

# UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

On June 16 I had the honor of swearing in the new Councilmember for Ward 4, Cindy Mowery, and reelected Councilmembers Mary Gathercole (Ward 2), David McGaughey (Ward 5), and Grant Godfrey (Ward 6). I look forward to working with them and the rest of the Council on continuing projects such as implementing traffic control measures to make our streets safer.

The 249<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress is fast approaching. Many of us are worried about the future of our beloved Country. Remember that you are not powerless. You have a voice and a vote.

A posthumous essay by Representative John Lewis, published in the New York Times in 2020, included this call

to action:

“When you see something that is not right, you must say something. You must do something. Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part...”

Voting and participating in the democratic process are key. The vote is the most powerful nonviolent change agent you have in a democratic society. You must use it because it is not guaranteed. You can lose it.

You must also study and learn the lessons of history because humanity has been involved in this soul-wrenching, existential struggle for a very long time. People on every continent have stood in your shoes,

### Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council July 21 & August 18

Town Holiday July 4

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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through decades and centuries before you. The truth does not change, and that is why the answers worked out long ago can help you find solutions to the challenges of our time.”

If any of you feel compelled to act, I recommend exploring the work of an organization called Citizen University (<https://citizenuniversity.us/>). This Seattle-based organization has chapters all over the country. They work with communities to strengthen civic culture and our shared values, regardless of political affiliation. Perhaps we can have our own “freedom summer.” Feel free to contact me if you’re interested.

Warmly,

*Laurie K. Morrissey*



### Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 25-O-04

On June 2, 2025, Ordinance 25-O-04 was introduced. This ordinance would amend the FY 2026 Budget Ordinance, Legislative Resolution 25-O-03, to create new “IV Town Committee Expenses” line items under General Government, and transfer funds from the General Government line item 6026-01, “Community Events”, “Meadow Day”; from Public Works line item 6235-02, “Park Landscape Maintenance”, “Sustainability Committee”; and from the “Grants and Donations”, line item 6152-01 “Senior Programs – Helping Hands”; to the new “IV Town Committee Expenses” line items 6256-01, “Senior Programs – Helping Hands”; 6256-02, “Sustainability Committee – Meadow Day; and 6256-03, “Tree Planting”. The meeting set for July 21, 2025, is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

## FROM THE CHIEF

On behalf of the University Park Police Department, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our Safety Night on June 6. Your presence and engagement made the evening a remarkable success. It was wonderful to see so many neighbors connecting with our officers, exploring patrol vehicles and learning valuable safety tips together.

Safety is not something that the Police Department achieves in isolation; it is a cooperative effort between the Police Department and the community, crossing multiple generations and extending to other police departments and towns in the area.

Your participation in events like Public Safety Night is a vital part of this cooperation, and we are grateful for your support in our shared mission to keep University Park a safe and welcoming place for all. We look forward to seeing you at future events!

### Notable Incidents

**Recovered Vehicle** On May 5 at approximately 11:43 AM a resident located their 2019 gray Volkswagen Tiguan at the Hyattsville Crossing Metro parking garage after forgetting it there. The vehicle was found locked and undamaged with both registration plates attached. It was subsequently entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) as “recovered.”

**Recovered Vehicle** On May 10 a brown Hyundai Sonata was recovered in the 6700 block of Pineway. Further details of this recovery are pending.

**Recovered Property** On May 15 at approximately 8:13 PM a passerby discovered a Samsung Galaxy J2 Core cellphone lying on a bench in the 6500 block of Adelphi Road. The phone was missing its battery and the back cover was detached. It has been logged into Found Property and is currently held at the University Park Police Department.

**Lost Property** On May 17 at approximately 3:30 PM a resident reported the loss of a Maryland Disability Handicap Placard, last seen on March 12 at a local service center. The lost placard could not be entered into NCIC, as the system only accepts entries for stolen items.

