



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of July 24, 2019

Information to Share

UPDATE: Planning Board Session on Silver Spring Intermediate Neighborhood Park

Last week's City Manager Comments noted that Montgomery Parks staff would be presenting the Facility Plan for Silver Spring Intermediate Neighborhood Park to the [Planning Board](#) for review. We learned on Monday that, due to an administrative issue at Montgomery Parks, the Planning Board did not receive the necessary information in time for their meeting. As such, the item will need to be rescheduled for September. For additional information, please visit the [park project page](#).

Save the Date – National Night Out

The evening of Tuesday, August 6, is National Night Out, sponsored by the Takoma Park Police Department. It will be held in front of Piney Branch Elementary School on Maple Avenue from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Make plans to come and enjoy and meet your neighbors and the fine staff of the Takoma Park Police Department.

Follow Up to Last Night's Film Screening and Panel Discussion

Last night's Occupation of the American Mind film screening and panel discussion attracted a very large turnout but still was able to go a long way towards meeting the goal of providing a safe space for people to listen, critique, discuss, and learn from each other. Those wishing to continue the conversation may be interested in an upcoming conference put on by J Street (as mentioned by the panelist representing the organization on the panel) that will occur in late October in Washington, D.C. Past speakers have included Madeleine Albright, Joe Biden, John Kerry, John Lewis, Nancy Pelosi, and many others. More information is available on J Street's website: <https://jstreet.org/>

Moving forward, we will be working with the Arts and Humanities Commission and City Council to develop the process and criteria by which films are screened as part of our Takoma Arts programming.

Hiring Update

We are currently advertising and/or interviewing for a number of positions including Human Resources Director, HR Generalist, Payroll and Accounting Specialist, Parking Enforcement Officer, Landlord – Tenant Mediator, Victim/Witness Coordinator, Budget Specialist, Mechanic, Recreation Program Leader, Planning Intern, Sr. Accounting Assistant, and Police Officer-Lateral.

My Schedule

While the Council is on recess in August, I will be on vacation August 1 through August 12. Jason Damweber will be on vacation August 14 through August 23.