



City of Takoma Park

City Manager Comments

Report of June 9, 2021

COVID-19 Related Information

Vaccinations Available!

Montgomery County will be holding free COVID-19 vaccination events this week at Sligo SDA Church, 7700 Carroll Avenue. Use the parking lot on Greenwood. These free, no appointment needed, vaccination events are with the Pfizer vaccine, so are for people 12 years of age and older. This week, Monday through Friday, June 7-11, from 12 noon to 7 pm.

FEMA will be parking a mobile vaccination trailer in the Washington Adventist University overflow parking lot in Flower Avenue from June 15-20, with second doses provided in the same location July 13-18. Hours will be 11 am to 7 pm Tuesday to Friday, and 1 pm to 5 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Free Moderna vaccines, which are for persons 16 years of age and older. Walk-up are accepted and no one will be turned away. To make an appointment in advance, visit <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/vaccine/> You can also use this link to learn of other vaccination sites and the type of vaccine offered.

Please get vaccinated if you haven't been already. The new COVID-19 variants are causing a greater percentage of people who contract COVID-19 to be hospitalized than was the case at the beginning of the pandemic. The pandemic's been going on 15 months – don't get sick now!

COVID-19 Dashboard

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

OTHER INFORMATION

Street Resurfacing Begins This Week!

The City will begin street resurfacing Thursday, June 10. The work is expected to continue over two weeks, depending on weather conditions. The first step of the process is milling, which is the scraping of two inches of old asphalt from the surface. Be prepared - the milled street will stay in that condition for 5 to 7 days before the resurfacing takes place.

Streets will be resurfaced in the following order:

- New York Avenue from Takoma Avenue to Baltimore Avenue
- Baltimore Avenue from New York Avenue to Philadelphia Avenue
- Birch Avenue from Cedar Avenue to Barclay Avenue
- Maple Avenue from Philadelphia Avenue to Maplewood Avenue
- Maplewood Avenue from Maple Avenue to Flower Avenue

Flyers will be delivered to all properties on the affected streets; the flyers will provide more detailed information and likely work dates. Streets will be posted with “No Parking” signs prior to the work dates. Work hours are from 7 am to 5 pm. Access to the street will be limited or blocked during milling and completely blocked during paving. Parking will only be allowed overnight – from 5 pm until 7 am. Speed humps and street marking will be reinstalled a week or so after the paving is completed. *If residents have critical, scheduled events (dialysis appointments, medical transport, appliance delivery or household move), please contact Public Works at 301-891-7611.*

Independence Day Celebration Plans

Parade of Houses!

TPIDC will be organizing a house & business decoration contest. Participants can register their home or business and be eligible to win a prize in several categories, including most creative, most engaging, most patriotic, and best capturing the spirit of Takoma Park. A map of participating homes and businesses will be posted on the [TPIDC website](#) by July 1st, and participating houses and businesses will be asked to have their decorations up by July 1st so that residents and visitors can visit various participants throughout the holiday weekend.

Roscoe Statue Display

The large patriotic Roscoe the Rooster wooden statue that is part of the Committee's float in the 4th of July parade will be placed somewhere central in Takoma Park for the week of the 4th of July, likely on the grounds of the Takoma Park Community Center. There will be sidewalk chalk near Roscoe so kids can leave messages for him.

Roscoe Scavenger Hunt

An image of Patriotic Roscoe will be posted on the TPIDC website. Families are encouraged to print out the image and hang it somewhere in their house or yard that's visible from the street by July 1st. Families can participate in the scavenger hunt by looking for Patriotic Roscoe as they walk around Takoma Park.

Memorial to Jeffrey

Long-time TPIDC webmaster and Takoma Park 4th of July Parade's Uncle Sam, Jeffrey Silverstone, passed away last week. TPIDC will be honoring his memory in this year's celebration.

NOTE: There will be no fireworks at the middle school this year. There is the possibility of a live concert at the Old Town Gazebo but plans are still being finalized.

Meeting Held with State Highway Officials Regarding Takoma Junction

At the request of Neighborhood Development Company (NDC), a half-hour meeting was held on June 8 with officials from the State of Maryland, the City of Takoma Park, and NDC. The topic was the timing and approach of the review of the layby proposal for the Takoma Junction development site plan. State officials included Maryland Secretary of Transportation Gregory Slater and State Highway Administrator Tim Smith. City of Takoma Park officials included Mayor Kate Stewart, City Manager Suzanne Ludlow, and City Attorney E.I. (Skip) Cornbrooks, IV. NDC

representatives present were Michaela Kelinsky, Erin Girard, Esq (development counsel), Joel Bonder, Esq., and Jingjing Liu. A short discussion of the review process to date took place between NDC and State officials. The Mayor shared that the City Council's planned schedule for reviewing the site plan would be Work Session on June 16 and vote on June 23.

New! A "Summer Extra" Program for Children attending Summer School

If you need a safe place for your student to stay after the regular summer school day, help is here! This supervised, low-key program is available to students from Piney Branch Elementary School and Takoma Park Elementary School. With changes to school schedules due to the pandemic, Summer Extra is a NEW program to provide before and after-school activities for your child's MCPS Summer School Day. This four-week program provides games, activities, sports, and crafts. Activities will be both indoors and outdoors. Visit the [Summer Extra](#) for more information and to register. Remember, if you need a scholarship for the program, just ask the Recreation staff. We are here to support all families!