



# Town of University Park Year-in- Review 2026

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# Agenda

- General Government Highlights
- Police Department Highlights
- Public Works Highlights



# General Government

Strong advocacy, strategic collaboration, and sound financial stewardship defined general government accomplishments in 2025.



# General Government

## Building Capacity

- Hired a new Chief of Police
- Hired Town's first Social Media Assistant
- Hired a new Town Treasurer
- Welcomed Cindy Mowery, Ward 4 Councilmember, to the Town Council

## Funding & Fiscal Support

- Received a \$400K Maryland State Bond through Senator Washington's Office
- Awarded a \$65,273 Maryland Police & Protection Grant
- Secured a \$10,000 PEPCO Grant (via the Maryland Environmental Finance Center)
- Transitioned to LGIT Health, with an expected \$31,906 savings

## Governance & Compliance

- Held four (4) Town Hall budget work sessions, strengthening Councils involvement in the budget process
- Submitted the 2025 ARPA Funding Report

## Permits

- 50 building permits issued
- 38 EV permits issued
- 3 one-day parking passes issued
- 42 battery powered operated reimbursements

## Social Media Stats

- 31 weekly Updates posted
- 106 Facebook postings
- 96 Instagram postings
- Meta (FB & Instagram 2025 overall stats:
  - 19,146 views
  - 557 reactions
  - 9928 total unique views
  - 1172 total clicks

# Police Department

The University Park Police Department will work in partnership with our stakeholders to provide a safe environment and enhance the quality of life consistent with the values of our community. We will adhere to values of professionalism, integrity, responsiveness, sensitivity, respect, and openness.



# Police Department

## Community Safety & Enforcement

- Drug take back program:
  - Successfully executed collection events in April & October
- Sober Driving Initiative:
  - Launched a targeted enforcement & awareness campaign in May
- PG County Wide Initiative
  - Participated in a regional collaboration to enhance community safety

## Specialized Training & Professional Development

- Child Interrogation Training:
  - Completed specialized tactical training in March & April focused on juvenile justice & communication
- Conflict Resolution Training:
  - Conducted department-wide sessions in to enhance de-escalation & mediation skills

## Personnel & Recruitment Success

- Full Staffing Achieved:
  - Reached the significant milestone of a fully staff police department.
- Recruitment & Graduation:
  - Successfully hired two new recruits who completed their rigorous police academy training

## Equipment & Technology Upgrades

- Advanced Field Equipment:
  - Completed a full department upgrade of issued Tasers
- Transparency & Accountability:
  - Modernized the department's body-worn cameral systems to the latest technology

## Community Engagement & Outreach

- Shop with a Cop:
  - Participated in the departments annual holiday event to build positive relationships between local youth and officers (17 youth participated)
- Movie Night in the Park:
  - Partnered with the community for outdoor cinema and events
- Hosted Public Safety Night



# Public Works

To provide exceptional service to the Town's residents. Exceptional service is defined as thorough, reliable, prompt, courteous, and conscientious.

# Public Works

## Infrastructure & Facilities (UP Bladensburg Garage)

- UP Bladensburg Garage
- Replaced garage roof
- Paved Parking lot
- Installed emissions & ventilation
- Retrofitted pedestrian bridge railings on Van Buren St & 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue

## Permitting & Code Enforcement

- Issued 24 building permits
- Processed 77 private tree removal requests
- Resolved 40 code & rental issues
- Issued 15 special utility permits

## Operations & Maintenance

- Oversaw PEPCO vegetation mgt
- Restriped e-scooter hubs, sharrows, & playground parking lots

## Staff & Equipment

- Completed training in heavy equipment, CDL, forklift, & heat illness
- Purchased a new trash packer

## Community Support

- Provided logistical & operational support for 23 community events