



# CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

## City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of June 27, 2018

### ***Information to Share***

#### **Lincoln Avenue Sidewalk Update**

Approval of the contract for the Lincoln Avenue sidewalk cannot come before Council yet as the City is still awaiting approval from the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA). SHA is providing 80% of the funding for the construction of the Lincoln Avenue sidewalk through the Safe Routes to School grant program. The process of review and approval through SHA is often a long and cumbersome process. In addition to the standard review, this project also required a new Memorandum of Agreement between SHA and the City, which caused additional delay. We anticipate that SHA review will be completed and we will be able to proceed with the contract this summer. A contractor has been selected for the project and once SHA approval is received, the contract for the work will be considered by the Council. If approved, a schedule of construction will be provided by the Contractor.

#### **Viewing City Council Meetings**

Because we understand that sometimes cable, internet, and streaming services can be unreliable, we wanted to remind residents that there are many ways to watch City Council meetings live. Should you experience issues with one medium for viewing the meeting, we encourage you to try another:

#### Watch City TV on Cable

- RCN | Channel 13, HD Channel 1060
- Comcast/Xfinity | Channel 13, HD Channel 997
- Verizon Fios | Channel 28

#### Watch City TV Online

- City Website: [http://takomapark.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=5](http://takomapark.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=5)
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkTV/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/TakomaParkTV/featured>

#### **Original 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Invitation – from 1889!**

At its annual meeting with staff to discuss coordination for this year's parade and fireworks, the Independence Day Committee brought the City a copy of the original invitation to Takoma Park residents to celebrate the 4th of July. That program included instrumental and vocal music and orations to be delivered by gifted speakers of national reputation. Activities included lawn tennis and croquet. A copy of the invitation is attached.

#### **City Schedule Next Week**

City offices and facilities will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, with the exception of Police emergency services which are always open. Wednesday's trash and recycling collection will take place on Thursday, along with Thursday's collections. Enjoy the parade and public fireworks safely. Remember, private fireworks are not permitted in Montgomery County!

#### **Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium and Fitness Room – CLOSED June 27-July1**

The Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue) will be closing the gymnasium and fitness room beginning today, Wednesday, June 27 through *approximately* Sunday, July 1 for gym floor renovations.

## ***Hiring Update***

We are currently advertising for a number of positions, including Contract CDL Driver (a great opportunity for someone in the community who has a CDL and is looking to make some extra money on an as-needed basis!), Community Development Manager for Housing and Community Services, Police Dispatcher, Police Officer, Recreation Program Assistant, Recreation Program Leader, Senior Accounting Assistant, HR Intern, HR Coordinator, and Planning Intern.

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Youself and friends are cordially invited to assist in celebrating the Fourth of July at Takoma Park Ceremonies, beginning at eleven a' clock A. M., will include orations, instrumental and vocal music

Orations will be delivered by the following-named orators of national reputation: Hon. Wm. P. Hepburn, of Iowa, Solicitor of the Treasury, Hon. John R. Lynch, of Mississippi, Fourth Auditor of the Treasury and also other gifted speakers.

Lawn Tennis and Croquet.

Bring your baskets and have a good time.

On behalf of the Committee,

Cordially yours,

B. L. Warner,

President

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

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