



City of Takoma Park

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HCD:

Renovation of Jessup Blair Park: Montgomery Parks is conducting an online survey, available through October 31st, 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/>

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.

City Manager Updates:

Weather Permitting - On Saturday, October 14, the Community Center's back parking lot will have some closure as the Washington Gas contractor will work to relocate the community center utility service. The contractor will close the parking lot as required to work safely and only for as long as required. Rain is in the area on Saturday; if this happens, **currently the Rain Date is Monday, October 16.**