**Auto Theft** On May 17 at approximately 9 AM a resident discovered that their brother’s 2011 Mitsubishi was missing from the family driveway where it had been parked the previous evening. Using a GPS tracking device, they located the vehicle at 3341 Benning Road NE in Washington, DC. The Prince George’s County Auto

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Theft Unit was notified, and the vehicle was entered into NCIC.

**2nd Degree Assault** On May 30 at approximately 11:30 AM a contractor allegedly assaulted a homeowner in the 4000 block of Beechwood Road during a verbal dispute by grabbing and squeezing her arms. The homeowner declined medical treatment. The suspect was arrested for second-degree assault and transported for processing.



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### Council Swearing In

On June 16 at 6 PM, Mayor Laurie Morrissey swore in the following members to Town Council:

- Mary Gathercole (Ward 2)
- Mary (Cynthia) Mowery (Ward 4, pictured)
- David McGaughey (Ward 5)
- Grant Godfrey (Ward 6)



Want to know who represents your ward? Visit [upmd.org](http://upmd.org) to find your Councilmember and learn more.

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Parade kick-off

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### Tree Committee News

Welcome to the dog days of summer! July and August are historically our hottest and most humid months. To me, the height of summer is marked by the return of the afternoon calls of dog-day cicadas high up in the town's tree canopy. Compared to the red and yellow periodical

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cicadas that emerge in considerable numbers in May and June, causing a big stir every few years, dog-day cicadas emerge every year in July and August. There are fewer of them (so quieter), and they are substantially larger, olive-colored, and fly faster compared to the periodical cicadas because they cannot rely on the large numbers protection strategy of the periodical species.

Many birds and other predators eat them, including one of the largest wasps you may see around Maryland, the cicada killer. While large, these wasps are not aggressive to humans. Instead, they catch cicadas on the fly, wrestle them to the ground, and paralyze them. They then bury the cicadas in a burrow and lay their eggs on them to feed their developing larva in the burrow.

Cicadas are an essential part of the town's food web and, significantly, do not harm our native tree species, which have coevolved with these species. In fact, their emergence tunnels likely increase stormwater infiltration. The calls you hear are their mating calls, which are made in the treetops, where they will lay eggs in a slit on a twig. Sometimes this causes the end of the branch to brown in a pattern we call "flagging." When the eggs hatch, they fall to the ground and burrow down, feeding on the xylem tissue of the roots before emerging as adults in July 2-7 years down the road.

Thank you to the 17(!) volunteers who helped weed, plant, and mulch the Tennyson rain garden last month! We hope the plants will establish and provide additional water management for the town. Also, thanks to anyone who stopped by the TPE table at the meadow to pick up native plants, learn about town tree initiatives, or go on a caterpillar hunt.

**Summer watering tips:** If we experience periods of heat and little rain, it is a good idea to water any annual or perennial herbaceous plant material installed within the last calendar year. Woody plant material needs consistent watering for at least 2 years after planting. Deep root watering (slow flow for a more extended period once a week) is more effective for establishing root systems than short, frequent watering bouts.

You may have noticed that the town and TPE volunteers installed a substantial number of new street trees in the town in the last year or two. These trees should have green "gator bags" around their trunks, which, when filled weekly, allow a slow infiltration of water into the surrounding ground, helping the root system develop. DPW should be filling these bags up regularly, but they are distributed widely across town and some may be missed. If you have one outside your house and see it empty, please fill it with water from your hose! There are holes near the top of the bag that the hose inserts into to fill the bag. Thanks for helping take care of these newly planted trees, which we hope will provide shade in years to come!



**Ivy League, Saturday, July 26, 9-11 AM** We will return to the Veterans Memorial (intersection of Wells Run and Claggett) to work on removing invasive plant species from the area south of the memorial along Wells Run. Note the earlier start time to beat the heat during the summer months.

**Ivy League, Saturday, August 23, 9-11AM** We'll meet at the town soccer field. Bring water and gloves. We will have tools available, but you are also welcome to bring your favorite prying tool or clippers. Volunteer forms are happily signed. Join us!



