

## Clerk:

• The City Clerk's Office is accepting applications to fill mid-year vacancies on City Boards and Committees. There are vacancies on the Arts and Humanities Committee, Board of Elections, Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs, Emergency Preparedness Committee, Ethics Commission, Grants Review Committee, Recreation and Community Engagement Committee, Sustainable Maryland Committee, and the Tree Commission.

The application form is available on the City website, and a link will be posted with the City Manager's Comments. Board and committee members are eligible to receive a stipend of \$40 per meeting attended. The application deadline is Wednesday, January 10, 2024. Contact your City Councilmember or Jessie Carpenter, 301-891-7267 or jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov with questions.

Link: https://takomaparkmd.gov/opportunity-to-serve/.

## Police:

• The Takoma Police Department, in partnership with the Adventist Church, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, and others, is collecting clean, gently used warm coats in any size from infant to adult. The coats will be donated to people in need. By simply donating coats and jackets that you no longer need, you can make a difference in the lives of others. We will also accept clean, gently used gloves or mittens, and scarves. We can only accept hats if they are new and unopened.

There is a large box in the lobby of the Takoma Park Police Department, 7500 Maple Ave, Takoma Park, MD, and will remain in the lobby until Friday, December 29, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. The Takoma Park Police Department will ensure that they are given to those in need during and after the drive. Give warmth to those in need this winter and thank you for your generosity!

- The Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the Takoma Park Police Department have teamed up once again for the annual toy drive which will run through December 20, 2023. Toys or gift cards can be dropped off at:
  - o Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, 7201 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park.
  - o Takoma Park Police Department, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park.

Donations are appreciated in the form of new and unwrapped toys or gift cards. If you are donating a gift card, please drop it off at the police administrative window in an envelope addressed to Lt. Cynthia Williams - Toy Drive.

<u>REMINDER</u>: We can only accept NEW, unopened toys. While we appreciate your generosity, we cannot accept used toys. Please do not drop off used toys.



## HCD:

Today Governor Wes Moore announced \$63.7 million in Fiscal Year 2024 awards for seven state revitalization programs administered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. This includes the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund to which the City applies annually. This year of the three programs submitted, the City was awarded \$175,000 to support the rehabilitation of 7312 Carroll Ave for the expansion of local business Richard School of Music and another \$250,000 for funds to match City ARPA dollars that support weatherization, energy efficiency and electrification improvements to preserve affordable, small scale, rent stabilized, multifamily properties. Thank you to the HCD staff for coordinating the effort and congratulations on the allocation.