



City of Takoma Park

## City Manager Robert DiSpirito

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### HCD Department:

- The City of Takoma Park received an award from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government Transportation Land Use Connections Program. The Transportation Land-Use Connections Program, established by the Transportation Planning Board in 2007, provides short-term consultant services to local jurisdictions for small planning projects that promote mixed-use, walkable communities and support a variety of transportation alternatives. The City's 2025 award will support transit planning and design efforts in the Takoma-Langley Crossroads area.
- The City of Takoma Park is preparing an application for the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Health and Safety Works Program. These awards improve the livability and economic potential of communities through targeted investments in the physical environment that impact health and safety. While supporting multiple partner applications, the City also plans to submit an independent application to address illegal dumping and vegetation overgrowth in the area of 6500 Sligo Mill Road.
- Upcoming Events:
  - This Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Library:

- The Taylor Swift-themed program on Saturday, April 20th was a big hit! The Washington Post had included it in their weekend event recommendations, and 55 people attended.
- Saturday, April 27th, the Library will open early at 11am for Día de los Niños (Children's Day) and a trilingual play in English, Spanish, and Nawat -- an indigenous language of El Salvador. There will be music and puppets and lots of fun for families.

### Police Department:

- In 2017, Takoma Park Police Department partnered with "Secure the Call". Secure the Call is a charity with a single mission; to collect and convert as many old cell phones as possible into \*911\* emergency access phones. This is done on a national basis, with collections and distributions going on in most states. For more information on this, visit: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/police/services-and-programs/secure-the-call/>

Prior to donating, please make sure you remove any device restrictions. For Apple users, that means they need you to delete the iCloud account before you send it in. For Android users, this means the removal of the google account and passcode. There are collection barrels in the Community Center or use the link posted in tomorrow's City Manager's Comments to request the free US Post Office mailing label., please <https://securethecall.org/send-us-phones/> and ship the tablets for free!

Thank you for your generosity!



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### **Public Works:**

- The Department of Public Works will be hosting three events this week as part of the global City Nature Challenge. The City Nature Challenge is a citizen science event with the goal of documenting every living thing at outdoor sites. We will be documenting plants, insects, and birds at Circle Woods and Stuart Armstrong to add to the inventory of these sites as they progress through invasive plant removal and reintroduction of native plants.

More information is available on the City's Earth Month webpage, a link will be included in tomorrow's posted City Manager's Comments.

<https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/sustainability/earth-month/>

Our three locations are:

- Friday, April 26th 1-3pm: Circle Woods
- Saturday, April 27th 8-9am: Birding at Circle Woods
- Saturday, April 27th 9-10am: Stuart Armstrong Garden

### **City Manager's Office:**

Shout Outs: From our HR Department- Please join us in welcoming another new member of the Human Resources Department, Tyra Womack. She started on Monday as a Human Resources Generalist. Ms. Womack has worked in Human Resources for various local governments. Her knowledge and experience are a great addition to our Human Resources. Welcome Tyra!

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