bring her skills to University Park and looks forward to connecting with our residents in meaningful ways as she settles into her new role.



[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.

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

In case of an emergency, knowing who to call makes all the difference.

Here are some key contacts to keep handy:

University Park Police: Call Prince George's County dispatch, see below

PG County Non-Emergency: 301-352-1200

Animal Control (PG County): 301-780-7200

Pepco (Outages/Emergencies): 1-877-737-2662

Washington Gas (Emergency):\* 844-WASHGAS (844-927-4427)

WSSC Water (Water & Sewer Issues): 301-206-4002

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\*Washington Gas is updating its call center hours starting 9/1/25. M-F, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Self-service options are available via: Automated Line: (703) 750-7944, Mobile App, Online Portal, or via automated web Chatbot.



### BE PREPARED FOR SEVERE WEATHER

After last week's back-to-back storms, many residents saw firsthand how essential stormwater management is in protecting our homes and neighborhoods. As the weather grows more unpredictable, it's crucial for all of us to take proactive steps to ensure we're ready when severe weather strikes.

First, remember that keeping storm drains clear of debris is one of the easiest ways to prevent flooding in our streets and around your property. Residents should regularly check the drains near their homes, removing leaves, branches, or trash that could block water flow. When drains are clear, rainwater can flow freely, reducing the risk of standing water or property damage.

Additionally, consider taking steps to protect your property. Simple measures like securing outdoor furniture and checking your roof for loose shingles can prevent damage during heavy winds. You might also want to install sump pumps in basements or low-lying areas and ensure that gutters and downspouts are in good condition. Elevating critical utilities, such as electrical panels or HVAC systems, can also safeguard your home from water damage in flood-prone areas.

Finally, make sure you have an emergency kit on hand. Stock it with essentials like water, non-perishable food, flashlights, batteries, and a first-aid kit. Keep this kit in a safe, easily accessible place so you're ready to act quickly if the power goes out or flooding becomes a threat.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**AUG  
16**

Meadow  
Restoration

**AUG  
23**

Ivy  
League

