



## City of Takoma Park, Maryland Mayoral Proclamation

### PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER AS MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WORKS MONTH

**WHEREAS,** the City of Takoma Park is one of 157 Maryland municipalities; and

**WHEREAS,** municipal government represents the most responsive level of government, allowing residents to have direct access to their elected officials; and

**WHEREAS,** municipalities enhance the quality of life for their residents by providing various services tailored to the particular needs and desires of the community; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Takoma Park maintains municipal facilities, streets, sidewalks, parks, natural areas, collects refuse and recycling, clears snow and leaves, manages stormwater facilities, protects tenants through rent stabilization and other laws, provides recreation classes and programs, maintains a full service municipal library and a full service police department; and

**WHEREAS,** the year of 2020 has been a year of hard challenges due to the pandemic and elections, and during this year the work of local government employees and committee members has been critical in meeting the extraordinary needs of residents and businesses and upholding the integrity of the electoral system; and

**WHEREAS,** in an effort to educate residents about municipal government and the importance of active and informed participation by residents, the City of Takoma Park is proud to promote municipal government awareness; and

**WHEREAS,** municipalities help to make Maryland a great place to live, work, play and explore; and, in the most difficult times, they help keep communities safe, and provide support and hope for the future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND,** on behalf of the City Council, staff, and residents, do hereby join the Maryland Municipal League in proclaiming November to be Municipal Government Works Month in the City of Takoma Park.

**Dated this 18th day of November, 2020.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kate Stewart", is written over a horizontal line.

Kate Stewart  
Mayor

## **Special Assistance with Elections in Takoma Park**

Board of Elections: Brian Ernst, Arthur David Olson, Matt Ling, Lori Grazio, Kimberly Allen and Curtis Antonucci

Community Members: Anne Sergeant, Joan Francis, Conrad Bohn, Benjamin Finlay, Julie Weber, Susan Finlay

City Clerk's Office: Jessie Carpenter, Irma Nalvarte, Blake Vining, Dashed Lewis

Communications: Donna Wright, Alvaro Calabia, John Pitt, Bien Martinez

Public Works: John Lupari, Daryl Braithwaite, Ronni McCallum, Marcini McWatt, John Dudley, Crystale Holt, Walker Latimore

Library: Ellen Arnold-Robbins, Ann Leveque, Nic Fontem, Karen MacPherson, Janet Jendrzeczyk

Recreation: Debby Huffman, Danielle Murphy, Kristen Boone

Finance: Kiros Alemseged

City Manager's Office: Jessica Clarke

## **Special Acknowledgement for Pandemic Response**

Extraordinary work has been done by the staffs of the Housing, Economic Development, Communications, and Finance offices, as well as by the Deputy City Manager and the Emergency Manager, to serve Takoma Park during the pandemic.

In addition, the daily work by our essential workers in the Takoma Park Police Department and Department of Public Works is greatly appreciated. The early days of the pandemic were particularly concerning for our staff, as it was not clear how the COVID-19 virus was transmitted, but our staff continued to serve the public.

Thank you for your service.