

## **City Manager's Comments:**

### **Communication Updates:**

- The City website has been updated with a variety of new items, including an update on the Library and Community Center Redevelopment Project, you can find this link on the homepage. There are also two other items that may interest the community- on the News and News Alerts page, please check out the “Property Tax Credits: Are you Eligible?” and the “Refuse and Recycling Regulations” - these each have deadlines coming up so be sure to check those out.

### **Housing & Community Development Updates:**

- Tomorrow, April 20th we celebrate National Poetry Month with a poetry reading -Four local poets will share their original work. This will take place from from 7:30-9:00pm in the Auditorium.
- Thursday, April 20th at 7:30pm or Friday April 21st at 12:30 pm- Rolling Into Spring- Bike Safety Roundtables During each of these one-hour, online sessions, participants will have the opportunity to give feedback on some current projects, learn about upcoming bike initiatives, and share thoughts on the needs of people riding bikes in Takoma Park. These are via Zoom and you can find the link to sign up on the City website under public notices.
- April 25th- TKPK 5K Transition General Interest Meeting - for interested parties as the City transitions the event to new management. This is also a Zoom meeting, and you can find the link to sign up on the City website.
- April 28th- Shorts Night Film Screening -Short films by five D.C.-area filmmakers will be screened and a Q&A with the film directors will follow. This is in the Auditorium from 7:30-9:30pm.

### **Library Updates:**

We have several big programs coming up with the Library and its partners. Two notable special programs in English and three that include Spanish. On Tuesday, 4/25, we have Favorite Poem Night at the interim Library location at 7505 New Hampshire Ave at 730pm. All are welcome, whether you plan on participating or observing. On Tuesday, 5/2, at 730pm, we are partnering with Historic Takoma, Inc. to present Preserving Your Family's Heritage at the HTI HQ at 7328 Carroll Ave, where you can learn about how to evaluate, handle, and store your family's records and memories. On Saturday 4/29, we have three programs, beginning with Día de los niños (dee-ah day los nee-nyohs) at 11am at the Rec Center on New Hampshire Ave. If driving, parking will be at the interim Library at 7505 New Hampshire Ave. We will have free artistic performances, stories, music, and information about community services.

El Cuento (el kwehn- toe) follows at 2pm at the Library, a volunteer-led Spanish language program, and Yard Dramas, an interactive storytime, is at 3pm. For more information about our programs, please visit the Library's website or email the staff at [library@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:library@takomaparkmd.gov).

### **Public Works Updates:**

- 1) The project to replace the HVAC rooftop units on the New Hampshire Avenue Recreation Center is expected to get started Thursday, April 20. This project, together with the roof replacement and the installation of air filtration units for the exercise and weight rooms, will complete the work identified and funded through ARPA for the Rec Center in FY23.
- 2) Arbor Day celebration and tree walk will take place Saturday, April 22 at 10 a, at Circle Woods (6605 Cockerille Ave). The City's Urban Forest Manager, Marty Frye, will lead the session identifying some of our choice native trees and expounding upon their virtues. We will also have rain gauges and trunk guards for deer protection to give away; first come, first served! Please RSVP on Eventbrite so we can keep tabs on expected attendance. RSVP on Eventbrite on the city's website
- 3) The Open House for the EV Sweeper is scheduled for Thursday, April 27 at 10 am in front of the Community Center. Please join City officials, including former Council Members, and staff to display the equipment and provide information. The event will also kick off the announcement of our "Name The Sweeper Contest", open to all. The contest will take place from 4/27 to 5/20. We hope to engage the community in a creative brainstorming for an appropriate name for the sweeper. The winning name will be unveiled on the sweeper in the July 4th parade.