



City of Takoma Park

City Manager Comments

Report of November 18, 2020

COVID-19 Related Information

COVID-19 Cases are Rising

With the rising COVID-19 case rate and death rate, I am seeing increased anxiety and frustration among staff and residents. Here are a couple of points:

- The COVID-19 virus is the same virus today as it was last month; it is very serious, but it is not more or less serious than it has been, there are just more people that have it.
- The primary means of contracting the virus is by breathing in what others are breathing out.
- **Masks that cover the mouth and nose are very effective at protecting yourself and others.**
- Gathering together with many people – particularly when masks are off for eating, drinking, laughing, singing, shouting or exercising – is very dangerous.

For the holiday season, rather than gathering together, think of other ways to celebrate. Make plans to call relatives and people you know who live alone or who may be going through hard times. You may want to bake something for others and drop it off, along with a handmade card from your children or something else cheerful.

Celebrating this way this year will allow us all to celebrate together next year!

Welcome to our Incoming Council!

What a beautiful day Monday was for an outside Swearing-In of the new Council!



Other Information

Quarterly Report Delayed

Preparation of the FY21 1st Quarterly Report was delayed; it will be presented with the December 2nd City Manager's Comments.

City of Takoma Park Holiday Schedule

The City office closures for upcoming holidays are listed below. The Police Department is always open for emergency services.

Thanksgiving: City of Takoma Park operations, including the Library's Books-to-Go program, are closed Thursday, November 26 through Sunday, November 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Christmas: City of Takoma Park operations are closed from Thursday, December 24 at 12:30 pm through Sunday, December 27 for the Christmas Holiday.

New Year's Day: City of Takoma Park operations are closed from Thursday, December 31 at 6:00 pm through Saturday, January 2 for the New Year's Day Holiday.