

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK 2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

District 20 Delegation
December 9, 2020



Major Priorities

- Mitigating the impacts of the pandemic on residents, businesses and the City of Takoma Park
 - D20 legislation (Del. Wilkins): Stable Homes Act / Just Cause Eviction – more important during pandemic
 - More funding for residents, businesses, local government
 - Food insecurity



Major Priorities

- Mitigating the impacts of climate change
 - D20 legislation (Del. Charkoudian): Community Choice Energy
 - Assistance to those impacted by longer storms, flooding
 - Targeted energy efficiency programs, including multi-family buildings



Major Priorities

- Reimagining public safety
 - D20 legislation (Sen. Smith/Del. Moon): Action on Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights, Maryland Public Information Act, other steps
 - Need to address community mental health needs – more important during pandemic

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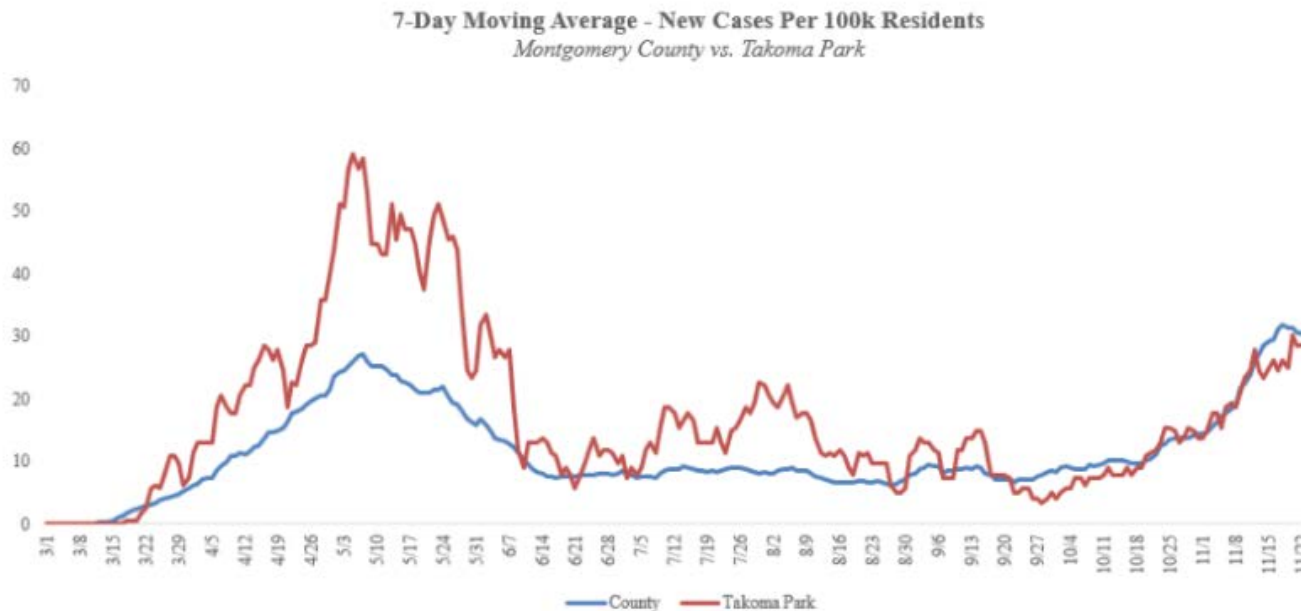
- Get Purple Line construction back on track and continue mitigation efforts
 - \$2 million for area small businesses allocated by the General Assembly remains unspent; thanks to Del. Wilkins and the D20 and D47A teams for putting the pressure on Governor Hogan to act!
 - Purple Line Tree Replacement legislation; thank you, Del. Charkoudian!
- Support for expanded funding flexibility for municipalities rather than just depend on property taxes; enforceable tax duplication provisions

Other Priorities

- Vaccine distribution to critical populations
 - Facilitate regional approaches to vaccine distribution; distribution by residency, rather than employment centers or need may hurt D20 residents
- Vision Zero
 - D20 legislation (Del. Moon): Allowing lower speed limits

COVID-19 City Data and Relief Efforts

- As displayed on the [Takoma Park COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#), Takoma Park continues to be a COVID-19 “hotspot” in Montgomery County.
- Our 7-day moving average was close to 60 new cases per 100K residents in May compared to 25 new cases per capita Countywide, and continues to trend higher than the County average.



