



City of Takoma Park

City Manager Robert DiSpirito

HCD:

- On Monday, February 5th, there will be a work session for the Minor Master Plan- Montgomery County Planning, Housing and Parks Committee, the time is currently to be determined, but will occur at the Montgomery County Council Office Building at 100 Maryland Avenue, 3rd floor Hearing room, or can be watched via livestream. A link will be posted in tomorrow's City Manager's Comments.
 - Link: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/ondemand/index.html>
- On Friday, February 9th, the Takoma Arts Series is hosting a Gypsy Jazz concert by Franglais. This will occur in the Community Center Auditorium at 7:30pm and is free to attend.
- A community meeting on January 18th included a presentation and group discussion about ways to make Maple Avenue safer and more comfortable for pedestrians, bike riders and bus riders as part of the Maple Avenue Connectivity Project. The preliminary designs are viewable using the following StoryMap link which will be posted tomorrow in the City Manager's Comments. Please share your feedback by this Friday, February 2nd through the survey in the StoryMap or send written comments to the City's Planner, Alex Freedman (alexanderf@takomaparkmd.gov).
 - Links:
 - StoryMap link: <https://arcg.is/0PHHr40>
 - <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/planning-and-community-development/maple-avenue-connectivity-project/>
- Please visit the HCD page on the City website to learn more about our two grant programs: 1) the Multi-family Building Improvement Grant and 2) the Open for Business Grant.
 - Link: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/grant-programs/>
- We also welcome new staff member, Ramon Sola, who will be serving as the Department Coordinator. He brings with him many years in non-profit coordination and will work with all of our teams offering support.

Police:

- The Community Police Academy is now accepting applications for its 12-week long program geared toward helping community members better understand the work of the Police Department. Participation is free to residents but limited to 25 participants. The application is due on Friday, February 16, 2024. For more information, please access our page on the City website or use the link provided in tomorrow's posted City Manager Comments.
 - Link: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/police/community-policing/community-police-academy/>



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- Employee Highlights:
 - From our IT Dept- I am pleased to recognize Cesar Neyra for his exceptional work in implementing and successfully seeing through the NEC VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) Telephony system. Cesar's dedication, attention to detail, and technical expertise have played a pivotal role in the successful implementation of this project. His efforts have not only met but exceeded our expectations, contributing significantly to the overall efficiency and functionality of our communication infrastructure. Cesar's ability to navigate challenges and ensure a seamless integration has not gone unnoticed.
 - From our Police Dept- We would like to give a "shout-out" to Police Officer Javier Canales for saving the life of an overdose victim. He responded to a medical emergency this past week where a female patient was unconscious and suffering from a drug overdose. Officer Canales quickly assessed the patient, immediately administered Narcan, and performed a sternum rub. The Narcan was effective and the patient regained consciousness. Fire Rescue arrived and transported her to the hospital where she was treated. Timely administration of Narcan can reverse the deadly effects of an overdose from opioids and has been credited with saving numerous lives as it did in this incident. Officer Canales' quick thinking and training went into action effectively saving a life! The patient was very grateful for the actions taken by Officer Canales, the Takoma Park Police, and the Fire Department. There is no better finish to a police officer's day than to save a life.