

Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) City of Takoma Park

Thursday, April 23, 2020

7-8.30, Virtual Meeting

AGENDA

Issue/ item	Person	Est. Time
Roll Call	Ron Hardy	5
City, County events	Ron Hardy,	10
Community activities --Takoma Park web page do folks know about the services and support in Takoma Park? https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/police/covid-19-info-resources/ --WAH reopening for CoVid-19 --Connecting with special communities for their issues/concerns: disabled, elderly, non-English speakers → who has contacts? Set up meetings, speakers? -- communication paths--website, radio, column, +? And other ideas!	ALL	45
issues in your neighborhood/ ward--what are people asking and what are they sharing? --what can /should we be doing at this time? + what additional info can we offer the City?	ALL	25

Next Meeting : May 28, 2020

EPC Virtual Meeting 23 April 2020--NOTES

Participants: Ron Hardy, Buddy Daniels, Kathleen Quinn, Mary Muchi, Steve Schwartz, Rebecca Chestnut, Chris Beck, Claudine Schweber (note-taker).

Topics shared and discussed:

--City/ County updates (Ron Hardy):

- City of Takoma Park is asking Montgomery County for personal protective equipment (ppe)
- Takoma Park web page has updated corona virus information "Information and resources covid-19" : takomaparkmd.gov → search, corona virus
- Washington Adventist Hospital/ Takoma park will be installing 63 beds for covid-19 patients: date not clear yet
- Mask donations needed for high rise building tenants: please leave masks in the police dept entrance (lower level)
- Pepco warns us that scammers are again threatening to cut power if money isn't provided → Pepco points out that they will NOT cut power during the covid-19 crisis even if people do owe money

--Community issues

- Young folks closely congregating/hanging out together: several members shared this information and that it was difficult to get the group to separate and move on+ noise issue
- Sligo Creek Parkway: only about 1/3 seem to be wearing masks, including families; since Sligo is fairly narrow in sections, need to be extra careful and move away.
- Food support: Manna and Adventist Church are distributing food; Takoma Park Middle School 'Difference Makers' are also distributing food.
- Neighbors-calling-Neighbors program:
<https://wjla.com/news/local/phone-a-neighbor-takoma-parks-new-program-to-help-with-covid-19-social-isolation> (27 March 2020)

To do:

--disability issues & status of Text 911 (Claudine Schweber)

--contact Village of Takoma Park re help with those with no computers (CS)