

# THE UPDATE

THE LATEST IN UNIVERSITY PARK  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

## HELP WITH ENERGY BILLS

Pepco is offering several assistance programs to help customers manage expenses caused by rising summer heat and higher energy supply costs.

Pepco Customer Relief Fund: Eligible limited- and moderate-income customers may qualify for up to \$300 in energy bill relief. The fund is administered by the Salvation Army, and approved grants are credited directly to customers' Pepco accounts. [Learn more or apply now.](#)

Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP/LIHEAP): Provides a one-time grant of up to \$750 to help low-income households cover utility bills—no repayment required. Customers do not need to be behind on bills to qualify. Funding is first come, first served until it runs out. [Learn more about this program and its benefits.](#)



## ARTS IN THE PARK RETURNS - SEPT 27

Our Town's biggest celebration of creativity is back! The fifth annual Arts in the Park will take place on Saturday, September 27 from 1:00–4:00 pm (rain date October 4). This beloved event has grown each year thanks to the incredible contributions of our local artists, turning a simple idea into a vibrant afternoon of color, conversation, and community.

If you draw, paint, stitch, sculpt, carve, quilt, photograph—or simply dabble in any visual art—you're invited to take part. Arts in the Park is open to all Town artists ages 10 and up, no matter your skill level. We'll set up displays along the shaded footpath behind the soccer field, creating a beautiful gallery under the trees. Youth artists ages 10–16 are welcome with adult supervision.

Past participants say that the experience is as rewarding as it is fun. It's a chance to share your work with neighbors, meet other artists, and inspire the next generation of creatives. Many artists also choose to do free demonstrations of their craft during the event, making the afternoon interactive and lively. If that sparks your interest, just check the demo box when you register. Registration is simple—just visit <https://tinyurl.com/UParts2025> and complete the short form by September 19. You'll get a confirmation and follow-up details by email.

Questions? Email [UPartsinthepark@gmail.com](mailto:UPartsinthepark@gmail.com) or call organizer Dick Groppe at 301-864-2096. Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your creativity and be part of one of our Town's favorite fall traditions!





## BACK TO SCHOOL!

University Park is officially back to school!

### University Park Elementary

- 301-985-1898
- UPES PTA
- Back to School Night:  
Thursday, 9/11 @ 6pm

### Hyattsville Middle School

- 301-209-5830
- HMS PTA
- Back to School Night:  
Wednesday, 9/10 @ 6pm

### Northwestern High School

- 301-985-1820
- NWHS PTA
- Back to School Night:  
Thursday, 9/11 @ 6pm

Interested in learning more about careers in Prince George's County Public Schools? [Check out their website](#) to see what is available.



## FALL FLAVORS & FESTIVAL FUN!

There's nothing like crisp fall mornings and the taste of fresh, locally grown produce. From juicy apples to vibrant late-summer tomatoes, the Riverdale Park and Greenbelt Farmers Markets are bursting with flavors for your family's table. Stroll the stalls, meet local farmers, and discover seasonal treats while supporting your community.

And here's an extra perk for families using federal nutrition benefits: both markets offer matching programs to stretch your food dollars.

- Riverdale Park Farmers Market (Thursdays, 3-7 PM) provides a \$20 match per customer per week on SNAP and WIC purchases.
- Greenbelt Farmers Market (Sundays, 10 AM-2 PM, May-November) matches SNAP and FMNP purchases 1:1, plus adds a Greenbelt local match, bringing the total benefit to \$30 per week for shoppers who spend at least \$10 in benefits.

These programs make it easier than ever to enjoy fresh, local produce while keeping your budget intact.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**SEPT  
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[Moths in the Meadow](#)

**SEPT  
15**

[Town Council Meeting](#)

**SEPT  
19**

[Register for Arts in the Park](#)