



City of Takoma Park

## City Manager Comments

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### Report of March 24, 2021

#### COVID-19 Related Information

Vaccination appointments have been opening up faster than ever. Please work to get vaccinated as soon as you can! Refer to both the [Maryland Vaccine Website](#) and the [Montgomery County Vaccine Information](#) page to learn more and to pre-register if you are in a category that can do so.

You can also call 1-855-MD-GOVAX to learn more and register with the State. You can call Montgomery County at 240-777-2982.

#### **COVID-19 testing in Takoma Park**

Even though all of the attention is on vaccinations right now, it is still important to have regular COVID-19 testing. Without regular testing, we won't know if there are increases in COVID-19 cases until people need to come to a doctor's office or hospital. Free, no appointment COVID-19 testing is being held on Saturdays at the Takoma Park Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Avenue from 10 am to 5 pm. For this and other testing options, please see the information here: [Montgomery County Testing Sites](#).

#### **COVID-19 Dashboard**

Each week, the City's COVID-19 Dashboard is updated. The most recent one is here: [COVID 19 Dashboard](#).

Please, please, please – wear a mask, avoid large gatherings, and get a vaccine as soon as you are able to do so. We need to hold on a while longer to get through the pandemic.

#### **Tax Season is Extended**

Due to the pandemic, tax season has been extended through May 17, 2021. The City has been hosting the AARP Tax-Aide program for free tax assistance for income-qualified people (of any age) and that program is looking to also extend their availability. Please check in with them at 240-777-2577 if you would like to schedule tax assistance.

#### **One More Week for Recreation Center Survey!**

We've received over 600 responses to the [Recreation Center Survey](#) regarding the future of the Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue. Survey forms were in your last Takoma Park Newsletter and extra copies have been dropped off at a number of multi-family buildings. You can do the survey online at the link above or drop off hard copies at Essex House, Hampshire Towers and near the customer service desk in the Takoma Park Police Department lobby in the

lower level of 7500 Maple Avenue. These responses will be very helpful in preparing information for the City Council as we move forward on a new facility and other services.

### **Maple Avenue Complete Streets Meeting on March 30**

We are encouraging Maple Avenue residents to join a special meeting on March 30 to discuss plans to make it a more comfortable street for all. Go to [Maple Avenue Redesign](#) for more information and the meeting link.

### **Housing Division Information**

#### **March 25 [Webinar](#) on Accessory Dwelling Units.**

Want to learn more about the permitting and licensing process for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)? A March 25<sup>th</sup> panel will include representatives from Montgomery County, Habitat for Humanity, our City licensing specialist, and two homeowners who have gone through the ADU permitting process.