



City of Takoma Park

Acting City Manager David Eubanks

HCD:

- Thursday, January 18th from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at the Community Center, there will be the Maple Avenue Connectivity Project Community Workshop. This will include a presentation and group discussion concerning ways to make Maple Avenue safer and more comfortable for pedestrians, bike riders, and bus riders.
- On Saturday, January 6, 2024, Adams Court Apartments at 701 Ethan Allen Avenue suffered a property condemnation and temporary resident displacement due to failures in the property's gas line, leaving apartments without heat and gas cooking. Housing Manager Devin McNally worked with County partners at DHCA, OEM, and HHS to ensure residents had adequate housing during the displacement event. Services were restored to the building on Tuesday, January 9th, and staff will continue to work with DHCA and the property owners to ensure adherence to all applicable City laws and policies.
- There's a call for Public Art Submissions- HCD is seeking proposals for a sculptural installation outside the Takoma Park Recreation Center. The sculpture should reflect a theme of "welcome" or "crossroads". The Call for Artists will close on March 3, 2024. A link with more information will be posted with the City Manager's Comments tomorrow.
 - Link: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/public-notice/call-for-public-art-installation/>
- Staff are preparing to launch the Multifamily Building Improvement Grant for 2024 with applications opening January 16, 2024. A webinar will be held January 22nd at 6:30 pm. Awards will be up to 70% of the project costs with a maximum award of up to \$250,000.
- The City received two FY2024 grant applications from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development – National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund (or DHCD NED Fund). These include 1) \$175,000 for the Richardson School of Music rehabilitation and 2) \$250,000 for the Takoma Park Multifamily Building Improvement Fund.

Police:

- Takoma Park Police are collecting new/gently used bath towels, beach towels, bathroom rugs, hand towels, washcloths, blankets, beds, toys & unopened food to help the Montgomery County Animal Shelters. We will be collecting through Friday, February 2.
Please bring your donations to the Takoma Park Police Department lobby, 7500 Maple Ave, Takoma Park, MD and we will get them to the animal shelters.
****NOTE: For the safety of the animals, NO fitted sheets, items with zippers or snaps, and/or other fabrics with rips or frayed edges.****
Thank you for your generosity!

Recreation:

- Registration for summer camp opens at noon online and in-person for each of the following dates:
 - February 14th for scholarship recipients
 - February 21st for Takoma Park Residents
 - February 28th for non-residents



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- A reminder that City facilities are closed both Sunday and Monday, January 14th and 15th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The Police Department is open for emergency services.
- If you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer over the MLK holiday weekend or just a great way to spend some time outdoors, Montgomery County Parks has a number of events happening. A link to their website will be posted tomorrow in the City Manager's Comments.
 - Link: <https://montgomeryparks.org/montgomery-parks-announces-operating-hours-and-programs-for-martin-luther-king-jr-day/>