



# CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

## City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of May 8, 2019

### *Information to Share*

#### **Bike to Work Day**

This year's Bike to Work Day will be held on Friday, May 17. The City of Takoma Park will have two "pit stops," one at Sligo Creek Parkway and New Hampshire Avenue from 7:00-9:30am and the second in Old Takoma at the Gazebo from 6:00-9:00am. The event is fun, free, and it allows riders to connect with community members on their way to work or try biking to work for the first time! There are pit stops throughout the region with refreshments and giveaways at each. The City is also working to enhance our existing bike infrastructure and provide signage for bike routes in honor of bike month in May.

If you would like to volunteer at the event or are a business that can sponsor with in-kind donations, please contact Jamee Ernst at [jameee@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:jameee@takomaparkmd.gov)

#### **Recreation Center Operational Funding**

Several residents and Councilmembers wanted confirmation that the \$85,000 the City of Takoma Park receives annually towards the cost of recreation programming at the Takoma Park Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue is in the proposed FY20 Montgomery County Budget. We have been assured by Robin Riley, Director of Recreation, that the amount is included although it is not specifically identified.

### *Kudos*

Last weekend was an eventful one for the City! I wanted to give a shout out to ALL the staff involved in organizing and participating in the TkPk5k and the Takoma Park Success Fair. Special kudos go to **Lucy Neher** and **Samira Cook-Gaines** for their leading efforts in each of these events.

And huge kudos to all City staff always but particularly this week, which is Public Service Recognition Week, for lending their talent, hard work, and dedication to helping make the City the wonderful place it is!

### *Hiring Update*

We are currently advertising and/or interviewing for a number of positions including Human Resources Director, Custodial Crew Leader, Recreation Program Leader, Contract CDL Driver, Public Works Intern, Sr. Accounting Assistant, Audio-visual Technician (part time), and Police Officer-Lateral.