

THE LATEST IN UNIVERSITY PARK  
JAN 16, 2026

## TRAFFIC SAFETY: AT A GLANCE

### Already in Place:

- Townwide speed limit reduced to 20 MPH (Safe Routes to School)
- Targeted traffic enforcement by UPPD
- Stop sign cameras planned (warnings first, then citations)

### Under Consideration:

- Speed bumps and traffic diverters
- No-entry signage and enforcement
- Street design changes to naturally slow traffic

### Get Informed:

- [PTPS Committee page](#)
- [Traffic Studies & Data](#)

### See a Problem?

- [Report traffic concerns online](#)
- Contact UPPD with questions or feedback on enforcement

Together, we can all keep our Town moving safely and smoothly!

## TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATES

For more than a year, the Town Council's Committee on Police, Traffic, and Public Safety (PTPS) has been working to address persistent traffic concerns across University Park, including speeding, stop sign violations, and unsafe cut-through traffic. These issues affect every ward and have become more pronounced in recent years as non-resident traffic increasingly uses neighborhood streets as shortcuts.



The Town's goal is to keep University Park safe and walkable for everyone: pedestrians, cyclists, children, older adults, and people using mobility aids. While many residents are eager for solutions, the Council is taking a careful, data-driven approach. This process is still in its early stages, and no final decisions have been made.

PTPS is currently reviewing a range of traffic-calming options discussed at recent committee meetings, including speed bumps, traffic diverters, no-entry signage, and enforcement tools. With recent community feedback, the committee expects to spend another one or two meetings narrowing these options into realistic scenarios, followed by an informational meeting for residents. If all goes as planned, the first recommended traffic measures could be implemented in the first half of 2026.

Residents who want to follow the process closely can find meeting agendas, videos, and traffic study materials on the Town website, and are encouraged to sign up for email notifications about upcoming PTPS meetings.



## WINTER WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

### Protect yourself from the cold

- Dress in layers, wear hats and gloves, and limit time outdoors
- Check on older adults, neighbors, and anyone with health conditions
- Bring pets indoors during extreme cold

### Stay safe at home

- Use space heaters carefully - keep them away from flammable items
- Never use grills, generators, or ovens indoors
- Install and maintain working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

### Travel with caution

- Avoid driving during severe weather if possible
- Keep an emergency kit in your car (blanket, flashlight, water)
- Slow down and watch for icy bridges and intersections

### Power outages

- Have flashlights ready (avoid candles)
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible
- Know how to safely report issues to your utility provider

## WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS: STAY SAFE, STAY READY, STAY WARM!



Winter weather can arrive quickly and affect travel, utilities, and daily routines. Taking a few simple steps now can help keep you and your household safe when snow, ice, or extreme cold hit our area.

Residents are encouraged to prepare emergency supplies in advance, including flashlights, batteries, medications, and shelf-stable food. Make sure phones and backup batteries are charged, and keep blankets and warm clothing easily accessible in case of power outages.

When winter storms are forecast, limit travel when possible and allow extra time if you must be on the road. Icy sidewalks, driveways, and steps pose a significant risk for slips and falls, so please clear snow promptly and use ice melt as needed to help keep walkways passable for everyone.

The Town will continue to share updates as conditions warrant. For real-time alerts, [sign up for Nixle notifications](#) (UPPD) and monitor trusted local weather sources for official guidance.



PEPCO: Text OUT to 48710 or [report online](#)

Washington Gas: 844-WASHGAS

[WSSC](#): 301-206-4002 or report via app

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**JAN  
19**

Holiday:  
Town Hall  
Closed

**JAN  
20**

[Town Council  
Meeting](#)

**JAN  
22**

[Public  
Facilities  
Meeting](#)