



City of Takoma Park

Acting Deputy City Manager David Eubanks

May 17, 2023, City Manager Comments

Housing & Community Development Updates:

- May 18th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Langley Park Community Center is the New Hampshire Ave Flash Bus Rapid Transit- Community Advisory Committee meeting. They will review alternative designs and provide updates of the evaluation process. The link for more information will be posted with the City Manager's Comments tomorrow morning. (Link: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/NewHampshireAve/>)
- May 18th from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in the Auditorium of the Community Center, four local poets will share their original work in a new Takoma Park Arts poetry reading.
- May 19th from 7:30 am to 9:00 am- Takoma Park is hosting two pitstops for “Bike to Work” Day. These will be at New Hampshire & Sligo Creek Parkway; and at Old Takoma at 7035 Carroll Ave. If these aren't on your route, you don't have to miss out. Go to www.biketoworkmetrodc.org to find a pitstop on your route.
- May 20th from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, “Takoma Flea” will be taking place on Grant Avenue. This is an outdoor market with a wide variety of items for sale and great food options nearby.
- May 20th from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm, “Market on the Street” at the Laurel Avenue Streeterly. The Takoma Collective is hosting this limited market series and will feature local vendors, artists, and makers.
- May 21st from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm, the 2nd Annual Crossroads Community Food Fair at the Laurel Avenue Streeterly. Enjoy an incredible variety of sweet and savory eats and drinks from more than 15 food businesses based in Takoma Park.

- Council Requests/Updates

WAU Property Tax Exempt Status: Staff is working with the State Department of Assessment and Taxation to remove the tax exemptions for the site of the former Washington Adventist Hospital, beginning July 1, 2023. If the property owners cannot provide a satisfactory description of charitable activity at the site, then the exemptions will be removed. However, the property owners will be able to appeal that decision to the Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board.



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Recreation Updates:

- Summer camp is quickly approaching. There is still availability in the New Ave Adventure camp (7315 New Hampshire Ave) all summer. Limited spaces remain in Dance Camp, Theater Camp and Teen Camp at the Community Center (7500 Maple Ave). Register at takomaparkmd.gov/recreation
- Voting is going on now for the Recreation Department's June Outdoor Movie. Vote on your favorite movie choice by Friday, May 26 on the City's Facebook page.
- Registration is ongoing for the Recreation Department's Adult Basketball League and Middle School and High School Summer Basketball YES League.
- T-Ball for ages 5-8 is full.
- The Summer Youth Employment program is going very well with getting 8 Teen participants connected with their host organizations.
- Counselor in Training is off to a great start with 9 teens enrolled for the summer. Each participant has the ability to earn up to 40 SSL hours assisting with TPRD camps.
- Teen Lounge enrollment has grown to a whopping 90 students and while we certainly do not see all 90 of them every day, we are definitely seeing more new faces become regular visitors.

City Manager Updates:

Continuing in our effort to make the budget process more transparent, for this week's "Budget Bite" we are sharing why it is so important that we were able to have the second reading of the Ordinance and adopt the FY24 Budget this evening. Once we have final approval from the Council, we need to submit the adopted Tax Rate to the Montgomery County Council who meets tomorrow, May 18th, at 9:30 in the morning for their Reconciliation Work Session on the County FY24 Operating Budget.