COVID-19 City Data and Relief Efforts

- The economic disparities that existed in terms of employment, educational attainment, and wealth-building for Takoma Park's Black and Brown populations have been aggravated by the pandemic.
- Takoma Park's small businesses, particularly immigrant and minority-owned businesses, have also been hard hit by this public health crisis.
- Most recently, there are a growing number of self-help evictions Citywide.

COVID-19 City Data and Relief Efforts

- The Takoma Park City Council and City staff acted quickly soon after the outbreak to support residents and businesses with new emergency services, online resources, and the creation of a \$634,000 COVID-19 Relief Fund.
- City of Takoma Park economic and development assistance:
 - direct funding assistance to more than 92 small businesses
 - funding information provided to 556 businesses
 - 55 businesses received cleaning supplies and safety protocols
 - distributed public health signage to 370 businesses
 - workforce development efforts expanded

COVID-19 Relief – Healthy Business Initiative



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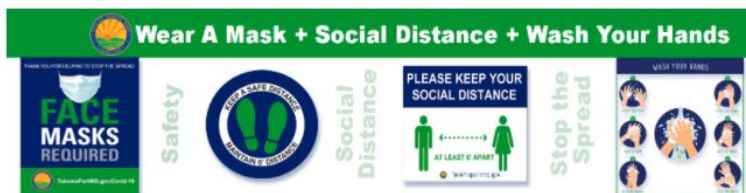
- City of Takoma Park Housing Division
 - expansion of emergency financial assistance, including eviction prevention, prescription assistance, food support, utility disconnection prevention, and assistance with personal protective equipment
 - rental assistance program, as well as assistance with condominium fees and continued assistance to homeowners with non-federally backed mortgages
 - long hours helping families one-on-one

COVID-19 Communications

- The City's COVID-19 relief efforts are communicated through the [Takoma Park COVID-19 Response Page](#), Takoma Park City TV coverage, the City newsletter, and other communication avenues.
- Thanks to our partnership with Montgomery County DHHS, more than 2,600 people have been tested at County-sponsored testing sites at the Takoma Park Recreation Center and Sligo Church parking lot.

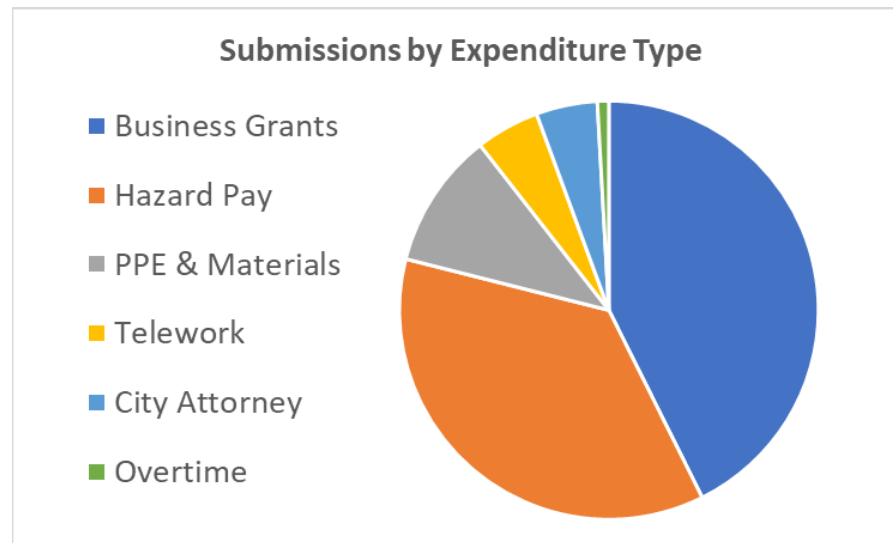
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INFORMATION AND RESOURCES: COVID-19 RESPONSE



COVID-19 Response – FEMA & CARES Reimbursements

- \$369,376 total submitted (\$277K CARES, \$92K FEMA)
- \$132,093 pending submittal, and counting



D-20 Joint Priority Hearing - Summary

Major Priorities

- Mitigating impacts of pandemic
- Mitigating impacts of climate change
- Reimagining public safety
- Build Purple Line and continue mitigation efforts
- Funding flexibility for municipalities

- Other Priorities
 - Vaccine distribution to critical populations
 - Vision Zero

D-20 Joint Priority Hearing

Thank you for your strong efforts on behalf of the City of Takoma Park and the Takoma Park community!