



2026 ELECTION

UPRD Election Information & Updates

Voter Guide for the UPRD Board Supervisor Election on February 17, 2026

Overview:

The University Park Recreation District (UPRD) is holding an election to fill two (2) open Supervisor positions on the Board. Supervisors play a critical role in making decisions that impact Club operations, including financial matters such as debt repayment, dues, fees, and capital commitments. These decisions affect the community significantly, making it essential for residents to participate in this election.

Eligibility to Vote:

You are eligible to vote if:

- You are a Lot Owner listed on the deed for the property (each person listed is an eligible voter). For example, co-owners of a property both have a vote. One principal agent or listed trustee will have a vote.
- You are a Resident who has lived at a University Park address for at least 183 days in the last 12 months and are 18 years or older. These are usually renters but could also be guests of the owner.

Please note: The deadline to register was December 31, 2025.

Candidate Forums:

To help you make an informed decision, the 2026 UPRD candidates will participate in two public forums:

- **January 14, 2026:** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- **February 10, 2026:** 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

All forums will take place in the **Lakeside Room**. These events include opening statements from the candidates, followed by a guided Q&A session led by the Election Chair. We encourage you to attend and ask questions. Candidate bios and additional information are available at [UPRD Election Website](#).

University Park Neighborhood Candidate Meet & Greets:

All UP residents are invited to attend any of the upcoming Neighborhood UPRD Candidate Meet & Greets.

All neighborhood events will be held at their community pool (except Eaton Place and Warwick Gardens) from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM.

- January 15 – Hampton Green
- January 16 – Whitebridge
- January 17 – Warwick Gardens (*Common Area at Warwick Gardens Ln and Chatsworth Ct*)
- January 19 – Lennox/Lansdowne
- January 20 – Kenwood
- January 21 – Eaton Place (*The Dog Park located on the 7300 block of Eaton Ct*)
- February 9 – Virginia Waters
- February 13 – Notting Hill

Introducing the 2026 Election Team:

The 2026 Election Team consists of dedicated volunteers selected by the Election Chair, Don Ferris, to assist in ensuring a smooth and fair election process. The following individuals are members of the Election Team:

- Ailsa Deitemeyer
- Susan 'Susie' Schell
- Jerry Gray
- Ken Gray

We extend our gratitude to these individuals for their commitment to serving the community during this important election.

Voter materials package

- A vote materials package will be mailed out to all eligible voters on **January 9, 2026**. The package consists of:
 - Cover letter explaining the contents and voting procedures
 - Proxy Voter Form
 - Official Ballot Form
 - Unsealed return envelope with voter ID on outside left upper corner (to use for mail in or drop off ballot)

Voting Methods:

Option 1: Paper Ballot

- Fill out the enclosed Ballot Form.
- Submit your ballot by mailing it in the provided envelope or depositing it in the secure Ballot Box located at the UPCC Administrative Office.
- Ballots must be received no later than **12:00 pm on February 17, 2026**.
- Lost, damaged, or inaccessible ballots can be replaced on election day. Bring an acceptable ID to the voting location (The Varsity Club) to obtain a replacement.

Option 2: Proxy Voting

- If you authorize someone to vote on your behalf, complete the enclosed Proxy Form.
- Your proxy holder must present the completed Proxy Form at the voting location in the Varsity Club between **9:00 am and 12:00 pm on February 17, 2026**. After validation of both voter and proxy holder identity, the proxy holder can then complete the official ballot form and place ballot and proxy form in provided envelope which is placed in the ballot box.
- **Important Note:** A proxy is not obligated to vote according to the original voter's preferences, even if those preferences were discussed prior to voting or even if the original voter fills in the official ballot with his/her preferred choices. Ensure you trust your proxy to act in your best interest.

Mail-in Ballot Guidelines:

- Place the completed ballot in the return envelope provided, ensuring your name, address, and ID# are visible in the upper left corner of the envelope, and SEAL IT.
- Mail the sealed envelope or deposit it in the secure Ballot Box at the UPCC Administrative Office.

Special Mail-in/Drop Off Scenarios:

1. **Intact Sealed Envelope with Sender Descriptors on outside left corner of envelope arrives by mail or is dropped off at the UPCC Admin Office:** Ballots in this condition are processed directly.
2. **Undeliverable/Returned Ballots:** UPRD Admin will contact the voter, issue a replacement, and destroy the original ballot.
3. **Opened or Unsealed Envelope with or without ballot inside:** UPRD Election Admin will verify voter intent and address any issues with follow up action.
4. **Non-standard Voting Envelopes:** These are validated and processed by the Election Review Team.
5. **Proxy Vote Forms in Envelopes:** Proxy votes not cast according to procedure will be canceled.

Walk-in Voting:

- Voting takes place on **February 17, 2026**, from **9:00 am to 12:00 pm** at the Varsity Club.
- Bring acceptable photo ID (e.g., driver's license or passport) to verify your identity.
- Replacement ballots are available if required. Ballots will not be provided if you have already previously submitted a ballot and are seeking to change your vote.

Walk-in Scenarios:

1. **Voter submits a sealed envelope with ballot on election day:** The Election Committee ensures the envelope is secured and processes it according to standard procedures.
2. **Voter requests a new ballot due to loss or damage:** After verifying the voter's identity and eligibility, the Election Committee issues a replacement ballot.

3. **New property owners confirm eligibility through property deed verification:** Eligibility will be verified via proof of property ownership and a valid photo ID, after which eligible new property owner(s) will be permitted to cast their vote(s).
4. **Proxy holders cast votes after validation by the Election Committee:** The committee reviews the Proxy Form to confirm authenticity and allows the proxy holder to vote on behalf of the original voter.

Key Election Details:

- **Election Day:** February 17, 2026
- **Voting Location:** Varsity Club
- **Voting location hours:** 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, February 17, 2026
- **Ballot Submission Deadline:** 12:00 pm (noon), February 17, 2026
- **Candidate Forums:** January 14, and February 10, 2026, in the Lakeside Room
- **Website for Candidate Bios and Information:** [UPRD Election Website](#)
- **Contact for Questions:** Don Ferris, 2026 Election Chair (dferrissalt@aol.com)

Additional Notes:

- Ballots and voting procedures will be verified and counted by an independent CPA firm.
- The final tabulated results are provided by the CPA firm to the Election Chair who delivers the results in person and announces the vote totals for each candidate. The election results are placed on the UPRD website and certified at the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors.
- The Election Chair and Election Review Team will oversee the election process to ensure fairness and accuracy.

We encourage all eligible voters to participate in this important election. Your vote helps shape the future of our community and its governance. For any questions or further assistance, please contact the Election Chair or visit the UPRD website.