



City of Takoma Park, Maryland

Mayoral Proclamation

Recognizing Crossing Guard Doris Rodgers and Proclaiming September 9, 2021 as Doris Rodgers Day in Takoma Park

- WHEREAS,** Mrs. Rodgers began her career as a Crossing Guard in Takoma Park on September 1, 1971. She arrived at the police station at the end of August 1971 to inquire about the crossing guard position and was hired on the spot. She was given a uniform and told to start on September 1; and
- WHEREAS,** Mrs. Rodgers is the longest serving City of Takoma Park employee; and
- WHEREAS,** Mrs. Rodgers has lived in Takoma Park at the same address for over 50 years. She raised three sons and one daughter who all attended school in Takoma Park; and
- WHEREAS,** Mrs. Rodgers assisted Chief DeVaul in getting to school when he attended Takoma Park Elementary School and Piney Branch Middle School from 1972-1978; and
- WHEREAS,** Mrs. Rodgers has worked every post in Takoma Park, but has been at Maple Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue the longest; and
- WHEREAS,** Mrs. Rodgers is a dedicated Crossing Guard. Rain or shine, she is at her post and ready for work every day; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief DeVaul says, “Mrs. Doris was my neighborhood crossing guard growing up in Takoma Park. I passed her post every day as I went to and from school. She always greeted me with a warm smile and created a sense of comfort for my friends and I. Fifty years later and she continues to have that same smile and impact on our children. Mrs. Doris is a true Takoma Park treasure.”

THEREFORE, I KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, on behalf of the City Council, residents, and staff proclaim September 9, 2021 as Doris Rodgers Day and recognize her dedication and commitment in keeping our community safe.

Dated this 8th day of September, 2021.

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

Kate Stewart
Mayor