



City of Takoma Park

## City Manager Comments

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### Report of June 16, 2021

#### COVID-19 Related Information

##### **Vaccinations Available!**

FEMA has a mobile vaccination trailer in the Washington Adventist University overflow parking lot on Flower Avenue from June 15-20, with second doses of the Moderna vaccine provided in the same location July 13-18. Hours will be 11 am to 7 pm Tuesday to Friday, and 11 am to 5 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Free (two-shot) Moderna and (one-shot) Johnson & Johnson vaccines are for persons 18 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 – it really helps us all return to normal.**

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

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

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

##### **Community Listening Session on Monday**

The Reimagining Public Safety Task Force will host their third virtual community listening session on Monday, June 28th. For this session the Task Force will present their draft recommendations for community feedback. This is a key part of the preparation process for the final report from the Task Force that will be submitted to the City Council in July. Information on registration for this virtual event will be posted on the RPSTF website at <https://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/reimagining-public-safety/>

##### **Call for Youth Council Applications**

The application for the 2021-2022 Takoma Park Youth Council is now available. Please spread the word! The Youth Council is open to Takoma Park residents who will be in grades 7-12 for the next school year.

##### **[Application Form](#)**

The application deadline is Friday, July 11.

The Youth Council was established by the City Council::

1. To provide an opportunity for the youth of Takoma Park to acquire a greater knowledge of and appreciation for local government through active participation in the system.
2. To help the City Council to address problems and accomplish the goals of this community by working directly with the representatives of youth.
3. To serve the youth of Takoma Park by:
  - informing the Takoma Park municipal government of the needs and wishes of youth;
  - planning and implementing social, educational, cultural and recreational activities for the youth;
  - working with the Mayor, City Council, City department heads, schools, civic clubs and service organizations to provide service and leadership opportunities for the youth of the City; and,
  - helping to instill a feeling of positive self-worth and esteem, teaching respect for the rights of others, and promoting community pride.

[Youth Council Charter](#)  
[Youth Council web page](#)

Please contact Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, with questions or requests for additional information: [jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov) or 240-723-0437.

### **Street Resurfacing Underway!**

The City has begun street resurfacing – just delayed a bit due to last week’s rain. 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.*

### **Successful Movie Night!**

As the pandemic restrictions ease, it's nice to be able to celebrate group activities that we have missed. On Saturday, July 12th the Recreation Department hosted an Outdoor Movie, Soul, at Ed Wilhelm Field. The movie was well attended (approximately 70 residents) and fun for all.

### **Passing of Barry Fields**

While there is no way to acknowledge all lives lost in Takoma Park, we do try to share when information is made available. Today I am sharing an announcement about the passing of Barry Fields yesterday.

Barry Fields was a resident of Takoma Park for over 15 years. He lived at the Franklin Apartments. He leaves behind his mother, Sue Quarsel, a resident of the Essex House, and two brothers, Anthony and Rodney Fields. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time.