



City of Takoma Park

City Manager Comments

Report of May 13, 2020

Information to Share

COVID-19 Updates

Summer Camps

Consistent with the actions of Montgomery County and Prince George's County and many other area jurisdictions, the City of Takoma Park is canceling in-person summer camps this year. We will begin informing families of the cancelations. We will be continuing to do special virtual programming and the Recreation Department has been working hard on this.

Planning for Reopening and Continued Service Delivery

As work on the budget eases some for staff, increased attention is being paid to planning for reopening of City facilities. Each department has been learning best practices from professional associations and health department guidance. Changes will be made in staff training, policies and procedures, and facilities. As the plans and options are refined, they will be shared with the Council and others.

Resources Available During the Coronavirus

In response to the great need in our community, the Department of Housing and Community Development has put together a list of resources available to residents. Our staff is still here to assist you. Se Habla Español.

You can email us at housing@takomaparkmd.gov or call 301-891-7119 for additional help.

Takoma Park Residents in Need of a Mask

housing@takomaparkmd.gov

Call 301-891-7119

Eviction Prevention and Past Due Utility Bills

- Montgomery County Office to Prevent Homelessness
 - Telephone: 240-777-3075.
- Ministries United Silver Spring Takoma Park (MUSST)
 - Email: Musst@verizon.net
- Legal Assistance

- Maryland Legal Aid – Montgomery County Office
Telephone: 240-314-0373
- Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP)
 - Home heating
 - Electric utility bills
 - Low-income homeowners, renters, and roomers in Maryland
 - Apply
 - www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ohep
 - Email application to ohep@montgomerycountymd.gov
 - Call 240-777-4450

Foreclosure Assistance

- Free Foreclosure Brief Legal Advice
 - Civil Justice, Inc. Helpline – 443-808-0076 (no income restrictions)
 - Monday- 1:30 pm – 6:00 pm
 - Wednesday – 8:00 am – 12:30 pm
 - Maryland Legal Aid
 - Foreclosure Assistance Project – 888-213-3320
- Montgomery County Eviction Prevention
 - 240-777-3075

Return of Security Deposit

Takoma Park Tenancy Only
 Department of Housing and Community Development
housing@takomaparkmd.gov
 Telephone: 301-891-7119

Montgomery County
 Telephone: 240-777-0311

Garnishment of Stimulus Check

- Civil Justice, Inc. – Telephone 410-706-0174
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Help in Receiving Stimulus Check

- Catholic University of America Legal Clinic
 - Email: fsn@cc-dc.org

Unemployment Insurance Claim Issues

- APALRC – 202-393-3572

IRS Disputes and Payment Agreement

- Catholic University of America Community Legal Services
 - Telephone 202-319-6788

Immigration Issues, Travel Restrictions, Public Charge Rule Questions

- APALRC – 202-393-3572

Medical Insurance for the Uninsured

- Maryland Health Connection
 - Telephone: 855-642-8572 or 270-777-1815

Bankruptcy Assistance – Chapter 7 only

- Catholic University of America Community Legal Services
 - Telephone 202-319-6788

Auto Fraud and Repossession Abuse

- Civil Justice, Inc. – Telephone 410-706-0174
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Jobs

- GET SHIFT DONE
 - <https://www.getshiftdone.org/dmv>
 - Download the app
- Work Source Montgomery
 - <https://worksourcemontergy.com>

Free One-on-One Virtual Job Coaching with Worksource Montgomery

First Tuesday of the Month. Next session: June 2nd.

By appointment only. Contact Housing@TakomaParkMd.gov

Call: 301-891-7119

Other Information

Homeowner Tax Credit Supplement Checks Issued

The City of Takoma Park is mailing out checks to 118 homeowners who are eligible for the State's Homeowner Tax Credit. Both Montgomery County and the City of Takoma Park supplement this program. This year we are providing an aggregate supplement of \$115,274, an average of \$977 per eligible household. We will be sending out checks to renters who qualify for the State's Renter's Tax Credit program in the near future.