



City of Takoma Park

## City Manager Comments

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### Report of July 14, 2021

#### COVID-19 Related Information

##### COVID-19 Dashboard

Each week, the City continues to update the COVID-19 Dashboard found here: [COVID 19 Dashboard](#). There were no new cases of COVID-19 reported in Takoma Park in the last week, leaving the city's total at 1,728 since the start of the pandemic. In all of June 2021, 3 total new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Takoma Park. Even if some June cases are reported later, June will likely have the fewest new cases of any month since the start of the pandemic, followed by the 17 cases reported in March 2020. Between July 1 and July 8, 161 new residents received at-least a first-dose of a vaccination and 179 new residents became fully-vaccinated, bringing the city's total residents with at least a first dose to 14,225 (80.5% of all residents) and the total fully vaccinated residents to 12,452 (70.5%).

Thanks to this continued good news, the City continues to progress on a phased reopening timeline. Currently, Public Works, the Police Department, and the Library are open to the public, and passport and notary services are available in the Community Center on an appointment only basis. Masks are required in public areas of City facilities. A full reopening of all City facilities including the Community Center and Recreation Center is planned for August 23rd.

##### 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.**

##### FREE Vaccinations Available in or Around Takoma Park

##### Montgomery County and Latino Health Initiative

<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:

**Americana Grocery of Maryland**

8539 Piney Branch Rd,  
Silver Spring, MD 20901

**July Dates: 15th, 20th, 22nd**

**Hours: 1pm – 7pm**

**Note:** Clifton Park Baptist Church  
Dates canceled for July.

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**GoVAX - FEMA/MoCo****Washington Adventist University**

7600 Flower Avenue, Overflow Parking Lot  
Takoma Park, MD

**July 14 – July 18**

Wednesday - Friday

11:00 am - 7:00pm

Saturday - Sunday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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**Crossroads Farmers Market**

Anne St. and 1101 University Blvd.  
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Time: 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

**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. As a member of our Youth Council, you will inform the Takoma Park municipal government of the needs and wishes of youth; plan and implement social, educational, cultural and recreational activities for the youth; work 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. 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 reinstallation of stop bars, crosswalks, speed bump markings was completed last week. The center dividers are expected to be completed by the end of this week, but that depends on the weather holding out. Speed bumps reinstallation is pending scheduling based on contractor availability.

### **Reimagining Public Safety Task Force Final Recommendations**

The Reimagining Public Safety Task Force presented their final recommendations to the City Council yesterday evening. Their final report and presentation, as well as the resources and documents provided by City staff to the Task Force throughout this process, are available on the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force webpage on the City website. We look forward to continuing this important work started by the Task Force in the coming months.

<https://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/reimagining-public-safety/>

### **GFOA Award for the CAFR**

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to City of Takoma Park for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. We thank our Finance Department for their continued excellence in financial reporting.