



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of June 20, 2018

Information to Share

Home Stretch Closing

I am pleased to let you know that we have a second closing under the Home Stretch program scheduled for later this month. The recipient of the \$10,000 in Home Stretch funds, which come from the affordable housing fund, is a current resident who has rented in the City and is now purchasing a condominium in the City.

Racial Equity Here

Last week, the City committed to joining [Racial Equity Here](#), a project of the Government Alliance for Racial Equity (GARE), of which the City is a member. Racial Equity Here is a national movement of 180+ community organizations, local governments, foundations, schools and businesses across the country. We hope our involvement in REH will help us advance our racial equity goals using their three pronged approach:

- LEARN about race, racism and racial equity
- ACT to advance racial equity by using a simple racial equity tool
- PARTNER locally and across the country to drive a common agenda

At the City's behest, the following local organizations have also committed: Capital City Confectionary, Crossroads Community Food Network, Making a New United People (MANUP), Takoma Foundation, and What's My Bias, Inc.

We look forward to working with REH and community organizations to learn, act, and partner. Please stay tuned for more information on concrete steps the City will be taking based on lessons learned from our experience so far.

Kudos

Kudos to **Paula Lisowski** for successfully organizing the City's second summer camp for residents ages 55 and over. This year's theme was Land, Air and Sea and the camp took place June 4th - 8th. There were 16 participants that attended the Baltimore Aquarium, McFadden Art Glass Company, DC Radio Control Club, and the B&O Railroad Museum and Sail Tour. The camp also included an art collage workshop and a "Color Me Feng Shui" workshop. Thanks to Paula for her innovative ideas, creativity and perseverance in planning a wonderful camp for our senior residents!



Kudos to former PFCs **Jessica Garrison** and **Michal Godlewski** who were both promoted to the rank of Corporal this week. Great job Corporals!

And finally, kudos to City TV for the great job they did preparing and providing support for the Takoma Park Folk Festival 40th Anniversary Now & Then event this past Saturday. I understand a particular shout out is due to **Rob Ratcliffe**, who received the following message from one of the event organizers: *"I want to thank you for doing an extraordinary job on Saturday for TPF's Now & Then celebration. And it wasn't just on Saturday. You did a huge amount of work in the weeks leading up to the event, and you always did it with a positive attitude and kindness. I appreciate your patience with us as our requests escalated again and again for editing, music, and so on. It was a pleasure to work with you and the rest of the Takoma Cable TV staff, and I look forward to working you in the future."*

Hiring Update

We are currently advertising for a number of positions, including Community Development Manager for Housing and Community Services, Police Dispatcher, Police Officer, Sanitation Driver, Sanitation Tech, Recreation Program Assistant, Recreation Program Leader, Senior Accounting Assistant, and PW Intern (Special Projects).