

# UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK, MARYLAND  
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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

Nearly 200 people attended our Town's Christmas Tree lighting celebration on December 7. Special thanks are owed to Councilmember Mary Gathercole, former Councilmember Linda Verrill, residents Amy Kerr and Julie Seiwel (for providing apple cider and cookies), the UP Police Department, the Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department, and the North Pole's most famous resident for making this annual event so joyful and festive.

The Town of University Park's Staff, Police Department, Council, and Mayor will have a busy 2025. Since mid-2024, we have:

- Sworn in a new mayor and the most diverse Council in our Town's 88-year history
- Resumed meeting as a Council in person (paused since March 2020)
- Hired our first fulltime permanent Town Administrator; and

- Hired three new police officers.

Ward 3 is now represented by Casey Kelby, the Council's very first Millennial member. The full Council represents residents of many age groups, occupations, backgrounds, and years of residency; and we are better and stronger for it.

Administrator Debi Sandlin now supervises non-police Town staff. Ms. Sandlin regularly meets with me and each Councilmember regarding our goals and concerns. Along with our Town attorney and resident Suellen Ferguson and town hall staff, Ms. Sandlin advises us on the sometimes complex issues of municipal government.

In the new year, the Council and I will continue to work together to seek fiscally responsible solutions to residents' concerns, including:

## Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council      January 6 & 21

Town Holidays      January 1 & 20

Town Hall is open Mon.- Fri., 9 AM to 5 PM. Residents must ring the call button for service. Council meetings are at 7:30 PM and currently conducted by video. Agendas are posted at [www.upmd.org/agenda](http://www.upmd.org/agenda) center. Sign up for alerts at [www.upmd.org/notifyme](http://www.upmd.org/notifyme)

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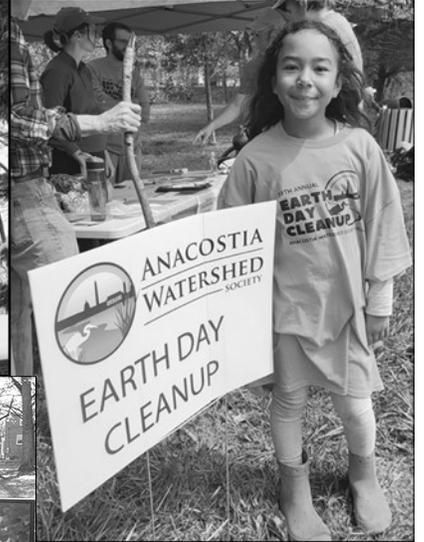
## FROM THE MAYOR CONT.

- Crime and public safety
- Traffic calming and control
- Stormwater management in flood prone parts of Town, including moving forward with the stormwater MOU with Prince George's County
- Continuing the process of designing and building a new town hall
- Protection and beautification of park areas and expanding our tree canopy and native plants
- Mitigating the effects of development surrounding us; and
- Code compliance, particularly regarding rental properties.

In January, Ms. Sandlin, town hall staff, the Council, and I will begin drafting a Town budget for fiscal year 2025 for formal consideration during the month of April. Future communications about the budget process will be sent to residents who sign up for the Mayor's email list at <https://www.upmd.org/list.aspx?listid=269> and in upcoming columns and reports in our next several Council meetings. We look forward to your participation via Zoom (until we have an accessible place for Council and residents to meet in person).

Warmly,

*Laurie K. Morrissey*



## FROM THE INTERIM CHIEF

As we welcome 2025, I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your unwavering support and active involvement over the past year. Together, we have made meaningful progress in fostering a safer, stronger and more connected community. Your trust and partnership form the foundation of our success, inspiring us to work tirelessly to ensure the Town of University Park remains an exceptional place to live, work and thrive.



