



City of Takoma Park

Acting Deputy City Manager David Eubanks

Housing & Community Development Updates:

- There will be a “Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Webinar” on August 9th at 6 pm via Zoom. This webinar will provide tenants with information about funding for purchasing the buildings they currently live in. The link to RSVP will be included in the City Manager’s Comments posted tomorrow.
Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sZQn93NFR12SXZXarY3w2w
- Buildings Up Grant Submission- HCD has been working on an application for the Department of Energy and has teamed up with Montgomery County to increase capacity, reach more residents, and improve our chances of receiving the \$400,000 award. This prize is a multi-year process of conception to implementation of an electrification project that can be easily replicated across the country. Our application was submitted July 18th, and the Department would like to thank Councilmember Dyballa and local residents Laurie Mcgilvray and Steve Nadel for their support.
- Safe Grow Updates: In response to questions from several residents, the Code Enforcement division has investigated eight potential Safe Grow violations this month. To date, none of the investigations have demonstrated a violation of the City’s Safe Grow code that restricts the use of certain pesticides in lawn care.
- The Washington Adventist Hospital property has been re-evaluated and the tax exemptions have been removed. To do so, they took into consideration its age, condition and vacant status. Washington Adventist may still appeal this decision, but as of now the new taxable assessed value for the site is \$18,697,900.
- Minor-Master Plan: In preparation for the Montgomery County Planning Board public hearing on September 14, 2023, Councilmembers Honzak and Seamens held a public information session at the WAU campus on Tuesday, July 28th. Additional information on the Plan, including a series of FAQs and additional information on the Plan will be available through both the City and County websites. Residents are encouraged to read the Plan and supporting materials and reach out to staff with any questions. Also, be sure to submit public comments to the Planning Board prior to the September 14th hearing date. Details on the multiple ways you can submit comments will be posted with the City Manger’s Comments tomorrow.
- 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 Reddie 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).