**Helping Hands  
University Park**

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HHUP Calendar**

**Members Monthly Lunch  
Club, Wednesday, July 16 and**

**August 20, 12-1 PM** In person. Members and volunteers social gathering. Location changes every month. Become a member and join us!

**Route 1 Corridor Conversations, Saturday, July 26, 2-3:30 PM** Join Wallace Merriman, whose talk will help people who want better health to navigate the nutrition-

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al maze and make it safely to the other side. Wallace is a health and fitness coach specializing in weight loss and wellness. He has over 25 years' experience as a personal trainer and was a fitness trainer for agents in federal law enforcement; he now works in Prince George's County Parks and Planning and teaches at Prince George's Community College. Wallace takes the confusion out of diet, exercise and nutrition and helps people make better choices that will last a lifetime. To sign up for the Zoom link or more info online at: [hyattsvilleaginginplace.org/programs-and-activities/corridor-conversations/](http://hyattsvilleaginginplace.org/programs-and-activities/corridor-conversations/)

**Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday, July 23 and August 27, 5:30-6:30 PM** via Zoom. HHUP is a committee of the Town Council, and all UP residents are welcome to attend. Contact us by phone or email for the Zoom link.

**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 Gerry Hendershot, [ghendershot@earthlink.net](mailto:ghendershot@earthlink.net); Loretta Saks, [lorettahup@gmail.com](mailto:lorettahup@gmail.com), or Deborah Rosenfelt, [dsr@umd.edu](mailto:dsr@umd.edu).

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### Sustainability Committee News

Many thanks to town staff, the 40 plus volunteers and 20 presenters at UP Meadow Day! Face painting, pollinator parades, home baked muffins, caterpillar adoptions and hundreds of native plant giveaways along with top-notch educational presenters attracted hundreds of attendees. A big success thanks to teamwork! Thank you from MarySue Twohy and Kimberly Nugent! Thank you from the UP Sustainability Committee!

**Meadow Restoration, Saturdays, July 19 and August 16, 9-11 AM** Please join us! Wear long pants, bring work gloves, scissors or hand clippers and a bucket. Meet at the UP Native Pollinator Meadow across from the Hyattsville Library on Adelphi Road.

### May 19 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; Police Chief David Coleman; Public Works Director Mickey Beall. Guest: Kate Lobley, Senior Account Manager, Benecon.

### Town Hall Public Comment

- A resident expressed gratitude to Mayor and Council and staff for their support with the upcoming Meadow Day event on May 31.
- CM Sweet reminded the public that this section was for Town Hall Public Comment and general Public Comment will take place later in the agenda.
- The Town Clerk read a letter from a resident who expressed support for the construction of a new town hall for University Park.
- Several residents spoke in favor of the new town hall project while others asked specific questions about the design and costs. The Mayor stated that questions would be addressed when they reached the Town Hall agenda item.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing on the Town Hall project.

### Benecon/LGIT Health Insurance Presentation

Kate Lobley introduced herself and provided information about Benecon and its partnership with LGIT. She explained the difference between fully insured and self-funded health insurance as well as the financial benefits of self-funding versus fully insured.

**Motion:** *To approve the transition of the town's health care plan from the Benefit Mall to the LGIT health and authorize staff to implement the change subject to the Town Attorney's review.* Motion was carried unanimously.

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### Public Comment

- A resident announced that UP Meadow Day is on May 31, 2025. The event will feature pollinator parades, caterpillar adoptions, native plant giveaways, and more. All attendees were invited to attend.
- A resident discussed water running from 4207 Sheridan to the creek and sediment issues. He also requested Council meetings be held again at the school while the new town hall is under construction.
- Mayor Morrissey stated that the issue with the house on Sheridan was being addressed and virtual access to the meeting had been chosen by Council.
- A resident asked for an update on the placement of noise cameras on Baltimore Avenue, Adelphi, and East West Highway.
- Chief Coleman said Prince George's County has not placed any cameras yet; they should be installing them shortly.
- A resident complained about an increase in cut-through traffic in Ward 1 and asked why the traffic study monitoring equipment had not been installed in the ward.
- The Mayor and Council members responded to the stop sign camera placement inquiry, cut-through traffic, and meeting at the elementary school.

