



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

Acting City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of June 14, 2017

Follow Up to Last Council Meeting/Information to Share

Carroll Ave Bridge Now Open

While crews will continue to work in the area, the Carroll Ave Bridge reopened to traffic today. Temporary traffic signals at Sligo Creek and Maple and at the WAH entrance should have been removed today. I have approved making the temporary stop signs at Maple and Maplewood permanent. In response to a request from residents, which was supported by Councilmember Smith at last week's meeting, Public Works staff is evaluating the intersection of Flower and Maplewood in the context of the larger plans for the Flower Ave Green Street project and will be making a recommendation regarding installation of four-way stop signs (the existing signage plan does not include stop signs at this intersection).

Boy Scout Troop 33 Takes the Bite Out of Mosquitoes

Last Saturday, Boy Scouts went to 170 homes to distribute literature and conduct property surveys upon request with homeowners on potential breeding places for mosquitoes and helping to dump standing water. They used the Presbyterian Church at Maple and Tulip as their starting point. Ron Hardy, Emergency Preparedness Manager, provided training and literature for the scouts who went out in teams with adult chaperones. We will be posting the handout (in English and Spanish) on the City's website later this week.

Kudos

Kudos to one of our many Library rock-stars, **Karen MacPherson**, who was recently asked by The Washington Post to write an article on audio-books for kids. Her article appeared in the Post online on June 8 and in the print edition this past Sunday, June 11. Here is a link to the article: https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/books/how-to-get-your-children-to-relax--and-learn--in-the-car/2017/06/07/ed953b90-33f3-11e7-b412-62beef8121f7_story.html?utm_term=.ed96acd611ae

Kudos also go to **Paula Lisowski** of the Recreation Department for her work on implementing the City's first Summer Camp for residents aged 55 and over. The "Culinary Camp," held June 5-9, involved hands-on educational activities designed to expand culinary skills and knowledge while having fun. Activities took place at the Community Center with some off campus trip (by Recreation Bus) to a variety of culinary venues. Daily camp activities covered different aspects of the culinary field such as visiting an historical apothecary, learning how to cook with healthy vegetables, herbs and spices, engaging in chocolate truffle making from bean to bon-bon, learning how to taste wine and match it with foods like a pro, discovering "Nutrition for Life," and much more.

Hiring Update

We are interviewing for the IT Manager position this week and have a few other open positions, including PW Sanitation Driver and Equipment Operator, and HCD Planning Intern. We expect to begin advertising for a new Police Chief in July.