

THE UPDATE

THE LATEST IN UNIVERSITY PARK
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REMINDERS FOR OUR PET COMMUNITY

Have you heard of **HELPING PAWS**? It's an all-volunteer committee run by University Park residents dedicated to sharing pet care resources, supporting lost-and-found efforts, and promoting responsible pet ownership.

Lost or found a pet?

Use the [UP Pet Database](#) to help reunite furry friends with their families. This resource is exclusive to University Park residents and is only visible to committee members, ensuring privacy and swift assistance

Want to help or reach out? Email UPHelpingPaws@gmail.com for inquiries and to learn how you can get involved.

And please remember:

- Keep pets on the right-of-way and off private lawns—let's respect our neighbors' spaces.
- Always clean up after your pets and dispose of waste in appropriate trash receptacles.
- Register your pet for the [UP Pet Database!](#)



KEEPING PETS SAFE IN THE HEAT

With summer temperatures rising, it's essential to take steps to protect our beloved animals from heat and weather-related dangers. Here's what every pet owner in University Park should keep in mind—based on Prince George's County regulations and best practices:

- Know the law on heat and cold exposure
 - It is illegal to leave any domestic animal outdoors when the heat index reaches 90°F or higher
- **Keeping pets indoors is always the safest choice**—especially during extreme heat or cold.
- Keep cats and vulnerable pets indoors whenever possible
- Protect paws and avoid heat traps
 - Pavement and asphalt surfaces can burn sensitive paw pads quickly in hot weather.
 - Be sure to walk pets early or late in the day.
- Spot signs of heat stress!
 - Warning signs include: Excessive panting, difficulty breathing, elevated heart or respiratory rate.
 - Consult a veterinarian if you see these signs of heat stress in your pet.
- For more information, consult your veterinarian or the [Prince George's County Animal Control website.](#)



HOW TO GET INVOLVED!

Town Council Meeting Monday, August 18, 7:30 PM

The next Town Council meeting will be held in the Town Hall conference room and conducted in a hybrid format. Members of the public may join virtually using the Zoom link provided on the meeting agenda. Stay informed and engaged by tuning in to the discussion of current Town projects, policies, and community updates.

Ivy League Work Day Saturday, July 26, 9–11 AM

Join the Ivy League crew at the Veterans Memorial (intersection of Wells Run and Claggett) to help remove invasive plant species along Wells Run. This volunteer effort keeps our green spaces healthy and beautiful. Wear sturdy shoes, bring gloves if you have them, and enjoy a morning of hands-on environmental stewardship.



POWER OUTAGES: STAY SAFE & COOL

Summer storms and extreme heat can sometimes lead to extended power outages. Losing electricity in hot weather isn't just inconvenient—it can be dangerous, especially for young children, older adults, and pets. Taking a few steps now can make all the difference if the lights go out.

Before an outage, assemble an emergency kit with flashlights, extra batteries, bottled water, and non-perishable food that doesn't require cooking. If you rely on electric-powered medical equipment, talk to your healthcare provider about backup options or make arrangements to use a facility with power. Keep your cell phone and portable chargers fully charged when severe weather is in the forecast.

During an outage, keep cool by staying in the lowest level of your home, wearing lightweight clothing, and using battery-operated fans. Avoid opening refrigerators and freezers to keep food cold for as long as possible. If your home becomes too hot, know where the nearest County cooling centers are located, or make arrangements to stay with friends or family. Always check in on neighbors who might need extra help.

When the power returns, be cautious about food safety—discard any perishable items that have been above 40°F for more than two hours. Reset any electronic clocks and re-plug devices once the system has stabilized. With a little preparation, you can keep your household safe, healthy, and comfortable—even when the AC is out of commission.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

AUG
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Meadow
Restoration

AUG
18

Town Council
Meeting

AUG
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Ivy
League