



City of Takoma Park  
**City Manager Robert DiSpirito**

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**HCD Department:**

- The City has received over 100 submissions from our tenant survey released last month. The survey was mailed to every tenant in the city and closes on May 1st. The City also has a Landlord Survey that was distributed to landlords and will close on May 1st as well.
- The City will be submitting a grant application for the US Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All program, by April 4th. The grant is a part of the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and will allow the City to develop an Action Plan and Demonstration Project. The goal of an Action Plan is to develop a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries. This item will be coming up on the agenda later this evening with a Resolution asking the Mayor and Council to submission of this grant.
- Red Hound Pizza is a new restaurant that will be opening in 7050 Carroll Avenue in the Spring 2024. Red Hound is the first recipient of the City's new "Open for Business" grant.

**Library:**

- April is National Poetry month - come check out some poetry from our stacks and consider attending some of our poetry programs this month.
- April is also Arab American heritage month, and we have a book display up with books for all ages by Arab American authors.
- We are currently accepting book donations for the next Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library book sale on May 18th at the Library on New Hampshire Ave.
- The Friends annual meeting is the evening of May 20th, which is at the Library and open to the public. The featured speaker this year will be Marc Mauer, former Executive Director of The Sentencing Project and author of Race To Incarcerate, who will explore the racial politics that led to the U.S. becoming a world leader in its structure of mass incarceration.

**Police Department:**

- Takoma Park Police and Montgomery College Takoma Park Campus will be hosting an Opioid Awareness and Narcan Training & Distribution on the Montgomery College Campus, Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Health Sciences Center building, 7977 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring Md. Parking will be in the West Parking Garage located at 901 Jesup Blair Drive.

The presentation will start at 6:30 pm, with introductions, Keynote speaker Kate Stewart, former mayor of Takoma Park and current Montgomery County councilmember representing district 4. A panel made up of a Nursing faculty member, a student, and a Takoma Park Police officer will answer pre-submitted questions, followed by the training and distribution of Narcan.

Starting at 5:30 pm, the Montgomery County Police and Fire Rescue Departments will be in the side lot of the Health Sciences Center building on King Street, (north side of the building) displaying their Community Opioid Prevention Education Trailer and answering questions.



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### Recreation:

- The Recreation Department hosted their Annual Egg Hunt this past Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at Ed Wilhelm Field. Staff say that they had a "eggs-traordinary" turnout and everyone had a lot of FUN. There were face painters, balloon twisters, a juggler and magician with music provided by D.J. Brandon McQueen. The chase for the eggs was exciting and quick! There were 4 age groups and one lucky winner in each group who found the golden egg won a special prize. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to play Jumbo Connect 4, Jumbo Checkers, Jumbo Tic Tac Toe and Cornhole. The sidewalk chalk and crafts were a big hit! The Recreation Department partnered with the Police Department, who distributed popcorn and water to everyone. A large number of patrons participated in our egg recycling program; raffle tickets were given out to those who recycled their eggs, and the winning ticket received a gift certificate to use at a location of their choice from Main Street Takoma.
- The Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for our Annual Fitness Expo Saturday April 6, 2024 at the Takoma Park Recreation Center. Come join us for an exciting day that will include demonstrations from our fitness classes, as well as presentations from our local community health and wellness organizations. The expo will kick off at 10:00 am. For additional information or if you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Vincent Cain at 301-891-7289 or send an email to: [Vincentc@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:Vincentc@takomaparkmd.gov)
- On Saturday, April 6th - Our outdoor movie will begin at dusk on Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School). Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars with your family! The Recreation Department will provide one small bag of popcorn per person and water. Due to limited parking, walking to the event is encouraged. The movie will be a family-friendly hit, Dr. Seuss's The Lorax!

### City Manager's Office:

- HCD would like to recognize and thank our planning intern, Ma'isah Bateman for her terrific work researching a variety of databases to pull together crash statistics needed for the "Safe Streets and Roads for All" application. Thank you Ma'isah!

That concludes my report this evening, I am happy to answer any questions. Thank You.