

THE UPDATE

**THE LATEST IN UNIVERSITY PARK
FEBRUARY 13, 2026**

REMINDER: HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, February 15, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Yard Waste and Compost pick up will shift to **Wednesday, Feb 18**.



SAVE THE DATE: UP WOMAN'S CLUB MARCH MEETING

The UP Woman's Club will hold its next meeting on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at University Christian Church (Adelphi & Belcrest Roads).

Guest speaker Kathryn Lamb, Director of Communications for the Maryland Transit Administration, will provide updates on the Purple Line project, now more than 87% complete, with time for Q&A.

Learn more at purplelinemd.com or upwomensclub.org.

THE PENNY PROJECT RETURNS – HOSTED BY UP WOMAN'S CLUB

The University Park Woman's Club invites neighbors to take part in its annual Penny Project on Tuesday, March 17. This beloved community tradition turns spare change into meaningful support for Hospice of the Chesapeake, which provides compassionate end-of-life care to families in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

Participating is simple: gather pennies from jars, drawers, cars, or couch cushions and drop them in the empty flower pot at **6832 Pineway** from **10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** on **March 17**.

What feels small individually becomes powerful collectively. Over the years, our town's loose change has added up to real impact for families navigating difficult moments.

The University Park Woman's Club has a long tradition of service, civic engagement, and community support - from local scholarships to charitable initiatives like this one. The Penny Project is one more example of neighbors coming together in a simple, tangible way to care for others.

The members of the Woman's Club and all impacted by these programs are grateful for your participation.



AFTER THE MELT - A QUICK POST-SNOW CHECK FOR YOUR HOME



The milder temperatures this week and next should finally take care of most of the lingering snow and ice. As things thaw, it's a great time to take a walk around your property to check for winter wear and tear. Think of it as showing your home a little Valentine's love!

Make sure you're not ignoring any of these red flags:

✓ Gutters & Downspouts

Make sure they're clear of ice debris and properly reattached. Snow weight can pull them loose (and *nobody* wants a dramatic breakup with their drainage system)

✓ Foundation & Basement Walls

Look for new cracks, moisture spots, or pooling water near your foundation as the ground thaws. A little attention now can prevent a long-term relationship with unwanted water.

✓ Roofline

Check for loose shingles or visible damage from ice buildup.

✓ Exterior Faucets

Turn them on briefly to ensure no freeze damage occurred. If they're flowing smoothly, you're in good shape. If not... what a great time to ask a neighbor for their plumber recommendation!

✓ Driveways & Walkways

Freeze-thaw cycles can create new cracks or lift sections of pavement. Spotting issues early keeps small problems from turning into full-blown concerns.

✓ Sidewalk Edges & Curb Cuts

Clear any remaining ice piles that may block drainage or pedestrian access, especially at corners and crosswalks. Let's keep things warm, welcoming, and walkable.

Spending 15–20 minutes giving your home a little TLC now - before it starts sending you expensive love notes later!

REFREEZE ALERT

Even with warmer days ahead, overnight temperatures may still dip below freezing.

Tread carefully, especially where melted snow can refreeze into nearly invisible patches of ice such as:

- At the end of driveways
- In shaded sidewalk areas
- Near downspout discharge
- Around storm drains

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

FEB 16 Presidents' Day
Town Hall Closed

FEB 17 Town Council Meeting

FEB 18 Yard Waste &
Compost Pick-Up

FEB 19 PFS Committee Meeting