

# THE UPDATE

**THE LATEST IN UNIVERSITY PARK  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2025**

## **UP SERVICE DAY OCTOBER 25!**

Something BIG is coming to University Park!

Save the date and sign up today!



## **STAYING STORM-READY**

### **September is National Preparedness Month.**

Even in a quiet hurricane season, severe weather can strike - sometimes suddenly.

Pepco urges residents to prepare now by keeping contact information up to date, assembling a 72-hour emergency kit, and downloading the Pepco app to report and track outages in real time. You can also sign up for text alerts by sending "Add Outage" to 48710.

[Visit PEPCO for more storm prep resources and safety tips.](#)

## **ARTS IN THE PARK RETURNS! CREATIVITY AND COMMUNITY**

University Park's much-loved Arts in the Park event is right around the corner, and this year promises to be a wonderful celebration of creativity and community spirit. With the registration deadline coming up this Saturday, now is the perfect time to sign up and secure your place at the festival.

As of this week, twelve artists have already registered, showcasing an impressive range of mediums including oil and acrylic paintings, watercolors, pen and ink drawings, mosaics, photography, stained glass, printmaking, digital art, and pottery. Visitors will have the unique opportunity to explore original works while also witnessing the creative process firsthand as the artists' work on-site.

There will be free artist demonstrations in stained glass, pottery and stenciling with acrylics," shared Dick Groppe, event organizer. "There is a free hands-on workshop throughout the event called Tiny Arts for young people to paint miniature canvases or Gelli prints. Finally, we are planning to have face painting available throughout the event as well."

And of course, no festival is complete without good food. A local BBQ food truck will be stationed on Queens Chapel during the event, making it easy to enjoy lunch while taking in the sights and sounds. With art, activities, and community fun for all ages, this year's Arts in the Park is shaping up to be one to remember.



### CARING FOR YOUR TREES

Keep your trees strong and thriving with these quick tips:

- Water deeply during dry spells. A slow soak at the base encourages deep root growth.
- Mulch wisely. Use a 2–3 inch layer, but keep it away from the trunk to prevent rot.
- Prune carefully. Remove dead or damaged branches, but avoid heavy pruning in late summer.
- Check for pests and disease. Early detection can prevent long-term damage.
- Protect roots. Avoid piling soil or heavy equipment near the base of the tree.
- Mind young trees. Newly planted trees need extra care in their first 2–3 years.
- Call before you dig. Protect roots and underground utilities by checking first.



### CELEBRATING OUR UP TREE CANOPY

One of the defining features of University Park is its lush, green canopy. The Town takes its trees seriously—so seriously, in fact, that there is a dedicated Tree Ordinance designed to preserve, protect, and enhance our urban forest. Trees don't just add beauty and shade—they improve air quality, reduce stormwater runoff, increase property values, and provide essential habitat for birds and wildlife.

To help residents care for and sustain our tree canopy, the Town provides several valuable programs. If you are planning to remove or plant a tree in your yard, you may need a Tree Permit. This process ensures that our canopy remains healthy and that removals are balanced with new plantings. The permit is straightforward and can be accessed through the Town's website.

In addition, University Park offers a Tree Reimbursement Program to encourage residents to plant and care for trees on their property. This program helps cover part of the cost of planting, making it easier for households to participate in protecting the Town's leafy character for future generations.

When we take care of our trees—through careful maintenance, thoughtful planting, and following the Town's guidelines—we contribute to the lasting health and beauty of University Park. Together, we can ensure that our community remains a green and welcoming place for all.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**SEPT  
19**

Register for  
Arts in the  
Park

**SEPT  
27**

Ivy League

**SEPT  
27**

Arts in  
the Park