



City of Takoma Park

## City Manager Comments

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### Report of July 7, 2021

#### COVID-19 Related Information

##### COVID-19 Dashboard

As of July 1, 2021, the COVID-19 State of Emergency is lifted in Maryland. Each week, the City continues to update the COVID-19 Dashboard found here: [COVID 19 Dashboard](#). 69.4% of all residents are fully vaccinated and 79.6% are partially vaccinated in Takoma Park. As a City we have surpassed President Biden's goal of 70% vaccination (partial or fully) by July 4. More than 70% of City staff are also fully vaccinated. Thanks to this continued good news, the City continues to progress on a phased reopening timeline.

##### City Reopening Timeline

All remaining teleworking staff returned to City offices this Tuesday, July 6, for a hybrid schedule. The Library is also open to the public; here are the [new hours](#). The Community Center and Recreation Center remain closed to the public; however, [notary services](#) and [passport services](#) are now available by appointment. Public Works is open and the Police Department, as always, is open. Masks are required in public areas of City facilities.

##### Vaccinations Available!

Unvaccinated residents are encouraged to get vaccinated. Current vaccines have been shown to be effective at both preventing people from getting the more-contagious Delta variant and reducing the severity of symptoms from the Delta variant. **Please get vaccinated if you haven't been already – it really helps us all return to normal.**

To make an appointment in advance, visit

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/vaccine/> You can also use this link to learn of other vaccination sites and the type of vaccine offered. As for walk-in clinics, the Montgomery County DHHS Latino Health Initiative is partnering with the Maryland Vaccine Equity Task Force to bring vaccination clinics to the following locations in July:

- Tuesdays at Clifton Park Baptist Church
  - July Dates: 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>
    - Hours: 1pm – 7pm
- Thursdays at the Americana Grocery of Maryland
  - July Dates: 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>
    - Hours: 1pm – 7pm

There will also be a free COVID-19 vaccine walk-in clinic on July 10, 4-8PM at La Union Mall. The Pfizer vaccine will be provided by Giant Pharmacy for ages 12 and up. No ID or insurance required. This is hosted by the International Mayan League and the Langley Park Civic Association, and Prince George's County Councilmember Deni Taveras. Additional clinics advertised by the Prince George's County Department of Health are below:

Additional Vaccine Clinics

Adelphi Plaza - 2340 University Blvd E  
Clinic on July 24, from 3-8pm. No appointment or registration needed.

CASA de Maryland - 8151 15th Ave: Tuesdays, 2-8pm – for ages 18+.  
Appointments encouraged, walk-ins welcome. Call (301) 270-8432 for an appointment.

Langley Park Community Center - 1500 Merrimac Dr.  
2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 5-8pm. Walk-ins welcome.

Walgreens - 1329 University Blvd E  
Pfizer vaccine. Call 1-800-925-4733 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

Mary's Center - 8908 Riggs Road  
Call (844) 796-2797 to make an appointment. Walk-ins welcome on Saturdays.

CVS Pharmacy (ID required) - 7939 New Hampshire Avenue  
Moderna vaccine. Call 1-800-SHOP-CVS. No appointment needed.

A Plus Medical (ID required) - 7505 New Hampshire Avenue, Suite 314  
Moderna vaccine. Call (301) 326-2997 to make an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### Call for Youth Council Applications

#### **Takoma Park Youth Council Application Deadline Approaches - July 16, 2021**

The Takoma Park Youth Council is open to Takoma Park teens who will be in grades 7-12 for the 2021-2022 school year. The Youth Council was established by the City Council:

- To provide an opportunity for the youth of Takoma Park to acquire a greater knowledge of and appreciation for local government through active participation in the system.
- To help the City Council to address problems and accomplish the goals of this community by working directly with the representatives of youth.
- To serve the youth of Takoma Park by:
  - informing the Takoma Park municipal government of the needs and wishes of youth;
  - planning and implementing social, educational, cultural and recreational activities for the youth;
  - working with the Mayor, City Council, City department heads, schools, civic clubs and service organizations to provide service and leadership opportunities for the youth of the City; and, helping to instill a feeling of positive self-worth and esteem, teaching respect for the rights of others, and promoting community pride.

The City Council will review the applications received and appoint up to 11 members on July 28.

[https://takomapark.seamlessdocs.com/f/youth\\_council\\_app\\_2021\\_2022](https://takomapark.seamlessdocs.com/f/youth_council_app_2021_2022)

[Youth Council Charter](#)  
[Youth Council web page](#)

Please contact Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, with questions or requests for additional information: [jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov) or 240-723-0437.

### **Street Resurfacing Completed!**

The following streets have been resurfaced:

- New York Avenue from Takoma Avenue to Baltimore Avenue
- Baltimore Avenue from New York Avenue to Philadelphia Avenue
- Birch Avenue from Cedar Avenue to Barclay Avenue
- Maple Avenue from Philadelphia Avenue to Maplewood Avenue
- Maplewood Avenue from Maple Avenue to Flower Avenue

The work remaining includes reinstalling lane markings, stop bars, and speed humps. Public Works is in the process of scheduling that work and will provide an update once dates are confirmed.

### **Stormwater Fee Notice**

Single family property owners should have received in the mail a brochure on the new stormwater fee for your home. The new fee is based on the amount of your impervious area, and will appear on your property tax bill. This summer, the city wants to finalize each property's fee and correct any errors in mapping or math. You can request a correction if you think there's an error, such as the square feet of the lot or the impervious area. The application for a correction can be found on the City's [Stormwater webpage](#). Later this year, the city will turn to the process for how homeowners can get credit for work done to capture and/or filter stormwater. Questions? Contact [publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov) or 301-891-7633.

### **Reimagining Public Safety Task Force Presentation on July 13**

The Reimagining Public Safety Task Force will present their final recommendations to the City Council on Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30PM. This week they are working long hours to incorporate community feedback provided through the June 28 Community Listening session and other avenues, as well as technical information provided by City staff, to articulate the final set of recommendations. You can register to listen in to their final meeting tomorrow, July 8, at 5:30PM, [here](#).

### **Passing of Jeremy Black**

While there is no way to acknowledge all lives lost in Takoma Park, we do try to share when information is made available. Today we extend our condolences to the family of Jeremy Black who was killed by a stray bullet on June 29. Jeremy was a father of two and worked in the Inspector General's Office of the Peace Corps. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time.