



City of Takoma Park

## City Manager Robert DiSpirito

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### City Clerk:

- The City Council is now recruiting for members to boards and commissions. There are vacancies on the Commission on Landlord Tenant Affairs, Emergency Preparedness Committee, Ethics Commission, Grants Review Committee, Recreation Committee, Sustainable Maryland Committee, and the Tree Commission. The deadline for applications is June 3rd, but please don't wait until the last minute.

More information and the application form are available on the City website.

Link: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees/>

- Additionally, recruitment for next year's Youth Council will begin shortly. The application deadline for the Youth Council will be June 28th.

City residents aged 18 and under are encouraged to submit designs for the Youth Council's "I Voted" sticker contest. The winning design will be used for the 2024 City Election and the winner will receive a \$100 dollar Amazon gift card. Second and third place designs will each receive a \$25 dollar gift card. Details about the contest are available on the City website.

Link: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/news-alert/takoma-park-youth-council-tpk-i-voted-sticker-design-contest-now-open/>

### HCD Department:

- The Housing Division will be holding a Tenant Forum to bring renters in the City together to learn about Tenant Laws, Eviction Protections, Policies the City is considering, and resources for renters. The Forum is May 21st at 6:30pm at the Community Center Auditorium. Housing Initiative Partnership, Montgomery Housing Partnership, Department of Health and Human Services, and others will be staffing tables before and after to provide residents with information about their services.

More information: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/news-alert/the-first-ever-tpk-tenant-forum-to-be-held-on-may-21-at-630-pm-in-the-community-center/>

- On Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30 pm in the Community Center Auditorium, please join us for The Capitol Hillbillies. They will raise the roof with their rousing mix of barrelhouse blues and jug band music from the 1920s and 30s. Don't miss it! This is a free event.

### Library:

- The Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library are holding a book sale at the Library on New Hampshire Avenue on Saturday, May 18th, from 10am-2pm. Their annual meeting, featuring speaker Marc Mauer, former Executive Director of The Sentencing Project, will follow on Monday, May 20, at 7pm at the Library as well.



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### Police:

- Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> is Public Safety Day in Montgomery County. Meet your local officers at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg, MD from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm. There will be Police and Fire Department displays, rides, music, face painting, inflatables, K9 displays, a motorcycle skills course, and much more. This is a free event and will be held rain or shine. A link to more information will be included in tomorrow's posted comments.

Link: <https://www.mcpublicsafetyday.com/>

- We are pleased to share that the Takoma Park PD Honor Guard team has been given the opportunity to present colors at a Washington Nationals home game. The game will be against the Minnesota Twins on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, and the Honor Guard team will present colors at 5:30 PM.

### Recreation:

- A reminder that Action Youth Media will be screening the film developed by the Recreation Departments "Filmmakers in Action Teen Camp" at the AFI Silver Theater and Cultural Center on May 18th at 11am as part of their Youth Media Festival. The MoCo Youth Media Festival celebrates the creativity and impact of young filmmakers and artists in the DMV area.

### City Manager's Office:

- Staff Shout-out from the Housing and Community Development Dept:

The HCD Department would like to congratulate Safe Routes to School Coordinator Kaysi-Ann Webley for her outstanding work promoting National Bike Month. Kaysi-Ann did an amazing job with Bike to School Day on May 8th with five schools participating in the Takoma Park Safe Routes to School Program: Takoma Park Elementary, Piney Branch Elementary, East Silver Spring Elementary, Rolling Terrace Elementary, and Takoma Park Middle School. National Bike Month continues with the City's Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 17th with three City-sponsored stops at Sligo Creek Parkway, Takoma Bicycle, and the Takoma/Langley Crossroads.

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