### Safety Reminders

Your vigilance plays an important role in keeping our community safe. By staying alert and taking preventive measures, you can help protect yourself, your family and your neighbors. Here are some key safety tips to keep in mind:

- Report suspicious activity to 301-352-1200.
- Verify and report unlicensed door-to-door salespeople.
- Lock doors and windows, even for short trips.
- Install home security systems—rebates are available.
- Keep bushes trimmed and avoid leaving keys in vehicles.
- Use steering wheel locks or anti-theft devices.
- Track and secure deliveries using Amazon Lockers or similar services.
- Protect your identity: Shred documents, monitor accounts, use strong passwords and avoid public wi-fi for sensitive tasks.
- Avoid fraud: Ignore unsolicited offers, don't click unknown links, keep devices updated and enable alerts for unusual activity.

Thank you for continuing to be an active partner in our community's safety. Together, we can ensure 2025 is a successful and secure year for all.

### October Crime Report

Two incidents that occurred on October 18 and October 25 were inadvertently omitted from last month's report. We apologize for the omission.

**Reported Shooting Call** On October 18 County and Town officers responded to the report of a shooting at a home in the 4200 block of Van Buren Street. No SWAT teams were deployed. After officers arrived on the scene, the report was determined to be false, and no shots had been fired. No physical injury resulted from the false report. A full investigation has been conducted, and due to no actionable leads, the case has been closed.

**Dog Attack** On October 25 Animal Complaint Officers responded to a dog attack in the 6900 block of Oakridge Road. Animal Control was contacted for follow-up.

### November Crime Report

**Theft from Auto** On November 3 at 11:30 AM, an officer responded to a theft from auto in the 4100 block of College Heights Drive. The reporting person stated his brother-in-law's Honda had been parked overnight with a black backpack left on the front passenger seat. The vehicle's window was smashed, and the backpack was stolen.

**Theft Report** On November 4 at 1:57 PM, officers responded to a theft of three political yard signs from a residence. The victim reported that his Trump/Vance signs were taken on Halloween night. The total value of the theft is \$6.

**Breaking and Entering** On November 14 at 6:53 PM, officers responded to a reported breaking and entering in the 6900 block of Wells Parkway. The homeowner reported that someone had entered her home through the kitchen window, rummaged through drawers, and taken items, including Beats headphones. A screen was found removed, and dirt indicated the suspect entered through the window. Prince George's County is investigating the case.

**Identity Theft** On November 14 at 10:55 AM, an officer received a call for identity theft in the 3900 block of College Heights Drive. Victims reported multiple fraudulent credit card accounts opened in their names, believed to have resulted from a previous data breach. The victims were advised on steps to secure their accounts and identities.

**Vandalism** On November 28 at 12:15 PM, an officer responded to the 4000 block of Beechwood Road for a report of vandalism. The victim reported that two tires on her Honda Accord had been slashed overnight. While surveillance footage was available, it did not yield clear results.

## TOWN NEWS

**Fraud Report** On November 30 at 8:44 PM, an officer responded to a fraud report at 4200 block of Woodberry Street. The victim reported receiving threatening messages demanding money via a Telegram app. The unknown individual claimed access to sensitive information, but no unauthorized transactions were reported.



### EV Charging Station Permits Notification

Effective January 5, 2025, permits will be required to use the EV Charging Stations located on Queens Chapel Road. Permits will be available for purchase beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Residents, University Park Elementary School staff and visitors will be eligible to purchase a permit at the below rate:

- Residents - \$100 annually (based on a fiscal year)
- UPES Staff - \$100 annually (based on a fiscal year)
- Visitors - \$10 daily

Permits will be available for purchase Monday through Friday's. Please call Town Hall for more information at 301-927- 4262 or visit our website at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org).

Annual decals are available for residents, UPES Staff, and Town Staff only. Identification will be required.

### Tree Committee News

On October 26, members of the TPE committee and volunteers, assisted by DPW, installed more than two dozen new street trees in Ward 6 during our annual town tree planting event. Thanks to all who participated! If you had a new tree installed in front of your house, please help establish these trees by notifying the town or watering the tree yourself during the first year and during prolonged droughts like those we experienced recently.

