



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of February 3, 2016

Follow-Up from Meeting of January 27, 2016

Maple Avenue Crosswalks – Councilmember Seamens inquired about the status of improving the Maple Avenue Crosswalks.

Upcoming Events

Community Conversation on Affordable Housing – Saturday, February 6 from 9:30 am to 1:15 pm in the Community Center Auditorium. The agenda, which looks terrific, is on the City's website.

Stump the Chump: Neighborhood Energy Challenge Edition – Not sure which energy-efficiency improvements are worth the investment? Bring your energy audit reports, contractor proposals, and toughest energy efficiency questions for a second opinion without the sales pressure. Our “chump” is Sustainability Manager Gina Mathias, who will be at Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Avenue, Thursday, February 18, at 7:00 pm to answer your questions.

Neighbor to Neighbor Discussion about the MCPS Budget – Tuesday, February 23 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Community Center Auditorium. Co-sponsored by the Takoma Foundation and the City of Takoma Park, there will be a discussion on the proposed FY 2017 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Public Schools, facilitated by Denise Bracalilly Stultz from the MCPS Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships.

2016 Safe Grow Lawn Care Event: Switching to Organic Lawn Care Methods – Tuesday, March 1 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Community Center Auditorium. Homeowners attending the event will receive a free soil test and ten homeowners will be selected for a free lawn care consultation.

Our City staff were terrific. Police helped many people in need. All City streets (except one public alley) had at least a lane cleared by Monday. Most sidewalks have been cleared.

Storm Recovery Update Issued Today

- Regular collection of trash, recycling and food waste of Thursday routes will be attempted on Thursday, January 28, starting a little later in the morning than normal. Crews will attempt collection, but not all streets may be accessible and not all containers may be able to be collected. Residents are advised to use caution when placing their containers near the curbside. Given the limited space, please keep them out of the street. Where possible place them in a driveway opening or tree lawn areas that have been shoveled down and are level. The same information applies to the collection of Friday's route on Friday.
- Traffic restrictions put in place for the duration of the storm will continue through Sunday, January 3.
- No payment is needed at the City's Takoma Junction parking lot on Carroll Avenue or at parking meters through Sunday, January 31.
- Enforcement WILL take place regarding non-monetary parking restrictions such as residential permit parking, handicap parking, no parking in loading areas etc.
- Enforcement of the City's sidewalk clearing laws begins on Thursday for sidewalks along commercial, institutional and multi-family properties. Enforcement begins on Friday for sidewalks along single-family residential property. For more information, see www.takomaparkmd.gov/snow . Enforcement officers will be lenient with properties that had snow plowed onto sidewalks from street crews.

Condolences

City staff were saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Ashton Ernst, a local college student and part-time Recreation Department employee. Our hearts go out to his family and friends.

My Schedule

No time away is planned until late May.

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