



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of January 11, 2016

Happy New Year!

With the first Council Retreat session occurring on Monday and budget preparation beginning, we have really hit the ground running in 2017. I look forward to working with our residents, Council and staff to make this a very productive year!

Follow up from Last Council Meeting

Bikeshare Balancing

Mayor Stewart noted that the Bikeshare station at the Junction had no bikes for use at 8am. Staff contacted Bikeshare, which conducted a “rebalancing” and said the issue should be resolved. They will continue to monitor the station.

Information to Share

Tax Duplication Meeting

I attended a meeting in Rockville today at the invitation of County Councilmember Sidney Katz to discuss tax duplication. The discussion focused generally on the issue and served as an opportunity to bring Councilmember Katz up to speed on the progress of various work groups. I plan to provide his office with more detailed information within the next few weeks identifying areas of general agreement and areas still to be resolved. We hope to arrive at some resolution later this year which would affect the FY19 budget. I will continue to keep you informed and will let you know if your assistance could be beneficial in the discussions. Tax duplication will be a topic at the next MML Montgomery Chapter meeting on January 19.

Leaf Collection

I am happy to report that this year’s leaf collection went relatively smoothly with very few issues. As previously reported, we will be adjusting the schedule next year so as not to interfere with Small Business Saturday.

Holiday Schedule

The City offices and facilities will be closed on Sunday, January 15 and Monday, January 16 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Commit to making it a “Day On” and not a “Day Off.”

Kudos

Holiday Party Planning Committee

It seems like it was a while ago now, but I wanted to acknowledge the hard work of the City’s Holiday Party Planning Committee. Between the nice venue, great food, prizes,

DJ, and photo booth, they really thought of everything! A good time was had by all. Thanks also to the Councilmembers who attended. Your presence was greatly appreciated.

Karen MacPherson in the Washington Post

Kudos to Karen MacPherson, Children and Young Adult Manager in the Library, whose [review of the new biography](#) of children's author Margaret Wise Brown appears in the Style section of today's Washington Post (C4). Her booklist, "[Hope and Inspiration](#)" appeared in the Post on December 20, and is also published in the January City Newsletter.

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