This time of year, evergreens like eastern hemlock, white pine, and red cedar that hold onto their leaves all winter draw the eye and contrast with the reds of remaining berries on the trees and warm browns of grasses and



flowering plants. Holding off cutting back these grasses and flower stalks until later in the spring can create a garden with winter interest while helping sustain town wildlife through the cold season by providing food and cover. January is also a great time to plot and plan a potential tree installation before the buds burst in spring. Remember that the town will reimburse you up to \$100 for an installed understory tree and \$300 for a canopy tree. See the town website for more details.

As you may have noted from the December issue of the Newsletter, Chris Aubry, longtime leader of the TPE committee, stepped down after a tenure that resulted in significant strides forward for preserving and maintaining the overstory in University Park. The deciduous canopy in town provides cooling shade in the summer while allowing the sun to warm houses in winter after leaves fall. During the growing season, the trees help absorb stormwater and decrease flooding in basements. Chris worked tirelessly to ensure that all residents (including furry and winged ones) received these benefits while reminding many of us to look up and see the poetry and artistry in the twisting boughs above our heads. All of us on the committee are grateful for Chris's leadership and look forward to his continued work as a committee member. Stay tuned for more updates on continued and new TPE initiatives this year!

### From the Dept. of Public Works

**Curbside leaf collection ends  
January 10.**

**Christmas trees** will be collected every Monday from December 26 through March 31. Please be sure trees are fully unadorned.



## TOWN NEWS

### Helping Hands University Park



Happy New Year everyone! If you are interested in the important, meaningful and rewarding work we do to support each other in University Park and would like to learn more, please plan to attend one of our

monthly committee meetings. The Zoom link can be found in any upcoming meeting agenda, available on the UP town website: [upmd.org](http://upmd.org) (Government-Agendas and Minutes-Helping Hands Committee) or contact us by phone or email.

#### HHUP Calendar

**Members Monthly Lunch Club, Wednesday, January 15, 12-1 PM** In person. Members and volunteers social gathering. Location changes every month. Become a member and join us!

**Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday, January 22, 5:30-6:30 PM** via Zoom. HHUP is a committee of the Town Council, and all UP residents are welcome to attend.

**Conversational Spanish, Wednesdays, 3-4 PM** Members meet weekly to practice with instructor Edda Osborne. Skill level: intermediate and up. Contact us by phone or email for information.

**HHUP Poetry Gathering**, Sundays approximately every six weeks at 4 PM via Zoom. All UP residents are welcome, whether a poet, poetry lover, or just poetry curious. Contact Loretta Saks, [lorettahhup@gmail.com](mailto:lorettahhup@gmail.com), Gerry Hendershot, [ghendershot@earthlink.net](mailto:ghendershot@earthlink.net); or Deborah Rosenfelt, [dsr@umd.edu](mailto:dsr@umd.edu).

**Route 1 Corridor Conversations** An online informative series co-sponsored by HHUP to entertain, engage, and educate. Info online at: [hyattsvilleaginginplace.org/programs-and-activities/corridor-conversations/](http://hyattsvilleaginginplace.org/programs-and-activities/corridor-conversations/)

**HHUP Contact Info:** [hhuniversitypark@gmail.com](mailto:hhuniversitypark@gmail.com); 301-892-6636; [helpinghandsup.org](http://helpinghandsup.org); [facebook.com/HelpingHandsUP](https://www.facebook.com/HelpingHandsUP).

### November 18 Council Meeting Highlights

Present via video and audio conference were Mayor Morrissey; Councilmembers Dubayah, Gathercole, Kelby, Morgan, McGaughey, Godfrey, Sweet. Staff present: Town Administrator Debi Sandlin; Town Attorney Suelen Ferguson; Town Clerk TC Hegeman; Director of Public Works Michael Beall; Interim Chief of Police Shameka Graddy.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### Public Comment

A resident supported the traffic mitigation initiative and recommended collaborating with the police and focusing on safety. Residents should be the design focus, goals and the implementation process should be clear, and expert advice should be sought.

