



City of Takoma Park

City Manager Robert DiSpirito

District 20:

- 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. You must register for this event using the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWMabLmWi2_z6S7_7yy9v6zEkF-XVmQy2AQklH0qczZ3dD9w/viewform

Please note that the City of Takoma Park is providing the Recreation Bus free of charge, however all spaces have now been reserved. For those who have a confirmed seat on the bus, please note that it will load at the Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave, at 4:30 pm and leave by 5:00 pm and will start back from Annapolis close to 8:30 pm.

HCD:

- On Friday, February 23rd from 7:30 – 9:30 pm, please join us in the Community Center Auditorium for Takoma Arts: Soul of Langston, One Man Play. This play reveals the wit and wisdom of Langston Hughes’ poetry and the worldwide impact of his literary career.
- A reminder concerning the 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/>
- The Montgomery County Planning, Housing, and Parks Committee is hosting a worksession on the Minor Master Plan on March 4th, time is to be determined. This will be held at the Montgomery County Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue- 3rd Floor Hearing Room. This will also be livestreamed at the link posted in tomorrow’s Comments.
 - Link: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/ondemand/index.html>
- 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:

- The Police Department will be holding a community meeting to discuss public safety issues in Ward 2. Police Department staff will be providing an update on recent incidents in Ward 2 and provide an overall overview of crime stats and trends as well as security measures put in place to address these trends. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, from 7 pm - 9 pm at the Takoma Park Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. The meeting will be in-person and a Zoom Webinar will also be available to join and ask questions.



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Public Works:

- Yard waste collection on Monday, February 19 will be cancelled due to the President's Day holiday. Monday yard waste collection will resume the following Monday.

Recreation:

- Summer Camp registration is opening next week for residents, pick up a camp guide! Spring & Summer classes will be listed in the Spring/Summer Guide coming out with the March Newsletter. School Year childcare for the 2024-2025 school year registration will open mid-April. Reach out to Rec Dept for more details!

City Manager:

- The City has received the following concerning the Constant Yield Tax Rate:
 - Potential Revenue (1-Jul-2023) = \$15,794,133.00
 - Net Assessable Real Property Base (1-Jul-2024) = \$2,970,153,236.00
 - Constant Yield Tax Rate (1-Jul-2024) = \$0.5318

As a reminder, the Constant Yield Tax Rate is calculated by the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation for each taxing authority in Maryland. It represents the Real Property Tax Rate for the coming tax year that will generate the same amount of revenue that was generated during the current tax year. As assessments increase, the Constant Yield Tax Rate decreases.

- Employee Highlights:
 - HCD would like to congratulate the City's Planner, Alex Freedman, on accepting a position with the DC Department of Planning. Alex has served the City since April 2021, performing his duties as Planner and stepping in as the Acting Planning & Development Services Manager in 2023. During his time with the City, Alex has advanced a number of critical projects, including the New Ave Bikeways, Maple Avenue Connectivity Project, Met Branch Trail Project, Minor Master Plan, and a number of other planning activities to enrich the quality of life for our City. Alex also spearheaded the development and adoption of the Public Space Management Plan and toolkit, working closely with hired consultants and stepping in to complete the Plan on his own. We wish Alex all the best in his future career activities.