ARPA:

<u>Library In-Person Event</u> 10/26/2023 4:00-8:00 PM

Interim Library Location-7505 New Hampshire Avenue

As part of our year-long outreach for the Direct Cash Assistance program, the Library is hosting an In-Person event for first-time applicants to receive assistance in completing the application. The Direct Cash Assistance Program will provide a one-time, lump-sum payment per eligible household in the amount of \$1,000. This is not a new program but a last chance to get those families who have not applied. More information can be found on the City website.

We would also like to take a moment to thank our volunteers from the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church who staffed the Direct Cash Assistance table at the Maple Avenue Block Party on October 14th. Eighteen applications were submitted through that event alone, with another thirty applications being submitted online through the City website in the past two weeks. Thank you so much for helping get the word out!

Housing & Community Development Updates:

Planning Board Work Session #1 – Minor-Master Plan Amendment

10/19/2023 Between 1:00-5:00PM

Virtual - Details Below

The first work session from the Montgomery County Planning Board on the Takoma Park Minor-Master Plan Amendment (MMPA) will be the last agenda item on the 10/19/2023 Planning Board agenda. The Planning Board will be holding multiple work sessions on the MMPA during the fall of 2023. Staff reports for each work session are available on the Planning Board agenda webpage and a livestream or video of the Planning Board session can be viewed online: https://montgomeryplanningboard.org/agenda-item/october-19-2023/.

Colonnade at the Creek Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

10/19/2023 10:00AM-12:00PM

1207-07 Myrtle Avenue

Montgomery Housing Partnership (MHP) will be celebrating the reopening of the newly remodeled Colonnade at the Creek affordable housing development project. The City of Takoma Park contributed \$250,000 in Housing Reserve Funds to support the rehabilitation of this 96-unit complex. All units are reserved for residents making less than 60 percent of area income.

"CLASS: The Carla Perlo Story"

10/19/2023 7:30PM

Community Center

Class: The Carla Perlo Story tells the inspiring story of Carla Perlo, the founding director of Dance Place who has dedicated her life to dance education, youth development, and community revitalization in Washington, D.C. Following Perlo's retirement in 2017 after serving as founding director of Dance Place for 37 years, her colleague Karen Brooks Hopkins wanted to share the history of Dance Place with a wider audience. Hopkins served as executive producer with Perlo as director for the documentary film that was supported by a grant from the Jerome L. Greene Foundation.

Crossroads Hispanic Heritage Month Event

10/22/2023 10:00AM-3:00PM

Anne Street

The Takoma Langley Crossroads Development Authority (TLCDA) is partnering with several vendors from the Wednesday Crossroads Farmers Market to host a Hispanic Heritage Month event on Anne Street between Hammond Avenue and University Boulevard. The event will feature food vendors as well as musicians and face painting.

City of Takoma Park Tenant Association Joint Meeting

10/24/2023 6:00PM-8:00PM

Virtual – Details Below

City staff will be hosting a joint Tenant Association Meeting for Tenant Association Boards within the City of Takoma Park to share information on City policies and programs. Interested participants can join virtually via the link which will be posted in tomorrow's City Manager's Comments:

Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86004661844?pwd=RolayVEGGKuVp6Zf0pMNzpbGBfqT4k.1.

Housing Resource Guide Released:

The City's Housing Division has released a Housing Resource Guide for local tenants. The Guide, available in English, Spanish, and Amharic, provides a wealth of information on local organizations and programs to support residents. The Guide will be posted on the City website this week and a print version will be available in the HCD Offices.

Pedestrian Master Plan:

The Montgomery County Council voted unanimously on October 10 to approve our visionary, data-driven, and equity-focused approach to systemically improve the pedestrian experience in the county. The result of four years of research, analysis, and community collaboration, the plan makes groundbreaking and innovative recommendations addressing policies, practices, laws, and regulations to support making walking and rolling with a mobility device safe, accessible, and attractive for travel countywide.