### Mayor, Council, and Committee

#### Comments and Reports

**Police, Traffic, and Public Safety Committee** The committee met last Wednesday. CM Gathercole met the week before with Senator Washington and others to discuss the fatality of a motorcyclist at 43rd Avenue and East West Highway. The meeting was attended by residents of Hyattsville, CM Gathercole, Mickey Beall, Director of Public Works, and a town resident. State Highway is doing a study to evaluate the intersection and address the flow of traffic. CM Gathercole praised CM McGaughey for the presentation he gave to the committee on traffic mitigation and issues in our town that also addressed specific issues in Wards 1, 2 and 6.

**Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee** The committee will meet one week from today. The agenda will be shared once available.

CM Kelby Ward 3 will hold a listening session on Saturday, November 23, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at 6606 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Mayor will be in attendance.

**Public Facilities Services Committee** The committee will meet this Thursday, November 21, 2024.

**Sustainability Committee** The committee met on November 12 and discussed the proposal submitted by the town to supplement the \$20,000 funding provided by the Sustainable Maryland initiative. The committee also discussed light pollution, switching to LED lights, an ordinance about lighting, and an education campaign. University of Maryland students have called the committee to learn about governance as it relates to environmental issues. The committee put together information about how to take care of the meadow and internship opportunities for students. We are officially a Bee City.

**Mayor's Report** The Ward 6 listening session went well with approximately 15 residents in attendance; traffic was identified as a concern. The Veterans Day

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

event last Monday was lovely and well attended; the Civic Association provided coffee and snacks.

### Continuing Business

**Motion:** *That the applicant of the restricted parking request for the 4200 block of Sheridan Street be allowed to institute additional restrictions for November 20 to November 22, November 25 to 27, and December 2 to 9, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and the weeks of December 9 and December 16, 2024, for two days per week.* Motion carried 6-0. Signs will be installed by the police at least 24 hours before the restrictions. Angel Bernardes, the onsite contact for NGage will be available to address any concerns.

### New Business

**Motion:** *To accept the fiscal year 2024 audit.* Motion carried unanimously. Bill Seymour, Engagement Partner at SB & Company LLC, presented the audit report. A management letter was not provided as the audit identifies reporting mechanism issues such as balance sheet errors. A performance audit that reviews statement reconciliation is not part of the scope of work.

**Motion:** *To approve tabling the motion to limit EV charging to four hours.* Motion carried unanimously. The Council noted that four hours of charging may be insufficient and that batteries could be compromised if not fully charged.

**Motion:** *To approve the override of the bid process for good cause and approve the use of funds within line item 6527-05 for the purchase of a substitute used park maintenance vehicle and, if excess funds are available, to purchase an electric forklift for the maintenance facility.* Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion:** *To approve the issuance of an RFP to study the sources of cut through traffic and to recommend mitigation strategies.*

**Amended Motion:** *To approve an RFP to recommend mitigation strategies for cut-through traffic.* Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion:** *To approve a \$500 net special holiday bonus for Town employees on payroll as of December 1, 2024.* Motion carried unanimously.

## TOWN NEWS & EVENTS

### Department Reports

Each department report was attached to the meeting package for the Council to review.

**Motion:** *To adjourn the open session and go into closed session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. Mayor and Council will not return to open session.* Motion carried unanimously.

Open session adjourned at 8:44 PM.

### UP Woman's Club Meeting

Monday, January 6, 11:30 AM

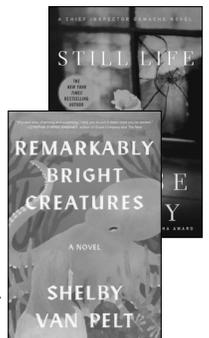


The UP Woman's Club will meet at the College Park Community Center's Lakeland Room for a presentation by Courtney Thurston, Communications Coordinator & Graphic Designer for the City of College Park. She will relate the story of a community that was established and flourished in a segregated society. The photographic history and stories of its people are preserved in the Lakeland Community Heritage Project. We look forward to welcoming all to this interesting presentation and discussion.