### Mayor, Council, and Committee

#### Comments and Reports

*Police Traffic and Public Safety Committee* The committee will meet on Wednesday, June 4 at 7:30 PM, the agenda is forthcoming. We will discuss the possibility of a new camera vendor.

*Policy Rules and Municipal Structure Committee* The committee will meet tomorrow because our normal meeting would have been on Memorial Day.

*Public Facilities and Services Committee* The committee met last Thursday, May 15, 2025 and we talked about town hall and a project manager for the town hall projects. A brief meeting would be arranged before the next scheduled meeting.

*Treasurer Report* Collin Gray with Alta CPA discussed the town's April financials.

#### Continuing Business

*Motion: To authorize staff to solicit bids for the mana-*

*gement and design and to explore funding mechanisms to build a new town hall and take the steps necessary to accomplish these tasks.* Motion was carried unanimously. The proposed design for the new town hall will be shown to the public before voting on the architectural and contractual arrangements. CM Kelby encouraged the public to monitor the town hall project web page for updates and to attend the Public Facilities Committee meetings where they will be informed of the project aspects.

#### New Business

*Motion: To override the bid process and approve the attached agreement with Robert Half Finance and Accounting Placement Services and substantially the form attached to approve a town treasurer.* Motion was carried unanimously. The Town Administrator and Town Attorney outlined the recruiting process, including the price, compared to a formal process for a full-time or part-time town treasurer.

*Motion: To approve the Veo Mobility contract renewal for 2025 through 2027 in substantially the form attached.* Motion was carried unanimously. The Town Attorney provided background on Veo and noted that additional discussions with partners and neighbors would be required to expand the system.

*Motion: To authorize the Town Attorney to draft an ordinance to amend the FY26 budget to add a town committee budget line item consistent with this memorandum.* Motion was carried unanimously.

#### Department Reports

Each department's report was attached to the meeting packet for Council's review.

#### Adjournment By Consent

*Motion: To adjourn the meeting to go into a closed session for the Council to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluations of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or any other personnel matter that effects one or more specific individuals, and to consult with counsel to obtain advice and the Council will not return.* Motion was carried unanimously.

The open session adjourned at 9:35 PM.

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### June 2 Council Meeting Highlights

Present via video and audio conference were Mayor Morrissey; Councilmembers Dubayah, Gathercole, Morgan, McGaughey, Godfrey, Sweet. Excused: Kelby. Staff present: Town Administrator Debi Sandlin; Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson; Town Clerk TC Hegeman; Police Chief David Coleman; Public Works Director Mickey Beall.

#### Public Comment

A resident expressed her gratitude to the Town Council and volunteers for their support in making a successful Meadow Day event.

#### Mayor, Council, and Committee Comments and Reports

Mayor Morrissey shared her experiences attending three local events: PorchFest, Azalea Classic, and Meadow Day Saturdays.

**Sustainability Committee** The committee will not meet tomorrow night. CM Dubayah announced he is stepping down as the Chair and the committee is recommending LK Klein as the new Chair.

**Police Traffic and Public Safety Committee** The committee will meet this Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

**Policy Rules and Municipal Structure Committee** The committee recommended the council convene an organizational meeting subsequent to the establishment of the new council to facilitate assignment discussions and ensure seamless transitions. The Mayor will send an email with the proposed dates. CM Godfrey learned from the post Meadow Day thank you and feedback session that the Maryland Department of Agriculture is redoing its rules on invasive plant species. He would like the town to make formal comments as part of the regulatory process.

