



## **CITY OF TAKOMA PARK City Manager Comments**

**Report for City Council Meeting of January 20, 2016**

### ***Winter Storm Information***

**City Staff are Preparing for Blizzard Conditions Friday and Saturday** – Public Works crews are likely to begin twelve-hour shifts starting mid-day on Friday and lasting through the storm conditions. Unless the storm predictions change drastically, it is likely that City facilities will be closed on Saturday and Sunday. (The Police Department is always open for emergency services.) Arrangements are being made to house some essential staff overnight during the storm so that we remain fully staffed for emergency operations during the storm event.

**Be a Good Neighbor!** – Residents are being asked to check on neighbors who may need help, and shovel out sidewalks and bus stops. New snow shoveling rules require shoveling by noon after a night-time snowfall, and by 9 pm after a day-time snowfall. **However, if blizzard conditions occur on Saturday, it may not be possible to shovel. Enforcement of the snow clearing law is not likely to begin until Monday.** If the predictions of a blizzard do not come true, shoveling of walkways within the City's time limits is expected.

**Be Prepared** – Clear yards of things that could blow away in the high winds. Check your emergency supplies of food, batteries, flashlights, medicines, gasoline, snow shovels, etc. and make sure you are ready for several days without electricity.

**Keep Informed** – Information will be posted on the City's website, on City TV, and sent out via the E-News, Takoma Park Alert! System, and through the City Manager's blog. Facility closings will also be listed on the WTOP website.

**Report Problems** – If trees or wires come down, or other unsafe situations exist, please call the City's Police Department at 301-270-1100. If there is a medical problem or fire, please call 911.

### ***Follow Up from Meeting of January 13***

**Martin Luther King, Jr. stone:** Public Works will adjust the stone at the base of a tree in front of the Library so that it is situated properly.