### After Eight Book Group

Tuesday, January 21, 8-10 PM

Our reading for January is *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, by Shelby Van Pelt. February's book is *Still Life* by Louise Penny, an Inspector Gamache mystery. Those interested in attending should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550.



We're actively seeking new members. Open invitation to join the After Eight book group! Members have lively and wide-ranging discussions on the

book and a variety of town and local subjects. We read books in all categories, both current and prize-winning. All are welcome and we appreciate residents' suggestions for what we should read.



**2025 Azalea Classic**

Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but what better time to think spring and register for the 2025 Azalea Classic? Registration is now open for our annual neighborhood 5K, 1-mile, and 1K run/walk, which will be held on May 10, 2025. Find more information and sign up at [AzaleaClassic.com](http://AzaleaClassic.com) or email [upesazaleaclassic5k@gmail.com](mailto:upesazaleaclassic5k@gmail.com) for questions or for information on how you can volunteer for this beloved event.



**UNIVERSITY PARK WOMAN'S CLUB**

*Celebrating over 80 years of service*

**UP Woman's Club Scholarships**

The University Park Woman's Club will again be awarding scholarships to graduating high school seniors. This will mark the 78th year that the University Park Women's Club has made these awards. The directions and application form may be obtained at [upwomensclub.org/scholarships](http://upwomensclub.org/scholarships). Completed applications for either scholarship must be received by Monday, April 7, 2025. The application may be submitted online or mailed, as directed on the application form. There are two scholarships:

**Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship**

This one-time \$1,500 financial need-based scholarship is available to a Northwestern High School graduating senior. A minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 is required along with evidence of leadership and service. The applicant needs to complete Parts A, B and C of the application, which includes writing an essay, providing two teacher recommendations, and submitting the Student Aid Report from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**University Park Woman's Club Scholarship**

- This one-time \$1,500 merit-based, need-blind scholarship is available to a graduating high school student who is a resident of Maryland and:
- Who resides in the Town of University Park or
- Whose parent is a current member of University

Park Woman's Club of at least 2 years standing, or

- Whose grandparent is a current member of the University Park Woman's Club who joined prior to 2015.

A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required along with evidence of leadership, service and scholarship. Applicants for this scholarship need to complete Parts A and B of the application, which includes writing an essay and providing two teacher recommendations.

**Town of University Park Boundary Lines:**

Wells Parkway / Clagett Road / Pineway to East-West Highway to Route 1 to Adelphi Road.



**St. Mark's Food Pantry**

You have many worthwhile charities to choose from, but please consider one within walking distance from your home right on Adelphi Road. The St. Mark's Food Pantry has been in operation since 1991 with an all-volunteer team. We provide food at no cost or without any obligation to the homeless, poor, unemployed, senior citizens, immigrants, children and anyone else in need.

We need your help to feed the poor and less fortunate. Sadly, our food lines are getting longer and the need is growing. Our neighbors simply need help. Please donate if you can. They depend on us, and we depend on you. 100 percent of funds donated will be used only to purchase food to those we serve and are typically 100 percent tax deductible to the extent possible under the law. Please go to [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com) and search "St. Mark's Food Pantry" to make a donation. Checks are also welcome and may be payable to the St. Mark's Food Pantry. Please mail to:

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

St. Mark's Food Pantry  
7501 Adelphi Road  
Hyattsville, MD 20783

If you need help, our food pantry is open every Tuesday between 9:30 AM and 12 noon at the above address. All are welcome. Thank you for your unwavering support and kindness. It truly makes a big difference in our community.

### Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series, *Monday,*



*January 13, 6:30-9 PM* *Join or Die* is a film about why you should join a club—and why the fate of America depends on it. It follows the story of America's civic unraveling through the journey of legendary social scientist Robert Putnam. Come early to learn more about local community groups. Hyattsville Library, 6530 Adelphi Road.

