



City of Takoma Park

Acting Deputy City Manager David Eubanks

Housing & Community Development Updates:

Events:

- On June 29th beginning at 6:00 pm via Zoom is the Montgomery College Project Update Forum on the Leggett Math and Science Building and the Library Renovation. Both project teams will share the most up-to-date information regarding the status of the projects and an overview of upcoming work. They will be on hand to answer any questions from the public. You must RSVP to participate, the link will be available tomorrow morning on the posted City Manager's Comments.

Link: <https://t.e2ma.net/click/f9cbzx/j4jkcjn/bm8c24p>

- On June 30th beginning at 7:30 pm, in the Community Center Auditorium is "Rhizome is Home", a film screening and concert. The evening begins with a parade from Rhizome to the Community Center, then a documentary about the Rhizome arts center in downtown Takoma with a Q&A with the film director, and a concert by the CMW players.

Notifications:

- Metro is offering reduced fares to assist low-income customers: The new income-qualified reduced fare program, 'Metro Lift', launched Tuesday, June 20. Customers who qualify for the US Department of Agriculture's Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) are eligible to enroll. Approved by Metro's Board of Directors in the fiscal year 2024 budget, the program advances transit equity and affordability. Customers enrolled in Metro Lift will receive a 50 percent discount for any travel on Metrorail and Metrobus. Online enrollment and appointment scheduling began on Tuesday, June 20, at wmata.com/MetroLift. In-person enrollment will begin at three sites starting on Monday, June 26.
- 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/>
- To stay up to date on upcoming events and updates, visit the City's 'Minor Master Plan Amendment' web page. Sign up for the Montgomery Planning e-Letter to stay up-to-date with the latest news and information about the Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/jXFkTrr/takomaparkmmpa>

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 Reedie 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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Public Works Updates:

Notification:

The Department recently met with staff of the Low Impact Development Center to review progress on the study. The City's contract with LIDC included these 4 tasks:

Task 1 – provides a suite of stormwater management solutions for private and public property. It is envisioned that this will provide much-needed public information that the City can post to our website to help residents understand options for stormwater management.

Task 2 – Review flood-prone areas of the City and select approximately 20 locations to develop initial recommendations for addressing stormwater impacts. This analysis will use GIS information, satellite imagery, and field visits. Two of these locations will be studied in detail to illustrate the possible reduction in run-off volume through the implementation of the recommended measures.

Task 3 – Provide a list of proposed incentives and Code changes that the City may want to consider to enhance stormwater requirements, both at the City level and to recommend at the County level.

Task 4 – Establish a dashboard on the City's website that will enable property owners to estimate the amount of run-off produced by various types of storm events based on the amount of pervious and impervious surface within their property. The dashboard will also include links to available city incentive and State grant programs.

The Department anticipates two meetings, one in September and one in October to provide community updates on Task 2 and Task 4.