



City of Takoma Park City Manager Comments

Report of July 28, 2021

COVID-19 Related Information

COVID-19 Dashboard

Each week, the City continues to update the COVID-19 Dashboard found here: [COVID 19 Dashboard](#). 72% of City residents are fully vaccinated and 83% partially vaccinated as of this week. There were 3 new cases of COVID-19 reported last week bringing July's total cases to 5. The CDC advised masking indoors for fully vaccinated people this week in areas that are hotspots with substantial or high coronavirus transmission risk. We will continue to follow any updates to the State of Maryland and Montgomery County local health guidance based on CDC recommendations.

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, call 240-777-2982 or visit the Montgomery County COVID-19 Information Portal: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/vaccine/>

Public Works Storm Clean-Up

Thank you to the men and women of the Takoma Park Police Department and Public Works Department for their quick response to address damage caused by the quick-moving storm on Monday night. They worked overnight in coordination with PEPCO and Montgomery County Fire and Rescue to clear roads and sidewalks of downed trees, branches, and wires throughout the City. For any remaining debris on private property, Public Works offers yard waste pick up on Mondays. Branches need to be cut to 4 feet in length and be no bigger than 3 inches in diameter. For larger branches or downed trees, tree contractors should be contacted for removal. Contact publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7633 with any questions.

Stormwater Fee Notice

Single family property owners were mailed 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. 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.

Note: Through the Request for Correction process, Public Works has identified certain blocks where the County's property line mapping requires correction. The Montgomery County GIS team is in the process of reviewing and correcting any property line errors Citywide and will share the results of that review with the City. In the interim, Public Works will refer any property line errors identified through the Stormwater Fee Request for Correction Process to the County.

Events Making a Comeback

National Night Out

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, dunk tank, games, prizes, music, karaoke, and more! City departments – including Recreation, Planning, Housing, and Communications - will also be tabling to share information.

Folk Festival

The 2021 Takoma Park Folk Festival (TPFF 21) is on for September 12, 4:00-9:00PM so start planning your watch party! As past attendees know, the festival's music program is traditionally held on local school grounds and is organized around 6 performance stages. This year, however, the festival will be held in a hybrid mode. There will be physical locations in the Takoma Park Community Center auditorium and at El Golfo Restaurant that will be livestreamed (limited room capacity depending on COVID protocols at the time, reservations required), and multiple online "watch parties" around town and in people's homes. Each livestream will include performances from the anchor locations as well as remote settings. There will also be a craft fair in the parking lot behind the Takoma Park Community Center. If you are interested in hosting a watch party, contact Robin Stearn at robinstearn@comcast.net.

Back to School Preparations

Recreation Childcare Programs: 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. **For more information contact 301-891-**

7290 or recreation@takomaparkmd.gov . To learn more visit
: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation/childcare-programs/>

Back to School Backpack Donation Drive: Donors are asked to purchase a backpack and fill it with one or more basic school supplies, or you can drop school supplies in the drop-off box. Donations can be dropped off at the Takoma Park Police Department at 7500 Maple Avenue from July 28 to August 23. The collection container is located inside the Police Department lobby. Questions? Contact Cathy Plevy at cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov or call 301-891-7142.