### College Park Arts Exchange

All events take place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park, unless otherwise noted. Learn more about CPAE programs by visiting [cpae.org](http://cpae.org). Subscribe to our weekly email newsletter for program updates and check out our full calendar at [cpae.org/arts/full-calendar/](http://cpae.org/arts/full-calendar/). Email [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) to suggest an event or if you know a teacher or artist interested in working with us!

### Workshops

Check out these fun workshops for kids, teens and up. \$10 fee suggested to support the activity. Contact [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) for more information or to RSVP.

### UP Helping Paws



### UP Helping Paws

Please make sure dogs use the right of way, avoiding private front lawn property. Pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in public trash cans or your own trash can. Please sign up your animal(s) in the UP Pet database at <https://tinyurl.com/UPPet>. This database is for University Park residents. Committee members can view the information to help reunite lost pets with their owners.

**Folding Paper Stars Workshop, *Saturday, January 4, 1-4 PM*** Ingrid Hass will lead a workshop on folding colorful paper stars.

**Love of Lettering, *Saturday, January 18, 2-4 PM*** Work with teaching artist Eileen Cave to create your own lettering techniques and illuminated letter design motifs, using a variety of media, stencils and stamps. Lettering is explored as an art form, combining calligraphy and graphic design. These elements can be used for note-cards, inspirational posters and more. For artists of all ages and stages. Art materials are provided.



**Zine Workshop, *Saturday, January 18, 4-6 PM*** Work with local artist Millie Tansill to create your own small 8-page zine, a self-published booklet to express your thoughts, artwork and more. Materials will be provided, but participants should think of subjects and ideas beforehand if possible.

### Classes

**Tai Chi with Maureen Stone and Mark Grisar, *Wednesdays, 10 AM*** Tai Chi is an ancient martial art consisting of slow and controlled movements, which improve balance, muscle tone and control, and encourage a meditative state of mind. This introductory class is practiced in a standing position wearing comfortable clothes, offered in conjunction with Age-Friendly College Park. Instructors Maureen Stone and Mark Grisar have been practicing Lao Yang Family Style Tai Chi for over 15 years. \$45 for 6-week session, or \$10 drop-in fee.



**Soul Line Dancing with Karen Stewart, *Fridays, 10 AM*** Join in by Zoom for this fun and easy to follow dance class! No experience needed. Contact [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) for zoom link!



# Town of University Park

## FALL AND WINTER OPERATIONS INFORMATION



### Curbside Leaf Vacuuming Ends January 10, 2025

- Department of Public Works crews will work counter-clockwise through Town as follows: Ward 2, Ward 1, Ward 3, Ward 5, Ward 4, Ward 7 & Ward 6.
- Do not rake or blow leaves into the street.
- No rocks, sticks or metal in your leaf piles.
- Crews will not back track to collect leaves once they have passed your home.
- Check the Town website at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org) under the Public Works tab for updates and deadlines.

**After January 10** If you miss curbside leaf vacuuming, leaves will need to be collected into paper bags or a durable container and put at the curb. The county does not accept leaves in plastic bags. Leaves will be picked up on Mondays with yard waste.

**Questions?** Call Town Hall at 301-927-4262 or email Mickey Beall at [mbeall@upmd.org](mailto:mbeall@upmd.org).

### Snow Plan

- When there is a chance of snow, please use driveways or garages to park your vehicles. With fewer vehicles parked on Town streets, our public works crew is able to clear them of ice and snow more effectively.
- For safety reasons, please limit activity in the streets when public works crews are plowing.
- Residents are requested to keep their sidewalks and front walks free of snow and ice. Please clear sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall.

