

THE UPDATE

**THE LATEST IN UNIVERSITY PARK
OCTOBER 24, 2025**

NEW TREES FOR UP!

Tomorrow during UP Service Day, and continuing into next week, volunteers and planting crews will be planting over 50 new trees throughout University Park. These trees will be placed in and around our parks, along streets, and in other community green spaces.

A mix of species is being planted to strengthen the Town's urban canopy and promote resilience. These new additions will help keep our Town shady, healthy, and beautiful.

Thank you to everyone lending a hand (and a shovel)!



GROWING GREENER: UP MEADOW EARNS \$10,000 SUSTAINABILITY GRANT

This week, Mayor Laurie Morrissey, on behalf of the Town of University Park, accepted a 2025 Sustainable Communities Environmental Stewardship Grant funded by Pepco, awarding \$10,000 toward the project Enhancing and Preserving University Park's Community Meadow.

The grant recognizes the Town's ongoing work to promote biodiversity and preserve its cherished green spaces. Led by the Sustainability Committee (including members Deborah Markenson, Mary Sue Twohey, Holly Halifax, and Kimberly Nugent) the Town's application stood out for its thoughtful narrative and strong, actionable plan. Their collaboration and commitment exemplify the community spirit that drives University Park's environmental initiatives.

The project will focus on improving habitat health, supporting pollinators, and enhancing public access and enjoyment of the Meadow. As part of the Sustainable Communities program, UP's efforts align with Pepco's broader goal to empower local jurisdictions in building resilient, environmentally conscious neighborhoods.

This achievement not only highlights the Town's forward-thinking approach but also reinforces a long-held value among residents: protecting the green heart of University Park for years to come.

SAFE & FUN HALLOWEEN IN UNIVERSITY PARK

Ghosts, goblins, and giggles will fill our streets on Thursday, October 31, as trick-or-treating runs from 6:00–8:30 p.m. Please keep an eye out for young costumed travelers and note several temporary road closures throughout Town (see sidebar for details).

Residents are encouraged to turn on porch lights to welcome trick-or-treaters and help make the night bright and safe. Drivers, please slow down and stay alert—especially near crosswalks and intersections. Parents and guardians can add reflective tape to costumes or hand out glow sticks to keep little ones visible after dark.

Whether you're haunting the sidewalks, handing out candy, or admiring the creative decorations that light up our Town, let's make it another fun, safe, and memorable Halloween in University Park!

SERVICE DAY & DRUG TAKE-BACK SAT 10/25

Saturday, October 25 is shaping up to be a busy day in UP! From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., volunteers will be out across Town participating in Service Day, working on beautification and community projects. Please drive carefully and watch for participants along streets and curbsides. Expect additional parking along Beechwood Road between Adelphi Road and Wells Parkway. Plan ahead for limited space and possible minor delays while the work is underway.

Meanwhile, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the University Park Police Department will take part in National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. Residents can bring unwanted or expired medications to 6724 Baltimore Avenue for safe, environmentally responsible disposal. These events reflect the best of UP: neighbors pitching in, caring for our community, and keeping our Town both healthy and beautiful.

HALLOWEEN: TOWN ROAD CLOSURES

- College Heights & Wells Parkway
- College Heights & Underwood St
- Wells Parkway & Van Buren St
- Wells Parkway & College Heights Dr
- Wells Pwky:
Van Buren to Chansory

- 44th Avenue:
Van Buren to Underwood
- Clagett Rd:
Clagett Pineway to College Heights Dr
- Woodberry:
College Heights Dr to Wells Pkwy



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:



OCT 25

UP Service Day &
DEA Drug Take Back

OCT 31

Halloween