



City of Takoma Park

City Manager Comments

Report of April 28, 2021

COVID-19 Related Information

All residents 16 years of age and older can now be vaccinated in Maryland!

Please get vaccinated as soon as possible. The one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccines are available again and there is easy access to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. People are still getting seriously ill from COVID-19. We know what the coronavirus can do, and we need to protect ourselves and others by getting vaccinated!

COVID-19 testing in Takoma Park

There will be COVID-19 testing this Saturday in Takoma Park at the Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue. For details on 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](#).

Public Statement Regarding Dispute Between NDC and the TPSS Co-op

[City Statement of April 28, 2021](#)

The City of Takoma Park issued a public statement this morning regarding the ongoing dispute between the Neighborhood Development Company and the Takoma Park Silver Spring Co-op. The full statement is at the link above. Over the past week, the City of Takoma Park has been actively involved in discussions to bring about a resolution to the dispute and to ensure that the Co-op is able to continue to receive grocery deliveries.

Tax Duplication Funds Being Discussed this Week at County Council

The County Council's Government Operations & Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee will meet on Friday afternoon to discuss what tax duplication funds will be allocated to Montgomery County municipalities in FY22. There will also be a discussion about how the process of tax duplication rebates may be changed going forward. Nancy Navarro is the Committee's Chair and Andrew Friedson and Sidney Katz are members. Their Committee recommendation will have heavy weight when the full County Council vote on the FY22 County Budget.

The Montgomery County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League is **urging the County Council to vote to pay the full tax duplication amount.** That would mean adding \$5.2 million to the just under \$9 million proposed to be rebated to the 20 municipalities eligible for payments. It would mean an additional \$468,115 for Takoma Park for FY22. Negotiations for a fair Police Rebate formula would need to take place in the coming months to determine the right amount for those services, beginning in FY23.

Please contact the County Executive and the County Council to demand that the County pay the full amount of tax duplication money this year and every year. More information is on our City's [Tax Duplication](#) page. The GO Committee members can be reached at councilmember.navarro@montgomerycountymd.gov, councilmember.friedson@montgomerycountymd.gov, and councilmember.katz@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Reimagining Public Safety Listening Session Tomorrow

The Reimagining Public Safety Task Force wants to hear from you! Share your comments online or sign up to speak at the Thursday, April 29 listening session, which runs from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. Information and registration can be found here: [Task Force Project Page](#)

Welcome New Staff!



I am so excited that we have two wonderful new staffmembers that have joined the City of Takoma Park this week! Welcome to Takoma Park!

Above left is David Eubanks, our new Deputy Public Works Director. David has a background in affordable housing development, most recently with the NHP Foundation in Washington, DC. as well as past positions in economic development and policy analysis. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a Master's Degree in Business Administration (Finance) and a Master's Degree in Public Policy (Social Policy), as well as a BA in Psychology.

Above right is our new Planner, Alexander Freedman. Alex comes to us from the City of Los Angeles, where he most recently worked for the Department of Transportation in the Vision Zero Division. He also has a strong background in equitable food systems. He speaks Spanish fluently. He graduated from the University of Southern California with Master's Degrees in Public Policy and in Planning (Social and Community Planning), and has BAs from Tufts University in Environmental Studies and International Relations.