



City of Takoma Park

Acting Deputy City Manager David Eubanks

June 14, 2023 City Manager's Comments:

Housing & Community Development Updates:

Events:

- June 15th beginning at 7:30 pm at the Community Center is the “Celebrating Sligo Creek” Art Opening. Three artists will share their work inspired by Sligo Creek in a new art exhibition. The Friends of Sligo Creek will have a table to share info about their projects.
- On June 30th beginning at 7:30 pm, in the Community Center Auditorium is “Rhizome is Home”, a film screening and concert. This is a documentary about the Rhizome arts center in downtown Takoma with a concert by a local band.

Notifications:

- Concerning the Montgomery College Leggett Building- the WSSC has performed preparatory work for water valve removal in the area on Fenton Street and on Takoma Avenue. These water valves will be removed Friday, June 16th. A temporary loss of water and sewer to some residences and on the campus is expected for 2 to 4 hours on Friday. WSSC will notify the specific neighbors who will be impacted by water loss two days before the work starts. Work will continue with the restoration of the curb and gutter on Takoma Avenue on Monday, June 19th, and restore the trench on Fenton Street on Tuesday, June 20th. On Wednesday, June 21st, paving will be restored on both Fenton Street and Takoma Avenue. Work should begin each day around 9 am and flaggers will be in place to direct traffic as work is completed in the street.
- On June 8, 2023, the Montgomery County Planning Board voted to schedule a Public Hearing for Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 6 p.m. for community input on the Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment. The Public Hearing will take place at M-NCPPC's Wheaton Headquarters 2nd floor Auditorium as well as virtually through the Planning Board's website. The Public Hearing will also be livestreamed at the City of Takoma Park's Community Center for the public to watch and provide testimony. A link to sign-up to testify at the Public Hearing will be included tomorrow in the posted City Manager's Comments as well as a list of other methods to formally submit testimony.

Links:

- Sign-up to testify at the Public Hearing: <https://montgomeryplanningboard.org/meetings/signup-to-testify/>
- For more information about the proposed plan, please go to: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/planning-and-community-development/minor-master-plan/>

Other Methods to submit testimony:

- testifying in person or via Microsoft Teams as mentioned above
- residents may also email testimony to mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org
- fax testimony to the Planning Board Chair at 301-495-1320
- or mail written testimony to: Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board, 2425 Reedy Drive, 14th Floor, Wheaton, MD 20902.

*** **PLEASE NOTE***** To be reviewed by the Planning Board and included in the official record of the hearing, your testimony **MUST** include your mailing address and the date of the Public Hearing (in this case Sept. 14, 2023).



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- June 21st- We are hosting a staff appreciation breakfast at two locations. From 6 am- 7:30 am at Heffner Park for our Public Works employees, and from 8 am – 10:00 am at the Community Center for all other employees.
- June 22nd- The City continues with Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Training- earlier this week there were two in person trainings, and then on June 22nd we will offer two online trainings to ensure that all of our staff are up to date on these trainings.

We are pleased to announce that we have been accepted into the 3rd Annual National League of Cities Capstone Challenge. We will be partnering with Esri- the global market leader in geographic information system (GIS) software, and the cities of Chula Vista, CA and Tucson, AZ for the “Build a Strategic Equity Plan for Your City” project. This eight-month project is meant to assist us in better understanding the community’s equity needs, operationalizing our work and findings, and measuring impact in real-time. This public-private partnership is being offered pro bono to participants with additional support from the National League of Cities. The collaboration begins on June 26th.

A note concerning when to expect the FY24 Budget to be posted- City staff is working diligently to prepare the over 400-page document for posting, but it is not typically posted until after the start of the fiscal year. This is due to ensuring the performance metrics and goals match the final adopted budget.