



City of Takoma Park

City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of February 12, 2020

Information to Share

District 20 Night, Monday, February 27

Maryland's District 20 representatives are hosting District 20 Night, Monday, February 17, from 6 to 8 pm in Annapolis in Lowe House Office Building Room 170. This is an opportunity to meet your State Senator and Delegates. Round trip transportation is available. For information about the event, please contact lorig.charkoudian@house.state.md.us or call 410-841-3423. For information about transportation, please email Noah at info@willsmithformaryland.com.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library raised more than \$2,300 to support Library programs at their fundraiser held at the VFW Post on Saturday, February 8.

HR Updates

The City is underway with Union negotiations for both UFCW Local 400 and AFSCME. We look forward to successful negotiations and continuing a great relationship with both Unions.

We are excited that spring is bringing new talent to many departments. The new Budget & Accounting Manager, Landlord Tenant Mediator, and Human Resources Coordinator are all scheduled to start March 2nd. Interviews for the Deputy City Manager position will take place on Monday, February 24th and Wednesday, February 26th.

We are also in the process of recruiting for multiple positions in the Police, Recreation, and Public Works departments.

BY Morrison Park Decorations

Some of you may have noticed decorations in BY Morrison Park in Takoma Junction over the past weeks. Recently, some of the decorations were delightful Valentine messages from children, done in conjunction with our wonderful crossing guards. Unfortunately, communication about what the decorations were was not shared widely (or even with me) and, like any public decorations, there were mixed opinions about them. The decorations were removed yesterday by a crossing guard due to an erroneous belief that there had been an order for Public Works staff to remove them.

There had been no such order. In fact, there had been efforts by Mayor Kate Stewart and Councilmember Kacy Kostiuik to allow them to remain for a period of time. In the future, I hope early communication will help us avoid confusion and disappointment and allow other friendly efforts to be win-win projects. And, I wish all of the crossing guards and residents a Happy Valentine's Day!

WMATA Proposed Budget, beginning July 1, 2020
wmata.com/budget

The WMATA Proposed Budget includes a number of changes to both Metro Rail and Metro bus services and fares. Metrorail changes include restoring late night hours to midnight Monday-Thursday, and 2:00 am on Friday and Saturdays; increasing Sunday service; adjusting early morning weekday service before 6:00 a.m. to longer headway.

Metro Bus proposed service changes

- Increase the weekend frequency on high-ridership corridors that connect to Metrorail, and improve some Sunday frequencies to match Saturday service.
Routes: 7A, 7F, 23B, 23T, 28A, 80, 83, 86, A12, C29, E4, F4, P6, P12, S2, S9, Y2, Y8
- Extend hours on four MetroExtra limited stop routes and improve frequency on one route.
Routes: 16Y, 79, K9, X9
- Adjust frequency and hours of service
Reduce hours of service, generally eliminating the first or last early morning and/or late-night trips, that have low ridership.
Impacted routes: 92, 96, C4, D4, D6, E2, J2, K6, L8, T2, W1, Y2

Metro Open Houses:

Monday, February 24, 2020
Hilton Arlington
950 N. Stafford Street, Arlington, VA 22203
Open House: 6:00 p.m., Public Hearing: 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25, 2020
Metro Points Hotel
8500 Annapolis Road, New Carrollton, MD 20784
Open House: 6:00 p.m., Public Hearing: 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Metro Headquarters Building
600 5th St NW, Washington, DC 20001
Open House: 4:00 p.m., Public Hearing: 4:30 p.m.