



City of Takoma Park

City Manager Robert DiSpirito

HCD Department:

- The new Community Quality of Life Grants cycle opened today. Nonprofit organizations serving residents of Takoma Park are encouraged to apply for funding to support Arts, STEM, or STEAM programs that will take place between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. Awards will range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 with a total of \$50,000 available in the grant pool. Applications are due May 10th. A link will be posted in tomorrow's City Manager's Comments.

Link: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/housing-and-community-development/grant-programs/community-grants/>

Human Resources:

- Please join us in welcoming our newest member of the Human Resources Department, Monique Miller. She started on Monday as a Human Resources Generalist. Ms. Miller has over 10 years of Human Resources experience which includes benefits administration, training and development, and employee relations. Her expertise will be a great asset to the City. We welcome you, Monique!

Police Department:

- Takoma Park Police and Inova Blood Donor Services are once again teaming up to host a Takoma Park Community Blood Drive on June 1, 2024, between 11:30 am and 4:30 pm! Your selfless act of donating blood can help save lives, and it only takes a short amount of time. Let's come together as a community to positively impact the health and well-being of those in need. Register today, a link will be included in tomorrow's posted City Manager's Comments.

We look forward to seeing you on June 1, 2024, at the Takoma Park Municipal Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, in the Azalea Room.

Link: https://www.inovabloodsaves.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/34060

City Manager's Office:

You are invited and encouraged to provide feedback on the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for the City of Takoma Park! Try out our new budgeting tool, called "Balancing Act." A link will be included in tomorrow's posted City Manager's Comments. This budget simulation is a way for you to learn more about the City's spending and revenues:

- The module starts with a snapshot of revenues and expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget.
- As you work through the module, you have the ability to adjust various expenditures and revenues by using the Plus and Minus symbols.
- Real-time updates will show the impact of your funding choices at the top of the screen.
- Before submitting, please provide comments as you adjust the budget so we can understand your reason for adjusting each item.

Link: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/finance/balancing-act-optimized-tool-for-budget-planning-is-now-available/>



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A “shout out” from Communications:

- A big thanks and sincere shout-out to the incredible team at City TV - Alvaro, John, Bien, and Dylan, along with all the dedicated part-timers. CityTV isn't just a city services department; it's an example of unity and belonging in our community. Through their lenses and voices, they capture and amplify the rich tapestry of our community, showcasing its culture and diversity.

From Council to public safety meetings, from departmental initiatives to community projects, CityTV's commitment to storytelling is unmatched. They venture into the heart of our neighborhoods and businesses, bringing their knowledge, talent and respect, weaving narratives that inspire and bring us closer together.

Thank you, CityTV, for not just reporting on our community, but for actively shaping and nurturing it with your passion and dedication. You truly represent the spirit of inclusivity and connection.

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