### Snow Event Parking

If you are unable to utilize off-street parking, please follow the recommended guidelines below:

#### **Both Sides No Parking:**

The Mews  
Queens Chapel Rd—6400-6700 blocks

#### **Creekside No Parking:**

Wells Pkwy

#### **Odd # Side No Parking:**

40th Ave  
41st Ave  
Beechwood Rd--3900 thru 4300 blocks  
Calverton Dr  
Oakridge Rd  
Pineway

Queens Chapel Rd—6300 block

Sheridan St

Tuckerman St

Tennyson Rd

Underwood St--4000 thru 4300 blocks

#### **Even # Side No Parking:**

42nd Ave  
43rd Ave  
44th Ave  
Beechwood Rd--4400 block  
Chansory Ln  
Clagett Rd  
Clagett-Pineway  
College Heights Dr  
Forest Hill Dr  
Holly Hill Rd  
Underwood St—3900 & 4400 blocks  
Van Buren St  
Woodberry St

*Check the Town's website for snow emergency declarations and details at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org)*



## University Park Town Council 2025 Adopted Meeting Schedule

*All meetings are open to the public.*

January 6 January 21*	June 16
February 3 February 18*	July 21
March 3 March 17	August 18
April 7 April 21	September 2* September 15
May 5 May 19	October 6 October 20
June 2	November 3 November 17
	December 1

**Note: Dates of official Town holidays are below. Town Hall is closed on these dates. A few times a year, a public holiday falls on a Council meeting date in which case the meeting is scheduled the next day. These meetings are indicated above with an asterisk (\*).**

Wednesday, January 1	New Year's Day
Monday, January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, February 17	Presidents' Day
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day
Thursday, June 19	Juneteenth Day
Friday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 1	Labor Day
Monday, October 13	Indigenous People's Day
Tuesday, November 11	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 28	Employee Appreciation Day
Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day

# January 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Curbside Leaf Vacuuming ends January 10, 2025</b></p>			1 Town Holiday	2	3 Recycling	4
5 Effective January 5, EV Charging Station permits are required.	6 Yard Waste & Compost UP Woman's Club Meeting, 11:30 AM Town Council, 7:30 PM 	7 Trash, Bulk Trash	8	9	10 Recycling <b>Curbside Leaf Vacuuming ends</b>	11
12	13 Yard Waste & Compost 	14 Trash, Bulk Trash	15	16	17 Recycling	18
19	20 Town Holiday	21 Trash, Bulk Trash Town Council, 7:30 PM After Eight Book Group, 8-10 PM	22 Yard Waste & Compost	23	24 Recycling	25
26	27 Yard Waste & Compost 	28 Trash, Bulk Trash	29	30	31 Recycling	<b>Town committees meet regularly, please check the town website for current details.</b>



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 Public Works Dir. Mickey Beall [mbeall@upmd.org](mailto:mbeall@upmd.org)  
 Town Treasurer [treasurer@upmd.org](mailto:treasurer@upmd.org)  
 Interim Chief Shameka Graddy [sgraddy@upmd.org](mailto:sgraddy@upmd.org)

**Police**

Emergency 911  
 Non-Emergency 301-352-1200  
 Duty Officer Cell Phone 301-277-0050b&wa acorn  
 Captain Shameka Graddy 240-571-8826

**Town Council**

<i>Ward</i>	<i>Council Member</i>	<i>Phone</i>
1	Ralph Dubayah	301-458-0128
2	Mary Gathercole	301-325-9415
3	Casey Kelby	443-718-0625
4	Nathaniel Morgan	301-850-4249
5	David McGaughey	301-664-4030
6	Grant Godfrey	202-486-2436
7	William Sweet	301-541-7642

**NEWSLETTER**

The February newsletter deadline is Monday, January 6. The *University Park Newsletter* is published monthly, except for a combined November issue. Newsletter submissions, questions and comments may be emailed to [univparknews@gmail.com](mailto:univparknews@gmail.com). The *Newsletter* publishes the milestones of current and former UP families (births, weddings, obituaries, graduations, awards, etc.) plus events of interest to residents. Political or commercial advertising is not accepted. Please send letters of opinion or Town suggestions to Town Hall. The *Newsletter* is online at [www.upmd.org/newsletter](http://www.upmd.org/newsletter).  
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