

THE UPDATE

THE LATEST IN UNIVERSITY PARK
AUGUST 29, 2025

MOTH NIGHT: SAT, 9/13 8:30-10

Our Town meadow doesn't just provide beauty and pollinator habitat - it also helps with stormwater management! Native plants like milkweed, coneflower, and goldenrod have deep root systems that absorb water and reduce runoff, making them powerful natural allies in flood prevention.

Celebrate the benefits of our native meadow and the many pollinator species it attracts at Moth Night on Saturday, September 13, 8:30–10 PM.

Bring a flashlight and curiosity as we discover the biodiversity that thrives right here at home. All ages welcome! Rain date: Sept 14.

Hosted by UP Sustainability. [Follow them on Facebook](#) for more information and events!



FLOODING, STORMWATER ISSUES CONTINUE TO IMPACT TOWN OF UP

Heavy rains this summer have been a reminder that stormwater management is one of the most pressing issues facing our community. University Park is continuing to work closely with Prince George's County to strengthen infrastructure and mitigate flooding risks in vulnerable areas.

Mayor Laurie Morrissey emphasizes the importance of this work in [September's Town Newsletter](#) (hitting your mailbox soon!). Stormwater management is a significant long-term challenge for the Town, and our Mayor and Council are committed to practical, collaborative solutions that protect our residents and preserve the health of our watershed.



Did you know...

YOU can play a role in reducing runoff and protecting local waterways? Here are some ideas:

- Maintain rain gardens and native landscaping to absorb stormwater and prevent erosion.
- Install a rain barrel and take advantage of the [Prince George's County & Chesapeake Bay Trust's Rain Check Rebate Program](#).
- Clear storm drains near your property to keep them free of leaves and debris.
- Report water issues such as dripping hydrants, main breaks, and blocked sewers to WSSC via their app, [email](#), or 301-206-4002.



This Labor Day, University Park extends heartfelt thanks to all of the hardworking individuals who keep our town running smoothly.



From our teachers and school staff to Public Works crews, Police Officers, crossing guards, bus drivers, and administrative staff, your dedication ensures our community stays safe, supported, and thriving.

Your work makes University Park a stronger, more connected place for everyone, and we are grateful.

Thank you for all that you do, today and every day!



HAPPY LABOR DAY, HAPPY FALL!

As summer winds down and the school year gets underway, the Town of University Park wishes everyone a happy Labor Day weekend! We hope students, parents, and caregivers enjoyed their first week back at school and are settling into new routines with ease. We're thankful that our community continues to look out for one another, especially at stop signs and crosswalks during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.

Please note that Town offices will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 1. Normal compost and yard waste collection will instead be picked up on Wednesday.

This is also the perfect moment to celebrate the arrival of fall - a season of change, community, and reflection. We're grateful for the residents, service providers, and volunteers who make University Park a safe, welcoming, and vibrant place to live. From walking the kids to school, caring for neighbors, tending your gardens, or simply enjoying the cooler weather, every small action strengthens our community.

From all of us at the Town, have a safe, restful, and happy Labor Day weekend!

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Labor Day:
Office
Closed

**SEPT
2**

Council
Meeting

**SEPT
3**

Yard Waste/
Compost Pick-Up