May 24, 2023 City Manager's Comments:

Housing & Community Development Updates:

- May 25, 2023 beginning at 5:30pm, the Montgomery College Facilities Master Plan Walking Tour will begin from parking lot W1 off of King Street (adjacent to the Cultural Arts Center). A tour bus will be provided to tour the Takoma Park side of campus. Please visit the Montgomery College website for more information or to ask a question or leave a comment.
- June 1, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Power in the Park at New Hampshire Estates Park 8825 Piney Branch, This third annual event is hosted by Delegate Lorig Charkoudian in coordination with Community Health & Empowerment through Education & Research (CHEER) to connect the Long Branch community with energy assistance, weatherization, and community solar programs.
- June 1, 2023 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, the Wellspring of Poetry Reading at the Takoma Park Community Center. Please join us for our next Takoma Park Arts poetry reading where four local poets will share their original work about healing, growth, and enlightenment in various forms. The featured poets include Claudia Gary, Brendan Kennedy, Neha Misra, and Pamela Murray Winters.
- June 3, 2023 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Ward 5 June Celebration & Resource Event at Toatley Fraser Park, lots of fun activities and information.

Also,

• The City supported a Homestretch closing on Monday, 5/22. This City program offers down payment assistance to eligible individuals and families seeking to achieve home ownership. If you would like to learn more about this program you can find it on the City's website by searching the word "Homestretch".

Link: https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/grant-programs/the-home-stretch-down-payment-assistance-program/

Public Works Updates:

The annual Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off will take place Saturday, June 2 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Public Works facility, 31 Oswego Avenue. Please refer to the City's website for list of acceptable materials.

City Manager Updates:

This week's Budget Bite- While it may seem like the budget is all done, the staff spends June and July preparing the Adopted Budget Book which details the approved spending by City Council, which is then posted to the City's website. It includes a reader's guide, Council priorities, analysis, and other supplemental information to help users make the most of the document.