



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of April 10, 2019

Information to Share

Flower Avenue Green Street Project – Kickoff Meeting

At long last, construction on the Flower Avenue Green Street project will be getting underway! There will be a kickoff meeting that is open to the public tomorrow, April 11, at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in Wilkinson Hall located at 7600 Flower Avenue. Construction is expected to begin on April 29.

First Time Homebuyers Class in Partnership with LEDC

Creating home ownership throughout the community is one of the goals in the Housing and Economic Development strategic plan. The City, in partnership with the Latin Economic Development Center (LEDC), a HUD certified housing organization, is hosting a free First Time Home Buyer seminar on Saturday, May 4 beginning at 8:30 am in the Community Center. Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion allowing them access to low interest loans for first time home buyers through the State and County as well as the City's Home Stretch grant. Interested parties can register here: <https://bit.ly/2uQd1Ce>

Right of First Refusal Properties

When rental properties are placed for sale in the City of Takoma Park, the tenant(s), the City, and Montgomery County all have the opportunity to purchase the property under City and County law. The owner of the property must follow the applicable laws and provide notice. City staff ensure that the correct processes are followed and notices given. Staff also provide advice as to whether or not the City may wish to exercise its right to purchase the property. If a property looks like it might be appropriate for City purchase (guided by City policy and goals), information on the property will be shared with Council for a decision. Recently, the following properties were determined to not meet the criteria for City purchase:

7708 Garland Avenue; two units; sale price \$360,000
8307 Roanoke Avenue; three units; sale price \$659,000

Hiring Update

We are currently advertising and/or interviewing for a number of positions including Custodial Crew Leader, Recreation Program Leader, Contract CDL Driver, Public Works Intern for Special Projects, Communications Officer (Police Dispatcher), and Police Officer-Lateral.