



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of May 18, 2016

Follow-Up from Last Council Meeting

SHA's Website on Carroll Bridge Project

At last week's Council meeting, Councilmember Male noted that SHA had not updated their project website since March. We wanted to let Council know that they updated it late last week after staff brought it to the project manager's attention:

<http://apps.roads.maryland.gov/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectSchedule.aspx?projectno=MO2405115>

Information to Share

June 1 City Council Meeting – Recreation Center at 7:00pm

The June 1 Council meeting will be held at the Takoma Park Recreation Center located on 7315 New Hampshire Ave. The meeting will begin with a reception at 7:00 PM with light refreshments to recognize Immigrant Heritage Month and to give residents an opportunity to meet informally with the Mayor and Council.

Poet Laureate Program

We would like to invite the Council to tomorrow's celebration of the City's Poet Laureate program. This special "Third Thursday" event will be featuring all three of Takoma Park's Poet Laureates - Don Berger, Anne Becker and current Poet Laureate Merrill Leffler, as well as the Mayor. Selected works from each of the poets will be read followed by a short discussion of the poet laureate program and reception. The celebration will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Auditorium.

Bike to Work Day

May is Bike Month, celebrated in Takoma Park with a variety of biking events like Bike to Work Day which will be this Friday, May 20. This free community event is celebrated at three "pit stops" in Takoma Park, where participants get a free t-shirt, light refreshments, and fun giveaways. The first, hosted by the Crossroads CDA, will be in front of the Professional Building at 7676 New Hampshire Avenue. The second, hosted by the HCD Department, can be found by the new bike repair station at Sligo Creek Trail and New Hampshire Avenue. The third, organized by Takoma Bicycle, is at the

Gazebo. This is the 5th year Bike To Work Day is happening in Takoma Park and all are encouraged to attend. To officially participate, you need to register online at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org at one of the three Takoma Park pit stops. We hope you will consider biking to work on Friday!

Friends of the Library Book Sale Will Be Indoors

The Friends of the Takoma Park, Md. Library Book Sale will be located inside the Community Center this Saturday, May 21 from 10 am to 3 pm. Although it is normally outside, there is a 100% chance of rain this Saturday (surprise!) so books will be for sale in the Computer Center and in and around the Lilac and Rose Rooms. Please stop by!

I Can Shine Camp

The HCD Department is currently accepting registrations for the "I Can Shine" camp which will be held the week of June 27. The camp, featured in the latest staff blog on the City's website, provides students with special needs a chance to learn to ride a bike independently. If you know of a child between the ages of 8 and 14 who would benefit from the program, please encourage them to participate. We are also looking for volunteers to assist the riders and provide encouragement and motivation throughout the camp. Information on the program can be found on the Safe Routes to School page on the City's website: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/safe-routes-to-school/> .

Memorial Day Holiday

City facilities will be closed Sunday, May 29 and Monday, May 30 for the Memorial Day Holiday. The Police Department is always open for emergency services.

Kudos

This week I want to extend kudos to the Recreation Committee, Recreation staff and other staff involved for all of their hard work that made this past weekend's Celebrate Takoma event a great success! Despite the stormy weather and a last minute change in venue (the event was moved indoors), there was still a good turnout and fun was had by all. A special word of thanks goes out to John Webster, Facilities Manager, for leading the effort.

My Schedule This Month

No leave planned.

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