

THE UPDATE

**THE LATEST IN UNIVERSITY PARK
NOVEMBER 14, 2025**

TRAFFIC STUDY CONCEPTS NOW POSTED

Contractor A. Morton Thomas has released a set of traffic study concepts for University Park, [now posted on the Town website](#). These are conceptual drafts only and are intended to help the Town discuss possible approaches to future traffic flow, safety, and travel considerations.

The [Town's Police, Traffic, and Public Safety Committee](#) encourages all residents to review the concepts.

Feedback will be compiled and discussed at a future committee meeting, with the possibility of a public hearing.

Resident experience and concerns will help shape whatever final/hybrid option is eventually reached. You can [review the concepts](#) and more, now available on the [Town website](#).



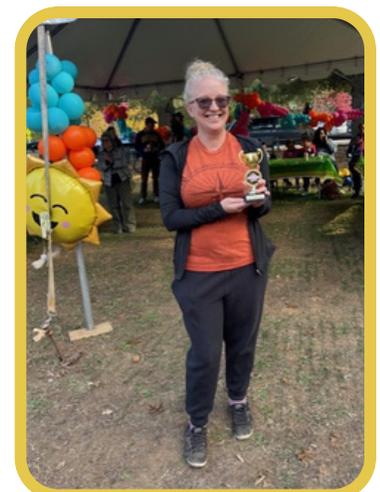
COOK-OFF BRINGS HEAT & HEART TO UP

University Park neighbors warmed up a chilly weekend with the annual Chili Cook-Off, a friendly, low-key competition that brought together home cooks, curious tasters, and bowls full of our Town's community spirit!

Residents sampled a broad range of chilis, from classic beef-and-bean recipes to vegan, green, and smoky varieties. Judges and casual tasters alike noted that the real fun of the afternoon wasn't the competition but the laughter, tasting, and shared recipes that always follow. For some neighbors, the event is becoming a fall tradition; for others, it was their first time and a reminder of how much community life thrives when people gather around food.

The cook-off was organized by the University Park Civic Association, led by resident volunteer Dawn Nichols.

We wish a hearty congratulations to all of the winners! And thank you to everyone who cooked, tasted, or simply stopped by to cheer on the fun. If you attended and want to share your recipe or photos, or post additional community events in a future UPdate, please [email Amy](#) in the Town Hall office.



TWO WAYS TO STEWARD OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT: IVY LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS & MEADOW SEED COLLECTION

QUICK DETAILS: POLLINATOR MEADOW SEED COLLECTION – NOV 15

Join neighbors this Saturday at the University Park Pollinator Meadow!

Volunteers will collect native seeds for use at regional Seed Swaps and help re-sow the meadow to support our pollinators.

Bring gloves or pruners if you have them (optional), wear sturdy shoes and long sleeves, and feel free to just show up. All ages and experience levels are encouraged to participate.

Rain date:
Sun, Nov 16, 10a-12p

University Park's environmental groups are closing out the season with two hands-on opportunities for neighbors to care for our shared green spaces.

First up is the UP Pollinator Meadow Seed Collection Day, hosted by the UP Sustainability Committee. Join Members and fellow volunteers on Saturday, November 15, from 10 AM–12 PM to collect native seeds for use at regional January Seed Swaps and to help re-sow the meadow. Located across from the Hyattsville Library and Recreation Center on Adelphi Road, the meadow offers a beautiful backdrop for learning about native plants and strengthening our region's pollinator corridor.

The following week, the Tree Committee invites residents to join their next Ivy League volunteer morning on Friday, November 22, from 10 AM to noon. Volunteers help remove invasive English ivy from trees throughout Town—a simple but crucial task that supports tree health and long-term canopy resilience.

For both activities, participants are encouraged to bring garden gloves or small pruners if they have them, though supplies will be provided. Long sleeves and sturdy shoes are recommended. All ages and experience levels are welcome, making this an easy, family-friendly way to explore local ecology.

Whether collecting native seeds or freeing our trees from ivy, these November opportunities connect neighbors with the hands-on work of environmental stewardship. Every hour spent in our shared green spaces supports biodiversity, strengthens our ecosystem, and deepens our collective care for the landscape we call home.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

NOV 15

[Meadow Seed Collection](#)

NOV 17

[Town Council Meeting](#)

NOV 22

[Ivy League Clean-Up](#)