

Friends of TP Rec center made progress – RFP soon for design suggestions for the Rec center – anyone can be on mailing list to participate. If you want to be updated by progress on Recreation Center Re-design and progress – reach out to Priscilla for more info on/from Friends of the Takoma Park Recreation Center.

Wishing happy birthday to Cherwanda!

Gregory sent activity notes to group. Highlights from meeting:

- highlights summer camp offerings in March
- In-person classes sessions back in session Monday
- Basketball begin Feb 12 – cutting league down to 6 games due to shortage of people.
- 2 projects – 1= improvements to include architecture stuff; will use some funds to get a new roof and need to make building last a few years until the rebuild. 2 = money to continue to provide scholarships for people impacted by COVID. Offering 100% scholarships to continue at least for the next few years. Also planning to assist with children who need services for underserved populations and those effected by COVID (to be located at Rec and Community centers). Tutoring services will be both in person and virtual (per preferences) and are independent of the after school programs.
- Will send add about scholarship to local newspaper detailing how to apply
- Suggestions to increase social media presence
- New Youth success Staff member Haven Rodd.

Takoma Park Rec Center – condition deteriorating to be documented - Committee member(s) to take pictures and compare condition of other Recreations centers to Takoma Park Rec center.

MLK day moved to this Saturday due to weather. Takoma Woods – meeting 1pm to clean up trash. Bring gloves and facemask (and a warm hat). Can sign up on site (including covid waver). Will have forms for HS who wish to participate.

Next month: Play Day! Indoor event in planning – masks required, vaccination encouraged. Link to Lets play America: letsplayamerica.org

Ward-walks, run/bike the boundaries, Roy Austin running group?, Archery,

Archery – closest archery range is in Rockville. May be possible to set up a range on the field at Ed Wilhelm Field.

Looking for an instructor to instruct a class for Mac Lab – posting something for COOP running group.

Multicultural day inquiry – thinking about starting up activities to celebrate diversity that had not been available due to COVID.

4th of July pre-planning thoughts on things. Food trucks, skateboarding, basketball, big playground, permitting.

Links from the chat:

<https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/planning-and-community-development/safe-routes-to-school/tkpk5k-challenge/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkRecreationCenter>

Follow-ups, and agenda ideas for next meeting:

- have a multicultural event(s) outdoors
- photos of condition of TP Recreation Center by comparison to other Rec Centers
- new classes/activities (archery, running, etc)
- Multicultural day, possible post-July 4th parade community picnic with Food trucks at Ed Wilhelm field- Jay will check on permitting process.
- Haven Rodd – new staff member at Rec Center to be introduced to Rec Committee at some time in near future - her focus is in youth/young adult and outreach/programming

Attendance:

Priscilla Labovitz, Shana Fulcher, Michael Asrat, Mackenzie Brown, Gregory Clark (Recreation Director), Howard Kohn, Jill Saletta, Jay Keller, Cherwanda Vera Oliver, Taylor Dibbert, Jon Worley, Ellen Marcus (Acting Secretary), Jay Keller (Chair)