



City of Takoma Park

City Manager Comments

Report of July 21, 2021

National Night Out is Back!

Reminder that National Night Out is coming up on Tuesday, August 3rd, from 6:00PM-9:00PM and will be held at Piney Branch Elementary School. This is an annual event hosted by the Takoma Park Police Department to bring the community together as a whole to increase awareness in safety and crime prevention, support locally-based businesses, groups and organizations, and to strengthen relationships among the community members and between the community and the Police Department. Come out and get to know your neighbors! There will be food, ice cream, face painting, a moon bounce, dunk tank, games, prizes, music, karaoke, and more! City departments – including Recreation, Planning, Housing, and Communications - will also be tabling to share information.

Recreation – Camp Update & Childcare Programs

Summer camps are going great at both facilities! Parents are very appreciative of the Recreation check-in process, wearing masks and cleaning protocols and are saying the kids are very tired when they come home which our Recreation team considers to be the highest compliment.

Registration is now open for our traditional before care and aftercare (Before the Bell and After the Bell) for the upcoming school year. We have been working behind the scenes continuing to ensure the building, participants and staff are safe while following the latest in state and local COVID guidelines. Program emphasis is on providing leisure and recreation programs utilizing our facilities while having lots of fun! Registration is still being accepted until filled. This will be the first year that Recreation is offering Before the Bell at the Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue.

Learn more: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation/childcare-programs/>

Arts and Humanities - Look Under Your Feet for Poetry by the Street

When you're walking around Takoma Park, look down at your feet to see poems by local residents imprinted in new sidewalks across the city. Three poems have been stamped so far in an interactive public art project organized by the City of Takoma Park's Arts and Humanities Division. A contest was held earlier this year where city residents of all ages could enter their

original poems. A committee of local poets chose 10 adults and 10 children as the winners who each received a \$100 prize. The poems are being stamped now during new sidewalk construction or sidewalk repairs.

Learn more: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/news-alert/look-under-your-feet-for-poetry-by-the-street/>

Celebrate the Career of Retiring Children & Youth Services Coordinator, Karen MacPherson

Dine inside or outside at El Golfo Restaurant on July 22nd from 6 to 8pm and 20% of the proceeds will go to Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. Mr. Gabe of Circle Time fame will be performing outside. You can make a reservation by calling 301-608-2121.

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. If you think there's an error in your impervious area, submit an Application for Correction that can be found on the City's [Stormwater webpage](#). If necessary, Public Works schedules site visits to confirm impervious area measurements. If there is a property line error, the City will refer your application to the County for a property line correction. 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 or 301-891-7633.

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 4 new cases of COVID-19 reported in Takoma Park in the last week, bringing the city's total to 1,732. The 7-day rolling average of new cases per 100,000 residents in the county and city also ticked-up slightly in the last week. The total vaccinated residents in Takoma Park increased by 212 and the total number of residents with at least one vaccine increased by 214 in the last week, bringing the total number of fully-vaccinated residents to 12,664 (71.7% of the city's population) and the total number of residents with at least one vaccine to 14,439 (81.7%). There were no new deaths due to COVID-19 reported in the 20912 zip code in the last week.

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, visit: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/vaccine/>