**Motion:** *To authorize the Mayor to submit a letter to the Maryland Department of Agriculture opposing the extension of the sale period for particular invasive plant species.* Motion was carried unanimously. CM Godfrey provided additional information about the proposed changes. The Maryland Department of Agriculture is in the process of revising its regulations on invasive plant species. This includes extending the sale period for certain invasive plants, which has raised concerns among council members. The council discussed the need to submit formal comments opposing the extension of the sale period for invasive plants, as it contradicts ongoing ef-

orts to mitigate their adverse effects. The discussion underscored the legislative changes pertaining to invasive plants and their implications for local environmental initiatives.

#### New Business

The council discussed the renewal of consulting arborist services for tree assessments, underscoring their critical role in maintaining tree health. The consulting arborist operates independently, ensuring the absence of any conflict of interest in tree removal or treatment, which aligns with the ordinance's intent to maintain impartiality.

**Motion:** *To approve renewal of the consulting arborist contract with Feather & Associates for a period of two years with a one-year extension option, with an expansion of the scope of work to include follow-up inspection and a related fee, and a consultation fee in certain circumstances, in substantially the form attached.* Motion was carried unanimously.

#### Consideration of Extended Work Hours for Tree Removal at 4310A Underwood Street

The council discussed the proposal for extended hours of tree removal at 4310A Underwood Street, with particular attention to the implications for local traffic, especially during school hours.

**Motion:** *To allow extended hours of construction at 4310A Underwood Street for the removal of trees on the property for one day, to be coordinated with the contractor and staff, after the elementary school was let out for the year. The hours of operation would be from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., with work stoppage if there are any major events that require it.*

**Amendment to Motion:** *The builder is required to notify residents and work with Town staff regarding parking and access.* CM Sweet voted nay. Motion was carried 5-1.

**Motion:** *To introduce Ordinance 25-O-04 to amend the FY26 budget to add a Town Committee budget line-item for funding of various activities of Town committees, and to transfer committee use funds to this line item.* Motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:22 PM.

## OBITUARY



Long time resident Rosezella E. Canty-Letsome, 78, died on Friday, May 16, 2025. She was born on April 12, 1947 in Connellsville, Pennsylvania; daughter to the late Sally Henderson and Isiah Canty.

As a retired lawyer and law professor, Rosezella dedicated her career to justice and equality. She retired as Chief Steward for the Environmental Protection Agency's National Treasury Employees Union. She taught law at Boston University School of Public Communications, Golden Gate University School of Law and University of Maryland University College. She received her bachelor's degree from Howard University, her master's from Antioch University, her Juris Doctorate from Duquesne University Law School and her Master of Legal Letters from Harvard Law School. She was a member of the Pennsylvania Bar.

Rosezella also founded one of the first full-body aerobics classes for "large, lovely ladies," Light on Your Feet, garnering national acclaim and attention with features in Ebony magazine and the Phil Donahue show. She was an enthusiastic supporter of the Hyattsville area community, including Summer Jam, Hyattsville Aging in Place, Art Works Now and the Hyattsville Branch library.

She was previously married to Allen Letsome. She is survived through her daughters, Allendra Letsome and Rebecca Letsome; her nieces Dorothy Bowman (nee Overton) and Erica Webber (nee Washington); her nephew Don Overton, and her great-nephews Aaron R. McBride Jr. and Jagger Webber.

### Celebrating Toni Walton

Saturday, August 16, 4-7 PM

Toni Walton, beloved Greenwood Nursery School Kindergarten teacher for over 30 years, passed suddenly on March 31, 2025. Toni touched the lives of countless children with her warmth, patience, and joyful spirit. She was passionate about nurturing others—not only in the classroom but in her everyday life.



Greenwood parents, students, family and staff are invited to honor her life and share their memories. Please

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spread the word. It will be a potluck. S'mores fixings will be provided in honor of her unforgettable Kindergarten camping trips. 6804 Pineway, University Park, backyard of Sharon & Fred Werth. RSVP (or just come): Sharon Werth 301-343-9869. Questions? Email Sharon at sbodul@comcast.net. (Rain date August 17.)



