



City of Takoma Park

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HCD Department:

- Upcoming Events:
 - On Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:00 pm, join Montgomery College for a virtual meeting providing updates on the Leggett Math and Science Building and the Library/Resource Center Renovation Projects.
 - Registration link: https://montgomerycollege.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJerc-6sqDIpEtA4OzGfq7JudcJVRC7YHJ28?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=RSVP%20&utm_campaign=tpsslibrary_04022024#/registration
 - Also, on Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:00 pm, please join our Code Enforcement team at the Community Center Auditorium as they host Nancy Lawson, founder of The Humane Gardener LLC, as she presents “How to (Gently) Fight Plants with Plants: Using Native Plants to Crowd out Invasives.”
 - Next Friday, April 26th at 7:30 pm, in the Community Center Auditorium, the Takoma Park Arts Series presents “Percussion Discussion Taps into Happiness” performance. Percussion Discussion includes three groups at different age and experience levels. Each ensemble has their own repertoire, and they will collaborate with an intergenerational performance.
- Two Montgomery Planning hearings are slated for this week that impact Takoma Park. Firstly, the Historic Preservation Commission will hear three applications for Historic Area Work Permits in Takoma Park on Wednesday, April 17, including a proposal from the City for the installation of a bus shelter at 6951 Carroll Avenue. Secondly, on Thursday, April 18, the Montgomery Planning Board will hear a Administrative Subdivision Application for the creation of two single-family lots at 37 Oswego Avenue.
- The City of Takoma Park law maintains the affordability of rental units by limiting the number and amount of rent increases charged for a specific rental unit. Generally, the rent may be increased only once in any given 12-month period. The annual Allowance is set by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the period of March to March. Beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, the Rent Stabilization Allowance is 3.4%. Landlords are required to comply with Takoma Park’s Rent Stabilization law and cannot increase the rent on occupied units any higher than this allowance.

Police Department:

- Our next Coffee with a Cop will be Tuesday, April 23rd at Cielo Rojo Restaurant at 7211 Carroll Avenue. Come join us for a cup of coffee and chat. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers in your community! We will be there from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, and we look forward to seeing you!

Public Works:

- In honor of Earth Month, the City of Takoma Park will host a celebration in the Sligo Creek Stream Valley Park at 8101 Sligo Creek Pkwy, Takoma Park, on Saturday, April 20th from 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM. This location is in close proximity to the new playground on Sligo Creek Parkway at Houston and Kennebec Ave. The event will feature exhibitors from 27 local partners. Snow cones, face painting, art activities and educational materials about sustainability will be available for the whole family! Come check out the EV



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showcase, attend a guided tree walk, and learn about the various environmental opportunities in our community. The rain date is Sunday, April 21st.

City Manager's Office:

- A Shout-out this week from the Police Department- As we celebrate National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to our City's police dispatchers for their unwavering dedication and commitment to our community's safety:
 - Danyelle Gallop
 - Armani Keys
 - Catherine Masgay
 - Diana Garcia
 - Faven Teklu
 - Lydya Teklu

Dispatchers are the calm voices, the lifelines for those in distress and the first responders behind the scenes. Their tireless efforts ensure that our police are able to respond swiftly and effectively to every call for help.

Their role as dispatchers is not merely answering phones or relaying information, it's about being the crucial link between those in need and the help they require. Their ability to stay composed under pressure and think quickly on their feet, as well as provide reassurance to those in crisis, is essential in their roles.

During this special week dedicated to honoring the invaluable contributions of our public safety telecommunications professionals, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each and every dispatcher. Thank you for your service and your unwavering commitment to keeping our community safe.

- And from our Recreation Department- I would like to congratulate Recreation Assistant Director Debby Huffman for receiving several awards at the Maryland Recreation and Park Association conference. Debby received the following awards:
 1. Outstanding Member of the Year
 2. Committee of the Year
 3. President's Award
 4. Recreation and Leisure Services Branch Outstanding Recreational Professional of the Year

Congratulations Debby! The City is proud of the work that you do.

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