



City of Takoma Park

City Manager Robert DiSpirito

HCD:

- 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, is free of cost and the public is welcome to attend.
- UPDATE*** **This has been rescheduled for March 4th. Time is still to be determined.** ~~On February 12th~~ at the Montgomery County Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue- 3rd Floor Hearing Room, the Montgomery County Planning, Housing, and Parks Committee is hosting a worksession on the Minor Master Plan. Time is TBA. This will also be livestreamed at the link posted in tomorrow's Comments.
 - Link: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/ondemand/index.html>
- Updates on the Takoma Park Minor Master Plan process can be found on the City website. Currently, the Montgomery County Council Committee on Planning, Housing, and Parks is holding work sessions. The second work session was held on February 5th, and the Committee made the following decisions:
 - Remove the language asking the City to consider changes to the rent stabilization policy
 - Raise the Moderately-Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) requirement to 15%, from the previous 12.5%
 - Amend the language about “no net loss of existing affordable housing” to be district-wide
 - Planning staff will review the height limits for the Municipal District for parcels 8,9, 10, 11, 12, and 19, for further discussion at the next worksession.
- HCD and PW staff continue to welcome feedback from City Council on the proposed Administrative Regulations to Traffic Calming and Sidewalk Requests presented to Council on Wednesday, January 17th. Pending Council feedback, Staff hopes to release draft Regulations for Public Comment in March 2024.

Police:

- Thank you to our donors for the Montgomery County Animal Shelter and Humane Society pet supply drive! Because of your generosity, we delivered multiple boxes of donations. If you missed dropping off your donation at the Police Station, you can still take them directly to the Animal Shelter, 7315 Muncaster Mill Road, Derwood, MD or the Humane Society, 601 S Stonestreet Ave, Rockville, MD.



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- On February 19, 2024 the District 20 team is hosting a District Night Out in Annapolis for constituents, the evening will begin with light refreshments at Red Red Wine from 6:00-7:30 pm followed by an opportunity to see the Floor session at 8:00 pm.

The City of Takoma Park is providing the Recreation Bus free of charge for those interested who would like assistance getting there. Space is limited, so you must register for the event. A link will be posted in tomorrow's City Manager's Comments and provides the option to sign up for the bus as well. Please note that the bus will load at the Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave, at 4:30 pm and leave by 5:00 pm. We will post the time we plan to return after confirming with Annapolis.

- Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWMabLmWi2_z6S7_7yy9v6zEkF-XVmQy2AQklH0qczZ3dD9w/viewform
- The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is reviewing the impact of recent changes made to the intersection of Carroll Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue as a result of their Carroll Avenue street restoration project. The City's Construction Manager has been in contact with MDOT as they develop their plans. The current plan proposed will adjust the travel lanes on Carroll Avenue to accommodate a wider lane for bus turns from Carroll Ave to Philadelphia Ave, and the reduction of the two lanes on Carroll at the firehouse to one lane, for a short distance, before resuming the existing two lanes traveling northwest. As staff receive any further updates, we can share with the Council.
- Employee Highlights:
 - HCD would like to congratulate Housing Specialist Jean Kerr on the completion of the 2024 rental licensing process. A 33-year employee of the City, Jean brings a wealth of experience to the City's annual rental license renewal process, working closely with property owners as they submit their required biannual renewal information. The entire team thanks Jean for the skills, oversight, and customer service that she brings to the process!
- Finally, I appreciate those residents and community organizations who have reached out to me in my first few weeks here, and I look forward to scheduling time to meet with you and listen to your ideas, feedback and concerns.