

Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) City of Takoma Park

Thursday, January 27, 2022

7-8.30 pm via ZOOM

AGENDA

Issue/ item	Person	Est. Time/ minutes
Rollcall of members Committee Leadership positions Ethics/Open Meetings completion	Ron Hardy,	15
--Takoma Park, Montgomery County & State Reports	Ron Hardy	15
Committee Priorities for 2022	All	30
Outreach Projects	All	20
Vote on Committee Leadership positions	All	10

Next Meeting: February 24, 2022

Emergency preparedness links:

MADRA: Mid-Atlantic Disaster Recovery Association <http://www.madra.org/> : quarterly & online <https://madra.org/>

MD Emergency Management Agency - <http://www.mema.state.md.us/calendar/index.asp>

Emergency Preparedness <https://www.ready.gov/>

Federal Emergency Management Agency- <http://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.asp?page=all>

Minutes

Committee attendance- Chris Beck, Dianne Cherry, Jim Della-Giacoma, Ami Gadhia, Troy Jacobs, Kathleen Quinn, Claudine Schweber, city employee Ron Hardy

County and City Highlights

County libraries continue to distribute Covid Rapid test kits (over 500,000) Additional kits have gone to persons in need at hard to reach locations and public and private schools.

County libraries have also distributed over 350,000 KN95 masks.

The county continues PCR testing and results can be obtained in 24-48 hours normally. The tests are molecular tests, also called PCR tests.

New Covid cases in the county have reduced significantly over the past two weeks,

City

Test Distribution was done at the city Library on Wednesday 19, 2022. The city had 2000 kits to distribute, afterwards leftover kits were distributed to high-rise residences with seniors and people with disabilities.

The city still continues its mask mandate at city facilities

ONSITE COVID-19 TESTING EVERY WEDNESDAY IN FEBRUARY!

In partnership with [Montgomery County](#), the City of Takoma Park is offering COVID-19 PCR testing clinics every Wednesday in February.

Test Dates:

Days: Wednesdays in February
(February 2, 9, 16, & 23)

Time: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Location:

Takoma Park Recreation Center

7315 New Hampshire Ave

Takoma Park, MD 20912

Discussion for committee chairman, vice-chairman and secretary were discussed. Follow-up at the February meeting with the City Clerk.

Outreach Methods for 2022

1. Radio show (WMOD) with Claudine Jim and Chris to assist
2. Monthly newsletter- Claudine Jim and Chris to assist
3. Flyers – all will work on distribution at events and places where people gather
4. Events that the EPC will participate with information
 - a. Celebrate Takoma
 - b. National Night Out
 - c. Folk festival
 - d. Street Festival
 - e. High rises
 - f. Farmer's Market
5. Stop the Bleed classes will be assessed when CoVid numbers go down
6. Zoom/Presentations to special citizen groups all will look into finding different groups in the city and work on presentations geared towards the group
7. Seasonal threats and resources coming up with specific flyers and information for the web page
8. Consider Public Service announcements with City TV
9. Possible Weather-related seminar on Climate Change

Committee Priorities for 2022

1. Members to develop or find communication pathways in their neighborhoods. Claudine will compile a list
2. Weather events preparedness
3. Review the Stormwater proposal provided by Chris and discuss at the February meeting and look for updated flood plain plans
4. Discuss the city's Emergency Operations Plan for revisions