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### Arts In The Park

Saturday, September 27, 1-4 PM

ARTS  
IN THE  
PARK

Join residents and friends and take a stroll along the footpath in the park starting at the bottom of Tennyson and running towards 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Meet the artists and see their work.

Enjoy a day in the park. The day is about sharing and celebrating our community through its visual arts—no judging, no competitions, no prizes! Just a fun day in the Park. There will be free demonstrations by some of our artists and a hands-on workshop for budding artists of all ages. We are working with the University Park Civic Association to arrange for food trucks along Queen's Chapel Rd. *Rain date: Saturday, October 4.*

*Attention Town Artists!* Whether you draw, paint, photograph, carve, stitch, sculpt, quilt or engage in any other of the visual arts, please set aside this day to share your art with our community. You can set up your display along the footpath that runs behind the soccer field. Arts In The Park is designed to be as inclusive as possible. Our event is open to any Town resident 10 years of age or older. It does not matter if you are a novice or an accomplished professional—if you have one or more pieces of art you created and would like to share, follow the directions below to register.

Register by September 19 so an event program can be printed. To register please go to <https://tinyurl.com/UParts2025> and complete the brief questionnaire. You are automatically registered, and follow-up information will be e-mailed to you. Difficulty registering or other questions or concerns? Email [UPartsinthepark@gmail.com](mailto:UPartsinthepark@gmail.com) or call Dick Groppe on 301-864-2096.

**Friday Night Live!, Fridays, July 11 and August 8, 6:30 PM** The City of College Park hosts a series of free concerts over the summer. Join us on the Plaza at City Hall for this concert series featuring a variety of musical genres and entertainment for all ages. Participants can enjoy live music, performances, children's activities, including a bounce house and arts & crafts. Local food and drink will be available to purchase. All concerts are held on the Plaza at City Hall (7401 Baltimore Avenue) from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Parking is offered for free at the Downtown College Park parking garage at the corner of Yale Ave. and Knox Road. Local food and beer will be available for purchase during the event. Admission is free and all are welcome!

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



- July 11—Thunderball
- August 8—Jimmy Charles

### Riversdale House Museum

4811 Riverdale Road; 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544; [riversdale@pggparks.com](mailto:riversdale@pggparks.com)

**Container Gardening, Saturday, July 19, 10 AM-Noon** Bring some green into your patio! Whether an avid gardener or a plant novice, this workshop will give you all the tools to grow a beautiful container garden. Join Riversdale's historic site gardener as he leads you through designing, planting and caring for your plants.

**Painting Native Plants, Saturday, August 23, 5-7 PM** Paint our native flowers and learn about the many benefits of native plants on our ecosystems. This session will be led by an art instructor. Paint, brushes, and canvases will be provided.



### 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 your animal(s) up for the UP Pet database at <https://tinyurl.com/UPPet>. This database is for residents and helps reunite lost pets with their owners.



**POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

## **The University Park Police Department**

**Present**

**National Night Out 2025**

**Join them at the Town Field - 6520 Queens Chapel Road**

**Tuesday, August 5, 2025**

**6 - 8 pm**

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**AND THE UNIVERSITY PARK POLICE!**

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# July 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>August Council Meeting: August 18, 7:30 PM</b>		1 Trash, Bulk Trash	2 Recycling	3	4 Town Holiday July 4 <sup>th</sup> Celebration, 10:30 AM	5
6	7 Yard Waste & Compost	8 Trash, Bulk Trash	9	10	11 Recycling	12
13	14 Yard Waste & Compost	15 Trash, Bulk Trash	16	17	18 Recycling	19
20	21 Yard Waste & Compost, Town Council, 7:30 PM	22 Trash, Bulk Trash	23	24	25 Recycling	26 Ivy League, 9 AM
27	28 Yard Waste & Compost	29 Trash, Bulk Trash	30	31 <b>National Night Out, Tuesday, August 5, 6-8 PM</b>	<b>Ivy League, Saturday, August 23, 9 AM</b>	<i>Town committees meet regularly, check the town website for current details.</i>



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