



City of Takoma Park

## Acting Deputy City Manager David Eubanks

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### Housing & Community Development Updates:

#### Events:

This Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm, there will be a ribbon cutting for two new businesses on the Old Takoma Main Street. Join us to celebrate the official openings of People's Books and Motorkat.

On August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm via Zoom There will be a "Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Webinar". 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\\_sZQn93NFRl2SXZXarY3w2w](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sZQn93NFRl2SXZXarY3w2w)

#### Congratulations:

Congratulations to Takoma Park Poet Laureate Taylor Johnson who won a \$50,000 award from the Academy of American Poets for his work as our poet laureate! The awards recognize 23 Poet Laureate Fellows across the country, we'll include the link for more information in the posted City Manager's Comments.

Link: <https://poets.org/academy-american-poets-announces-2023-poets-laureate-fellows>

### Police Department Update:

National Night Out is on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm, this free event will be held at Piney Branch Elementary School-7510 Maple Avenue. Stop by and get to know your neighbors and Police Department while enjoying face painting, dunk tanks, music & dancing, double-dutch jump rope, food & ice cream, as well as checking out our display of police vehicles and even Maryland National Park police horses.

### City Manager Updates:

A reminder concerning the Montgomery County Planning Board Public Hearing for community input on the Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 6 p.m.- please remember to submit testimony to the Montgomery County Planning Board- links with methods to submit will be posted with the City Manager's Comments tomorrow. Please note that the Montgomery County website has a translation feature in the upper corner and they are currently working on developing translated materials.

The page to inform people about how to sign up:

<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/downcounty/takoma-park/takoma-park-master-plan/takoma-park-minor-master-plan-amendment/>

The sign-up page:

<https://montgomeryplanningboard.org/meetings/signup-to-testify/sign-testify-form/>

Other Methods to submit testimony:

- residents may also email testimony to [mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org](mailto: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).