THE **UP**DATE

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

No Plastic Bags in Recycling
Please remember that plastic bags cannot go in your recycling bin. They damage equipment and slow down processing.

Compost Bins Coming Soon
Starting in October, every home in University Park will receive a Town-provided compost bin. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and the weekly UPdate for more information.

Save the Date:
Electronics Recycling
Mark your calendars! Our next Town Electronics Recycling event will be held on Saturday, October 18. More details coming soon.

STATE GRANT STRENGTHENS POLICE

The Town of University Park has been awarded a $65,588 State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) grant for Fiscal Year 2026, thanks to support from the Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy.

The SAPP program is a formula-driven fund that supplements local resources for police protection. Annual distributions are based on population, the number of officers in a department, and the community's taxable income, ensuring that towns like ours can sustain essential public safety services.

"We are incredibly grateful to the State of Maryland for this SAPP grant. This funding is a vital resource that supplements our operational costs, allowing us to enhance public safety and better serve University Park," says Chief David Coleman. "Our police department is deeply committed to both public safety and community well-being. This funding will help us maintain that commitment by making sure our officers have the tools and resources they need."

For University Park, this year's award will provide flexibility to strengthen operations and community engagement. Eligible uses include officer salaries, equipment and technology upgrades, investigative tools, training, vehicle operations, and outreach initiatives.

The grant ensures that UP continues to benefit from both professional service and strong neighborhood-police partnerships that make our town a safe and welcoming place.

FLOW AND TELL FROM WSSC

Wondering how your water meter works, or what to do if your bill seems unusually high? WSSC Water has launched Flow & Tell: Water Meter FAQs, a new series of nine short videos that walk you through everything from how your meter measures usage to practical tips for spotting leaks and saving money.

Check out the full series online. With clear explanations and easy-to-follow advice, you'll find countless answers in one convenient place.

Still catching up on your bill? Don't forget that WSSC Water's Get Current program is still available. This program offers flexible options to help customers bring their accounts up to date, avoid late fees, and get back on track. Learn more here.
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UNIVERSITY PARK SERVICE DAY - 10/13

The Town of University Park will host its first ever **Service Day** on Saturday, October 25 - a half-day volunteer event open to all Town residents. This new tradition is an opportunity for neighbors of all ages to come together, lend a hand, and make a tangible difference in our community.

The day begins with a light breakfast at 8 a.m. at Town Hall, followed by a variety of service projects from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. All projects are right here in University Park, so it's easy to participate and connect with your neighbors.

Projects will include plantings in Ward 6 and in the Pollinator Meadow, trash pick-up at Wells Playground and University Park Elementary School, and small in-home, safety-based tasks in partnership with UP Helping Hands. With opportunities both outdoors and indoors, there's something for everyone - no matter your skill set or comfort level.

Whether you're planting flowers, sprucing up our playgrounds, or helping a neighbor at home, your time and effort will help strengthen our community bonds. Service Day is a simple, fun way to give back and show pride in our Town.
Ready to pitch in? Please sign up today to reserve your spot. Questions? Contact Dave Tully: Tully.Dave@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

SEPT 13 — Moths in the Meadow

SEPT 15 — Town Council Meeting

SEPT 19 — Register for Arts in the Park