



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of June 8, 2016

Information to Share

Delay in Closing of Carroll Avenue Bridge

The closing of the Carroll Avenue Bridge is not likely to take place until mid-July due to unfinished Verizon work. Verizon still has two to three weeks' worth of work to do, as it was apparently affected by the Verizon strike. Most of the other preparatory work related to the Carroll Avenue Bridge seems to be ready for the bridge closure.

Employee Appreciation Week

This week is Takoma Park Employee Appreciation Week, which will culminate in a luncheon at the New Hampshire Recreation Center at from noon to 2:00 pm on Friday, June 10. It is a small way that we show our excellent and dedicated staff our appreciation for all they do to keep the City operations running smoothly and carrying out the policy directives of the Council. Councilmembers are invited and encouraged to attend. Please note that most City offices will be closed on Friday from 12 to 2 pm.

Community Conversation on Youth Success

The second Community Conversation – with a focus on youth success – is just around the corner! It will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, June 18 from 12:30-4:00pm. We have some great speakers and community booths lined up and hope the Council will continue to help us spread the word about the event. #TkPkYTHsuccess

Follow-Up from Last Council Meeting

Takoma Junction during Metro SafeTrack Plan Implementation

Councilmember Qureshi suggested that we evaluate how the Takoma Junction lot might be used to alleviate some of the burden that the upcoming Metro SafeTrack Plan implementation may have on Takoma Park residents. We are staying on top of the plans as they unfold and will provide additional information about the potential use of the lot as soon as we know more and have a plan in place.

Kudos

Kudos to Jessie Carpenter for her very successful presentation at this year's International Institute of Municipal Clerks, which was recently held in Omaha, Nebraska.

At the conference, she represented the City on a panel focused on innovative municipal programs. Specifically, her presentation was on Municipal Election Innovations with a focus on 16/17 year old voting, same day registration, expanding early voting and voter outreach.

My Schedule

I plan to be off the week of July 18.

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