



City of Takoma Park

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HCD:

RESCHEDULED--Montgomery College Facilities Master Plan Public Meeting

New Date 10/5/2023 6:30PM

Virtual - Details Below

The Facilities Master Plan reviews the conditions of existing facilities and defines the College's future needs outlined in the College's strategic plan. The Maryland Higher Education Commission uses the plan to ensure the College is prepared to meet the needs of residents for postsecondary education and subsequently assess the College's requests for new and modernized facilities. Further information about the current Facilities Master Plan will be posted with the City Manager's Comments tomorrow:

Link: <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/offices/facilities/capital-planning-design-and-engineering/facilities-master-plan/index.html>

Code Enforcement Presents: Zero Waste Talk by Stephanie Miller

10/5/2023 7:00PM

Takoma Park Community Center

What actions could you take today that would help solve the climate and waste crises? In this talk, former World Bank Group Climate Director Stephanie Miller will cover the easy steps that busy people can take to reduce their carbon and waste footprint and live more sustainably. Drawing on the messages in her book, *Zero Waste Living, the 80/20 Way*, she will discuss actions that fall within what she calls the "magic three": focus on food, purge plastics and recycle right. You will leave the conversation feeling empowered to act today and help others around you do the same.

Curving Lines Art Opening

10/5/2023 7:30PM

Takoma Park Community Center

A new art exhibition called *Curving Lines* that features abstract artwork by four D.C.-area artists. The opening reception will be held in the Community Center, and there's more info posted on the city website and Facebook page. Links will be posted with the Comments tomorrow.

Link: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/news-alert/curving-lines-art-opening-reception-on-oct-5-at-the-takoma-park-community-center/>

HCD Staff Updates:

Renovation of Jessup Blair Park: Montgomery Parks is conducting an online survey, seeking community input on the renovation of Jesup Blair Park. At 15 acres, Jesup Blair Park is the largest park in downtown Silver Spring. It is located near the DC line and bordered by Georgia Avenue, CSX/transit railroad tracks, Blair Road, and Jesup Blair Drive.

The park currently has a playground, soccer field, lighted tennis and basketball courts, picnic areas, and the historic Jesup Blair House. Planners are hoping to increase use of the space by developing a "park for all" that appeals to a diverse group of park users with varying interests, abilities, and ages. Check the Jesup Blair project page on Montgomery Parks website for this quick 15 question survey. A link will also be posted in the Comments tomorrow.

Link: <https://montgomeryparks.org/projects/directory/jesup-blair-park-facility-plan/>



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Tenant Opportunity to Purchase (TOPL) Requests for Qualification (RFQs): The HCD Housing Division have released two RFQs to support the City's TOPL policies. The first RFQ (#HCD-2023-08-21) seeks responses from qualified non-profit and mission-oriented for-profit developers with strong affordable housing track records and demonstrated experience in acquiring, owning, operating, rehabilitating, and developing quality rental and/or homeownership housing with affordability covenants who are interested in serving in a pool of qualified parties to serve as assignees or designees as part of the City's right of first refusal through the City's Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Law. The second RFQ (#HCD-2023-08-23) will seek qualified non-profit technical assistance providers to assist local tenant associations with organizing and identifying the feasibility of purchasing their properties through the TOPL process. Both RFQs will remain open until January 2024.

There is also an Area Planning Project Participation Opportunities- more information will be included in the City Manager's Comments which will be posted tomorrow.

1. Montgomery College Facilities Master Plan: Montgomery College will hold a final virtual public meeting on October 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM to review the draft Facilities Master Plan and items specific to the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. Please register at https://montgomerycollege.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcpcuiuqTguG9LP9vKHTFXMWueTmdrx7qec?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=here&utm_campaign=tpss_leggett#/registration .

Recreation:

On Friday, December 1st at 6pm, the Takoma Park Recreation Department Teen Program will be hosting an Old School vs. New School Basketball Tournament at Piney Branch Elementary School. Teen and adult teams of 3 are invited to participate in the tournament, winners will receive an exciting prize! This event is an opportunity to bring the community together in support of teens while they enjoy one of their favorite sports in a safe, fun environment. Please spread the word to your Wards, we are still recruiting teams. It is free to both participate and to attend the game. Contact Teen Manager Haven Rhodd with any questions or to sign up, you can also leave your name if you don't have a team and they will try to help connect you with a group.

City Manager Updates:

How we are addressing the last month of the Direct Cash Assistance program to ensure as many participants as possible:

- Alert on our website with an expiration date,
- Blog with outlined in-person events (Maple Ave Bloc Party),
- Social media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Nextdoor)
- Takoma Insider
- Announce on our weekly radio show
- Digital Signage - Community Center
- Email to Property Managers and Assistant Property Managers
- Flyers posted
- More in-person dates to be determined