

# THE UPDATE

THE LATEST IN UNIVERSITY PARK  
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## HOST A BLOCK PARTY!

There's no better way to bring neighbors together than a block party. Whether it's sharing lemonade on the curb, organizing a potluck, or hosting music and games, block parties strengthen community and create lasting memories.

Hosting is simple—just choose one representative to fill out the new [Block Party Application](#). Town staff will coordinate road closures.

Your block party can be as simple or as creative as you want it to be—picnics, ice cream socials, cookouts, and even themed gatherings have all been done in the past. Some blocks pull out lawn games or music, others just set up folding chairs and catch up.

However you do it, a block party is a chance to connect with neighbors you may not see every day and build a stronger sense of community.



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY IN UP

The new PGCPSS school year begins this Tuesday, September 26, and that means more young pedestrians, cyclists, and buses on our streets. Please take a few minutes to review your morning and afternoon routines to help keep everyone safe.

**Plan your commute.** University Park Elementary School hours are 7:30 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. Expect increased traffic from about 7:10–7:40 a.m. and again from 1:10–1:50 p.m. whenever school is in session. If possible, avoid driving through school zones during these times.

**Follow all traffic laws.** Come to a complete stop at every stop sign, slow down in residential areas, and yield to pedestrians. School buses will be making frequent stops—please allow extra time in your schedule.

**Listen to our crossing guards.** University Park is fortunate to have dedicated crossing guards who keep students and families safe. They are trained to manage traffic and pedestrian flow—please follow their directions at all times. Together, we can make this a safe and smooth start to the school year for our youngest residents.

**Model safe behavior.** Whether you're walking, biking, or driving, children learn from the adults around them. Use crosswalks, put your phone away while driving or walking, and follow posted speed limits. A little extra attention goes a long way toward keeping our community safe.

## CALL FOR ARTISTS!

Mark your calendars: the fifth annual Arts in the Park will take place on Saturday, September 27, from 1–4 p.m. (rain date October 4). Hosted by the [University Park Civic Association](#), this community celebration showcases the creativity of local artists in a beautiful outdoor setting along the footpath behind the soccer field.

If you draw, paint, photograph, carve, stitch, sculpt, quilt, or work in any visual medium, we invite you to participate! Several artists also offer live demonstrations, making the event both interactive and inspiring.

Share your talents, meet your neighbors, and enjoy an afternoon celebrating the arts in University Park.

Registration is easy: reserve your spot by Sept 19.

For updates and more, follow the [University Park Civic Association on Facebook](#).



## YOUNG ARTISTS WELCOME!

Arts in the Park isn't just for adults. Youth ages 10–16 are invited to participate with a parent or guardian. It's a great way for young people to share their talents in a supportive environment. Sharing art at a community event can be inspiring—whether it's the first time displaying a sketchbook, showing off a science fair poster, or laying out a handmade quilt. Friends and neighbors are often the most encouraging audience, and it's a chance for young artists to see their work valued.

Art also happens outside of formal events. Kids and teens can add their own creativity to Little Free Art Libraries, share bookmarks or cards with drawings, or even brighten a block with chalk art on sidewalks. Encouraging these everyday acts of creativity helps build confidence and ensures that the next generation of University Park artists continues to thrive.

## SUPPORTING LOCAL ARTS

University Park is full of creativity, and Arts in the Park is just one way to celebrate it. You can support our community's artists year-round by attending shows, purchasing local art, or sharing opportunities with friends and neighbors.

Art doesn't have to live only in galleries—look for University Park's Little Free Art Libraries, where neighbors share small works of art the same way Little Free Libraries share books. Consider donating your own art, or leave a tiny review card to brighten an artist's day. Even simple acts like chalk art on sidewalks or driveway murals bring joy and color to our streets.

Celebrating local creativity keeps University Park vibrant. Art can be everywhere—why not start today?

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**AUG  
23**

Ivy  
League

**AUG  
25**

Town Council  
Meeting

